

August 1, 2023 Primary and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by July 17

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ONE THING YOUR ELECTION WORKERS want you to know...

I wish voters knew how much attention and care is taken to ensure each and every ballot is processed quickly and accurately according to the law. Come to our office to observe the process or bring a group to take a tour. We are open to the public and love sharing the process with those who are interested.



Jerelyn Hampton
Assistant Operations
Manager - Ballot Processing

A voter's voice is the most valuable gift they can ever give to their community and those who are not in a position to vote.



Said Shekuna
Language Access and Outreach Coordinator

Our mission isn't just words on a page, it drives every decision and action. We value democracy deeply and work hard to carry out our mission of conducting accurate, secure, and accessible elections.



Penny Pallechio
Voter Services Supervisor

You don't ever have to leave your house to vote! Simply retrieve your ballot from the mail, fill it out, place the ballot in the return envelope, and don't forget to sign it. Then simply seal it up and place it right back into your mailbox; it's that easy!



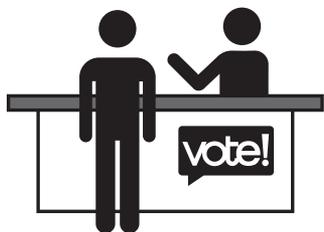
Eldon Miller
Elections Lead

King County Elections uses a Defense-in-Depth strategy with layers of security to provide secure and accurate elections.



Mark Hinds
Systems Architect

We're Here to Help!



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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.

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Materials available in 7 languages!

You can receive all your voting materials - including your ballot, voters' pamphlet, and ballot alerts - in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

Visit kce.wiki/languages to sign up.





Visit a Vote Center

Need in-person help? Voters who need assistance can access an accessible voting unit to help them vote privately and securely. Vote Center staff is on hand to:

- register new voters;
- update information for existing voters;
- print replacement ballots and return envelopes;
- print registration cards;
- answer questions;
- and make sure you've got your I Voted sticker.

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.
 - *If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote and receive a ballot when you qualify.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

How do I register?



Online

It takes two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID to register online at VoteWA.gov. To register in time to vote in the Primary election, register online by July 24.



By mail

Download and print a registration form from kce.wiki/VoterReg and mail to King County Elections: 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. It must be received by July 24.



In person

Register in person at one of our Vote Centers through **Election Day, August 1**. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 5 and on our website at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Visit a Vote Center for in-person assistance

Elections staff are available to help at each of our six Vote Centers. Staff is available to help you register to vote and get a ballot through Election Day. We also provide assistive devices with audio and/or large print ballots.

Locations	Hours of operation
Renton King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, July 12 - 21, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, July 24 - 28, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, July 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way Federal Way City Hall 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Monday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
Seattle Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134	



Parking is FREE at all Vote Centers EXCEPT Lumen Field Event Center.

How to



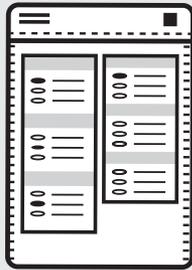
1 Read the statements in this pamphlet about the contests you're voting on. 

2 Fill in the oval beside your choice with any color pen. 

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

4 Return your ballot early. Whether using a drop box or the mail, vote early. Don't wait for Election Day! 

5 Track your ballot at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot. This is the fastest way for you to know your ballot was counted, and your voice was heard. 



Need a replacement ballot?



If your ballot is lost or damaged, you can print a replacement using the Online Ballot Marking Program (OBMP). With OBMP, you can access and print a replacement ballot from home, the library, or wherever is convenient.

OBMP is designed to enable voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or low-vision, to mark their ballot privately. It is available to all registered voters.



How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

- Go to kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.
 - Enter your information in the form.
 - Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot.
- OR
- Print your ballot and mark it by hand.
 - Check that your ballot is marked correctly.
 - Return your ballot as usual, at a ballot drop box or via USPS.
- No postage is required when you use the envelope cover sheet included when you print your ballot.



If you need additional assistance or another way to cast your ballot, please contact our office at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Get Social with us @kcelections



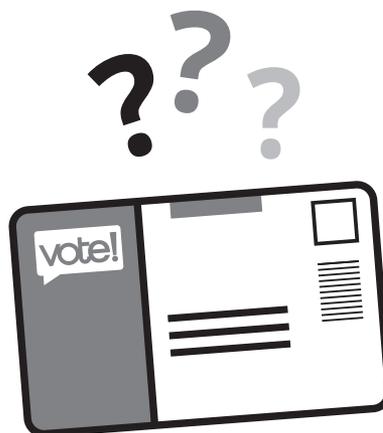
#KCVotes #VoteByMail #VoteEarly #FutureVoter #KingCountyElections

Where's my ballot?

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

Tracking online and receiving ballot alerts helps you know where your ballot is during every step of the process, from mailing to being accepted back at Elections Headquarters.

Ballot alerts are the quickest way to know if there's an issue with your signature. Ballot alerts and the ballot tracker show you what to do to fix any issues so your vote can be counted.



Signed up for Ballot Alerts?

Voters signed up for ballot alerts are 50% more likely to fix signature issues. Make sure your voice is heard - sign up for ballot alerts today!

By opting in, you'll be set to get notifications for this and future elections. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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



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Spread the word!

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



Fill out the request form online and you'll receive all materials from our office in your preferred language.



King County Drop Boxes

Now 76 Locations!



All drop boxes close
at 8 p.m. sharp on
Election Day, August 1st.

Auburn

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

Bellevue

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

Black Diamond

Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Bothell

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011
University of Washington - Bothell Campus (by the Activities
& Recreation Center), 18220 Campus Way NE, 98011

Burien

Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168
Burien Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and
SW 152nd St), 480 SW 152nd St, 98166

Carnation

Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Ave, 98014

Covington

Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Des Moines

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

Duvall

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

Enumclaw

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way

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

Issaquah

Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031
 Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030
 Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance),
 401 4th Ave N, 98032

Kirkland

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

Lake Forest Park

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

Maple Valley

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

Mercer Island

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

Newcastle

Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056

Normandy Park

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

North Bend

North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045

Pacific

Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Redmond

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

Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
 * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
 * Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057
*The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections
 and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.*
 * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

SeaTac

Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188
 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188

Shoreline

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

Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065

Tukwila

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

Vashon

Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070

Woodinville

NEW Woodinville City Hall, 17301 133rd Ave NE, 98072
 Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle drop boxes**Ballard**

Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and
 22nd Ave NW, 98107

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144
 NewHolly Neighborhood Campus, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118

Broadview/Greenwood

Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133

Bryn Mawr-Skyway

Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178

Capitol Hill

Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building
 (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122

Central District

Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122

Chinatown/International District

Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104

Columbia City

Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118

Downtown

NEW King Street Box (in front of the Kingdome Deli), Corner
 of 2nd Ave S and S King St, 98104

Fremont/Wallingford

Waterway 19 Park (next to Gas Works Park),
 2119 N Northlake Way, 98103

List of locations continued



Green Lake/Phinney

Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115

Lake City

Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125

Magnolia

* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199

Northgate

North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103

Queen Anne

* Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119

Rainier Valley

Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118

Sand Point/Laurelhurst

* Magnuson Park - 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 Pkwy, 98195

Uptown

NEW Metropolitan Market - Queen Anne, Corner of 1st Ave N and Mercer St, 98109

West Seattle/Delridge

Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116

High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126

South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106

White Center

White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes



Check our website for additional ballot drop box locations.



Update your signature to make sure your ballot counts!

Signatures change over time. That's why we're reaching out to voters across the county to request a current signature.

If you receive a pink envelope from King County Elections, be sure to sign and return it to add your current signature to your voter registration record.





Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures.

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828



Pre-register to vote.

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

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

Audits and Quality Control

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



Logic & Accuracy Test

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



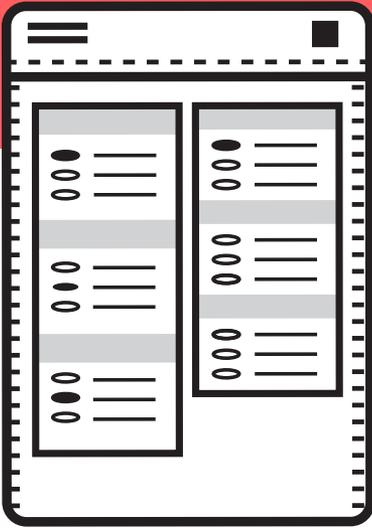
Random Batch Audit

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



Risk Limiting Audit

In 2021, our team began risk limiting audits. This auditing system checks a random sample of ballots to reach statistical confidence in the results of the election.



Journey of a Ballot

About three weeks before Election Day, King County Elections mails ballots and voters' pamphlets to all registered voters. Voters can fill out, sign, and return their ballot any time before the Election Day deadline, either by mail or at one of our 76 drop boxes located around the county.

1. Whether returned by mail or drop box, all ballots make their way back to Elections Headquarters in Renton. There, they are processed by trained staff dedicated to ensuring accurate, transparent, and accessible elections.



3. Trained staff review the signature on every single envelope, comparing each returned signature to the signatures on the voter's registration file.

2. The ballot's first stop is the sorting machine, where the barcode is scanned and signature on the envelope is captured for verification.



4. During a second pass through the sort machine, ballots with a signature issue are sorted out, and all accepted ballots are sliced open.

5. Accepted ballots are then opened by hand by trained staff. The first step is removing your ballot from your return envelope. This is the moment when your identity is separated from your vote.



7. Right after 8 p.m. we tabulate results and post them online for candidates, campaigns, and voters. Results are then updated every weekday at 4 p.m. until we certify the election.

6. Once ballots are removed from their envelopes, they're ready to be scanned. Under Washington law, ballots may not be tabulated (counted) until after 8 p.m. on Election Night.



Everyone's Voice Matters



Under RCW 10.64.140, unless you are currently detained for a felony conviction, you have a right to vote and make your voice heard.

People awaiting trial or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor are eligible and can vote from the detention center. See our **Register to Vote** page for more details on additional requirements, such as citizenship and age.

If you've completed your sentence or you're awaiting trial, **you can vote.**



1. Get registered.

If you have a current Washington ID, you can register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov**. You can also call King County Elections at **206-296-VOTE (8683)** to request a voter registration form. Fill out the form and mail it to King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.



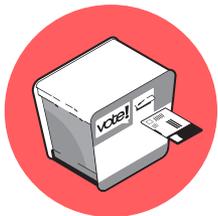
The right to vote is automatically restored after you serve your sentence, **but you must register!**



2. Get your ballot.

When you register to vote, you must include a mailing address. If you're detained, you can list the detention center address as your mailing address. A loved one can also forward your ballot to you.

If you need help getting your ballot, call us at **206-296-VOTE (8683)**. We will work with you and the detention center to get your ballot to you.



3. Return your ballot.

You do not need a stamp to return your ballot. A postmark on or before Election Day is required, so we recommend voting as early as possible to ensure it can make it to USPS in time for a postmark.

King County Elections is here to help. Call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We accept calls from the detention centers and staff are trained to assist all voters.

Duties of offices in this election

Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2023)
County Councilmember (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Sets policies, enacts laws, adopts the county budgets, and provides oversight to county services.	4	\$172,789
Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port and establishes Port policies that impact the maritime port and SeaTac airport.	4	\$57,867
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
City Council (elected by voters in the city)	Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies, and oversees public services.	4	Varies by city
School District Director/Position (elected by voters in the school district ¹)	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
Water District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.	6	No annual salary
Utility District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy, and monitor use of many types of energy.	6	No annual salary
Park District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Develops goals, sets policies, and oversees regulation of district parks.	varies	No annual salary

¹Seattle School District No. 1 director districts are only voted on by voters within each director district for the primary election. These districts are determined by your voting address, not where your children attend school. In the general election, these districts are voted at-large (district-wide) by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.



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

Council District No. 4



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Education: Master of Public Administration, and Certificate in Environmental Management, UW Evans School; BA, Whitman College

Occupation: King County Budget and Policy Manager

Statement: I know what it takes to move progressive policy forward in King County because I've been doing it for over a decade.

As Budget & Policy Manager for King County, I direct half the County's \$16 billion budget, including metro transit and parks. I've advanced environmental and racial justice imperatives to create a \$20m Climate Equity program that funds green home energy conversions and new affordable housing. As the UW's Director of Policy, Planning & State Operations, I implemented paid family and medical leave, and championed legislation that delivered affordable higher education to thousands of students.

King County is bigger than 15 other states, we have the responsibility to lead on issues from homelessness to transit to climate change.

I will bring my experience getting things done at the County to ensure we protect our environment, advance equity, and grow our economy. Helping the unhoused is an urgent priority, we must scale up supportive services that save lives and build healthy communities for everyone. We need safe, reliable public transportation throughout District 4, which is why I've proposed a Transportation Benefit District for the county. I will also increase investments in renewable energy and green development in public and private projects to ensure our region, and world, are livable for generations to come.

Together, we can make real progress for our families, neighbors, and communities in District 4, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements: National Women's Political Caucus, King County Young Democrats, UW Young Democrats, Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, County Councilmember Joe McDermott, State Representatives: Liz Berry and Kristine Reeves, community leaders Dorothy Bullitt and Cary Moon, Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold, Former City Councilmembers Nick Licata and Abel Pacheco, King Conservation District Supervisor Csenka Favorini-Csorba, and dozens of local business, nonprofit, and community leaders.

Council District No. 4

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Education: J.D., Yale Law School; Bachelor's in Economics and History, Duke University

Occupation: Executive Director, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (2008-2023)

Statement: For the past 17 years, I have been at the forefront of the fight for immigrant rights and working to serve marginalized communities. My track record reflects a proven ability to tackle complex challenges and build coalitions.

From successfully halting deportations in the aftermath of the Trump travel ban to serving on the State Taskforce on Use of Deadly Force in Policing, I have consistently made a tangible impact by working alongside diverse communities to develop solutions. Now, I aim to bring this same commitment to equity and justice to the King County Council.

As a proud father and immigrant, my vision for King County is rooted in integrity and service. I will invest in preventative, community-based, and data-driven approaches to improve public safety; climate resilience initiatives; universally affordable childcare; expanded behavioral health services; and a robust and sustainable transportation system. I am determined to develop affordable and dignified housing for all and lead on comprehensive strategies to support our unhoused neighbors.

To realize this vision, I will work urgently with our state legislative partners to establish progressive revenue sources that are crucial for funding necessary investments in the future. With my understanding of the challenges faced by diverse communities in King County, I will be a strong advocate for equitable policies that address the needs of all residents.

Collaboration will be critical to our success as we strive to ensure that Martin Luther King Jr. County is a welcoming and prosperous place for everyone. It would be an honor to earn your vote and continue serving our community.

Endorsed by Washington Conservation Action and a coalition of local Democrats, labor unions, business and community leaders, including Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Rep. Liz Berry, King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, and Port Commissioners Calkins, Hasegawa, and Mohamed.

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Education: Law Degree and Master's Degree in Public Administration, University of Washington; BA, Smith College

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

Statement: I'm a Managing Assistant Attorney General who protects vulnerable communities and holds polluters accountable, public school mom, union member, transit rider, community advocate, and 25-year District 4 neighbor. I'm running for King County Council because we need bold and transformative action to urgently address local and regional challenges. I'll bring my 20-year public service career in state and local government advancing complex legal, policy, and budgetary solutions, and building broad coalitions to deliver results for King County.

With your vote, I'll fight for an equitable, sustainable, and just future for all — investing in solutions that center equity and opportunity. I'll work collaboratively with our communities to build affordable housing and expand emergency shelter, behavioral health, and substance use treatment. I'll enact upstream solutions to improve public safety, prevent gun violence, and end racial disparities in our criminal legal systems. I'll champion frequent, reliable, and safe transit service, urgently tackle the climate crisis, and protect our environment. I'll build on my work as Chair of the King County Women's Advisory Board expanding childcare, behavioral and reproductive healthcare, and services for survivors of gender-based violence. As King County faces revenue shortfalls, I'll safeguard services with needed progressive revenue solutions.

"Sarah is a proven progressive leader and advocate..."-- Attorney General Bob Ferguson

"Sarah's track record advancing progressive policy and budget solutions, and work with communities...make her the clear choice..."-- Current D4 Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles

"Sarah will be a bold progressive leader on the Council who is unafraid to....do the real work of problem solving..." -- Councilmember Girmay Zahilay

Endorsements: Washington Conservation Action; 36th, 46th, 32nd Democrats; Machinists; Building Trades; WFSE; AG Ferguson; Lands Commissioner Franz; Treasurer Pellicciotti; Current & Former County Councilmembers Kohl-Welles, Zahilay, Dembowski, Gossett, Phillips; Port Commissioners Mohamed, Calkins, Cho, Felleman; current and former legislators. I'd appreciate your support!



Keep your voter registration current.

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name. Go to VoteWA.gov or submit a new paper registration form by July 24 for the Primary election or visit us in person at one of our Vote Centers.

If your signature has changed, please submit a new paper registration by July 24 or come see us in person. Updates to signatures may not be done online.

Council District No. 8



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

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

Statement: I'm running for King County Council to improve the opportunity for all residents to be healthy, housed, and resilient. We can do this by expanding behavioral and public health systems; building workforce housing; and investing in workers and small businesses through job training, accessible transit, and affordable childcare.

My career began in community and public health; I then advocated for children's health and early learning as the Children's Alliance Legislative Director. I served as Government Affairs Director for the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, where I fought for worker rights and helped lead the statewide minimum wage and sick leave initiative. At Seattle City Council, I've built broad coalitions and delivered on progressive revenue, affordable housing, community safety investments, small business support, and groundbreaking worker protections. At King County, I'll work to improve community *health*, access to *housing*, and create *economic opportunity* for all.

Health: treating gun violence, behavioral health, and substance abuse as the public health crises they are by increasing support for upstream investments; investing in our public health workforce; and implementing the new Crisis Care Levy that I proudly helped craft.

Housing: expediting solutions and funding to grow housing, preventing displacement and sprawl, creating economic stability, and supporting walkable and livable neighborhoods which reduce car emissions and global warming.

Economic opportunity: investing in childcare workers and affordability, transit workers and accessibility, job-training, and union apprenticeships to create pathways to family-wage jobs and support local businesses.

Proudly endorsed by U.S. Representative Jayapal; Attorney General Ferguson; King County Executive Constantine; Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; all endorsing unions including MLK Labor, SEIU locals, UFCW 3000, OPEIU 8, and Seattle Building Trades; majority of the 34th, 33rd, 11th, 37th, and 43rd legislators; Progreso: Latino Progress; Washington Conservation Action; WA Housing Alliance Action Fund; NW Women's Political Caucus; and over 200 more!

Council District No. 8

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Education: BA in Economics (UW Seattle), BS in Nursing (Seattle U), Juris Doctor (Law) Loyola University-Chicago

Occupation: Mayor of Burien and WA Center for Nursing Executive Director

Statement: I'm the Mayor of Burien and a citizen of King County. I'm the product of the diversity and challenges that the county has to offer. I want to make sure King County is a safe, healthy, and inclusive place where families can call home for a lifetime and businesses can take root.

As a result of Defund the Police, our communities are struggling to address rising crime. We can and must do better, especially as leaders. My job is to represent all residents fairly and not just narrow interests. I want to make sure this county has great jobs with great benefits, a responsive public health system, that first responders have the tools they need to serve, affordable housing, and a healthy environment.

I'm able to run for office because of the opportunities available to me growing up in different parts of King County. As an immigrant child from the Philippines growing up in south Seattle, I always had good healthcare thanks to my mom's union. Following in her footsteps I became a registered nurse. I chose to serve diverse patients who often spoke different languages, were immigrants, or low income. I helped those suffering from mental health and substance abuse. Nursing taught me how to be an advocate for others.

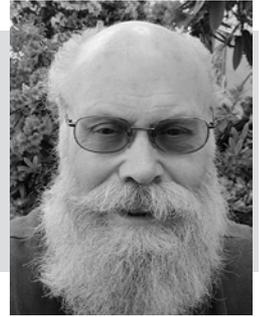
I decided to strengthen my advocacy skills and earned a law degree to shape public policy in Olympia. There I advocated for workplace safety, healthcare for all, and getting toxins out of the environment.

I want to serve on the council to create conditions of opportunity, where everyone has the chance to succeed, and where everyone feels safe.

Endorsements: NW Women's Political Caucus, State Representatives Tina Orwall and Cindy Ryu, Former State Representative Eileen Cody, Mayors of Bellevue, Redmond, SeaTac, and Tukwila; Former Burien Mayor Brian Bennett, and more.

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Education: Minnesota born. Universities: Germany, Sweden, and America: Masters and Bachelors. Languages: German, Swedish, French.

Occupation: Accountant. Chemical Plant Operator. Owner: Rentals and Stocks.

Statement: To help raise the living standard, Spaceguy minored in Economics. With knowledge of Economics, Goodspaceguy has run for public office many, many times and has recommended raising the living standard and decreasing homelessness and building a better safety net. Elect prosperous Goodspaceguy to the King County Council.

Please, think of Earth as a spaceship. In our King County on our Spaceship Earth, let us expand our minds and help raise the living standard by abolishing the job-destroying, crime-promoting Minimum Wage. The Minimum Wage promotes homelessness and shoplifting and other crimes and Job Stress. If we successfully declare the Minimum Wage unconstitutional, then low-paying, therapeutic jobs for the Homeless can return into existence. Employed people make safer people. The crime rate and the cost of living can come down. Let us move towards full employment.

Prediction: Improving technology will raise the living standard. With your help, King County could become a leader in the new and upcoming orbital space colonization industry. Elon Musk and other leaders are opening the high frontier. Life's new destiny is to rise up and gradually colonize Orbital Space around our Earth and around our Sun. Imagine many of your descendants gradually moving up to the amazement of living in the upcoming Orbital Space Colonies. Start small.

In King County, let us see how high we can raise the living standard by helping to un-sabotage the Economy. Let Supply and Demand, in search of Profits, adjust wages and prices to Equilibrium. Profits are the Incentives that create Employment. Greater Profits, greater Employment! Make it easy for the homeless and people-with-problems to get jobs. Make us a safer King County of employment. Let us embrace the Free Market Economy of Capitalistic Consumerism. You, the Consumers and Taxpayers of the Market Place, should lead. Elect Goodspaceguy.

Commissioner Position No. 5



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Occupation: Mega Pacific Holding, Managing Director; former CEO of two banks

Statement: The Port of Seattle is embroiled in a management crisis. A billion-dollar terminal unsuitable for some of the large jets, \$800 million in cost overruns, and a half-million loss to an internet scam. A staggering \$83 million of new tax levy. Persistent environmental lawsuits hurting low-income communities and people of color in South King County. Time to set a new course.

We have a shared goal: *A thriving economy, a cleaner environment, increased family wage jobs, and a fair and equitable society.* To attain this, we must stop the path of mismanagement.

With my extensive career in banking and finance, I am ready to steer the Port in the right direction. As an immigrant who arrived with \$300, I've worked my way up from the mailroom to the boardroom, founded two community banks, and provided hundreds of millions in small business loans and created thousands of jobs. I am a staunch promoter of fiscal responsibilities and know how to leverage them to create business opportunities for Washington State. I've served as a volunteered mentor MBA students at Seattle University, active in Rotary for 38 years, and Past President of the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

If elected, I will immediately put sound management practices into place to pull the Port back onto firm financial ground with *transparency.* This will enable us to focus on our dual mission: *Generating family-wage jobs and safeguarding our environment.* Vote for *a stronger, cleaner, and trusted* Seattle Port.

Endorsed: ATU Local 587, former WA State Governor Gary Locke, King County Assessor John Wilson, Bellevue Mayor Lynne Robinson, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Jamila Taylor, Renton City Councilmembers, Ruth Perez-Ralston and James Alberson, former King and Seattle Councilmember Jan Drago, former Seattle Councilmember David Della, Hong Kong Business Association of Washington. Thank you for your support.

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Education: MSc. Fisheries Biology, University of Washington. B.S. Psychology, University of Michigan.

Occupation: Seattle Port Commissioner 2016 – present [Past President]; Environmental Consultant.

Statement: It has been a great honor to serve King County residents the past 7.5 years on the Seattle Port Commission. I'm running for a third term to continue my environmental leadership advancing a just and inclusive transition to a clean energy economy that generates living wage careers.

My service is guided by a triple bottom line: commerce, community, and climate. I'm committed to expanding environmental and economic justice, especially for near-port communities, small and minority owned businesses. My experience is needed to exercise public policy direction over a growing airport, homeport for cruise ships and fishing fleet, marinas, parks, and marine cargo Alliance with the Port of Tacoma.

The Port generates 121,000 jobs which is key to ongoing COVID recovery efforts. The airport and seaport have won awards for customer service even while undergoing major construction. Port activities also impact communities and the climate. That's why I'm leading initiatives to electrify airport and seaport operations and use of alternative fuels for trucks, ships, and planes. I'm also committed to ensuring the protection and restoration of parks, bicycle safety and cleanup of the Duwamish River.

During my next term I'll continue reducing the Port's carbon footprint with unprecedented state and federal funding for clean energy projects; inspire youth to pursue Port-related jobs by promoting innovation, apprenticeships, and internships; and expand partnerships with Tribes and the Seattle Aquarium for projects on kelp to killer whales and ecotourism.

With your support, I'll continue to champion Port policies rooted in fiscal responsibility, ecological integrity, and social equity. *I respectfully ask for your vote.*

Endorsed by: Attorney General Ferguson, Lands Commissioner Franz, Seattle Mayor Harrell, County Executive Constantine, County Councilmembers Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Upthegrove and Zahilay, City Councilmember Mosqueda, Washington Conservation Action, King County Democrats, Labor Unions, and Business Leaders.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: BSE Princeton; MS Engineering Texas; SM Management, SM Policy MIT; PhD Risk Assessment Union Institute

Occupation: Risk assessment consultant, aviation safety engineer, business owner

Statement: I've spent my 30-year career designing safety systems as an aerospace engineer, and using data to improve aviation policies and consumer confidence. I'm running for Port of Seattle Commissioner because I want to use these skills to take the Port into the future: serving the traveling public with safety and transparency; protecting and creating jobs in marine trade and transport, and addressing the climate crisis through data and innovation.

Breaking barriers and leading by example is a hallmark of my service—as an Air Force flight test engineer, opening doors as a Boeing engineer and union member, and working nationally to educate the public and policymakers on airline safety. I want to continue this work to bring more diversity and ideas into the Port—and its partners—through internships and apprenticeships, pipelines through our high schools and colleges to engage the workforce of tomorrow.

Sea-Tac Airport is reaching capacity and no new airport will be built anytime soon—protecting rural lands, but forcing the Port to manage increasing flights, crowds, and security issues at our existing facility. My experience will be critical in addressing these challenges.

The Port must be a better neighbor to the communities it serves, and steward of our environment—meeting carbon reduction goals, accelerating adoption of clean fuels and renewable energy, and better integrating with the regional transportation network to move freight, people, and commerce.

I grew up with a father who fought in a segregated WWII Marine unit, and a Honduran mother who spoke Spanish in our home. As Port Commissioner I will respect the values of fairness, equity, and opportunity that united our home—and our region. I'll treat workers and communities with respect, and ensure the Port is a leader in our dynamic economy and global ambitions. I'd appreciate your vote.

Council Position No. 5

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Education: First in family to graduate college. BA in Communications, Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Council Member, City of Auburn

Statement: I am running for re-election to create a welcoming environment where residents want to live, work and see their businesses flourish. It's important to have an inclusive community where all people feel accepted. As a resident of Auburn for the past 18 years, I have seen the rise in crime and the increasing number of homeless on the street. As residents, we all want to feel safe and ensure that everyone in our community has a place to call home. And we want a thriving community full of economic growth. I intend to keep fighting for this by implementing new drug laws, expanding mental health services, increasing patrols, and revitalizing the Downtown.

We have to face these issues head-on. As a single working mother of 2 sons, I know hard work and I plan to use that same determination to continue working hard for you. I ask for your vote.

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Education: BS in Human Development-Warner Pacific College; MA in Organizational Leadership, Brandman University.

Occupation: Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring. (US Army Veteran-Desert Storm)

Statement: My family has lived in Auburn for the past 12 years. I currently serve as a board member on the Auburn Public School Foundation, JumpStart Washington Coalition and I am a council member on the Washington State Partnership on Juvenile Justice Council. Serving on these boards and councils has provided me with valuable experience working with leaders in the public and private sector.

If elected to city council, I will work with other council members and our mayor to make decisions based not just on immediate need, but with an eye toward the future. I will work to make city government more transparent and fiscally responsible and keeping our neighborhoods safe and crime rates low and to find and implement solutions for the homeless issues plaguing our city. Together we can make Auburn better than ever. I humbly ask for your support and vote.

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Education: Bachelor's in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Washington State University.

Occupation: Utilities Engineer, Broker, Notary Public, and Soccer Coach.

Statement: We deserve a leader that will listen openly to the community's ideas and not just go through the motions of conducting a Committee or Council Meeting. The new leader needs to be ambitious to usher us into the future, while forging a relationship with new and existing small and local businesses to encourage them to flourish in our City and revitalize the Downtown area. Increasing the safety for residents and businesses alike is a hurdle we need to overcome immediately. The answer will never be simply increasing or reducing the Police budget. We need a fundamental restructuring of an essential organization to make sure it works for *and* with its residents.

We need to continue having these difficult conversations; our kids deserve a safe learning environment; our residents deserve a lively and bustling Downtown. Those changes start with *your* vote.

I plan to earn your vote to become that leader.

Council Position No. 7

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Education: Columbia River High School, Bellevue College

Occupation: Chief Administrative Officer

Statement: Despite petty partisan politics derailing many good ideas in state and federal politics, I believe local government still affords the opportunity to solve problems by coming together. That's why I'm running for City Council!

I've lived in many places across this great country, but my wife and I chose to settle right here in Auburn— a vibrant, welcoming community that I know is not even close to reaching its full potential.

Once elected to City Council, I plan to use my years of professional experience, including as a small business owner, to lead on the issues important to you and your family. Issues like: reducing crime, addressing homelessness and addiction, funding community infrastructure improvements, and investing in the revitalization of downtown. I look forward to working *For* you to help make our part of Washington the best place to live, work and raise a family. Visit www.votelott.com to learn more.

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Education: Bachelors, Chemistry, Benghazi university; Graduate Auburn Police Citizen's Academy and FBI Citizens Academy.

Occupation: Boeing Chemist; Auburn Planning Commission; Girl & Boy Scout Instructor.

Statement: I was born in Oklahoma and moved to Auburn in 2008. My two sons graduated from Auburn High School. I am running for the city council because I want to help Auburn deal with future challenges.

My priority is to create an environment where everyone feels empowered to speak up and engage. My passion is helping others. I want to find solutions to homelessness, support small businesses, and make sure Auburn is safe. I am a volunteer with the Auburn Police Department doing administrative tasks so officers can spend more time on patrol. I also volunteer with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and local libraries.

I am proud to be endorsed by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Councilmember Kate Baldwin, former Councilmember and retired police officer John Holman; and State Representative Chris Stearns. Vote for me for a vibrant and inclusive Auburn! Together, let's make Auburn better.

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Council Position No. 2

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Education: Certified In-home Caregiver

Occupation: In-home Caregiver, Author, Activist

Statement: Born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am a third generation caregiver who cares for citizens all across King and Pierce counties. I understand the aftermath of gentrification to a city. The area that my family lived in for generations has been flattened for the expansion of the airport. We lost the history and traditions that were held and taught on that land. That is why I am running for Burien city council seat 2. We must protect this beautiful city and continue to build it stronger and make it sustainable for generations to come.

The following places I serve are: Executive board member of SEIU775; Trustee on the Health and Benefits Trust SEIU775; King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Committee; King county Metro low income orca lift program; SEIUIU National Action Team; IHCGM extended hands; Take Back; CDWA Rate Setting board

Endorsed by: MLK Labor, SEIU1199NW, SEIU775

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Public Administration Associate of General Studies Early Childhood Education

Occupation: Nonprofit Consultant, CEO and Owner of Competent Assistance for Nonprofits

Statement: I am a community leader with a proven track record of working to improve our community. As a nonprofit consultant, I have helped hundreds of organizations start and operate successfully. I will bring professionalism and healthy communication to the City Council. I also serve on the Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership, the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce and the Burien Creative District.

Once elected, I will work to expand and enhance community policing while ensuring accountability, transparency, and stronger gun laws. I will work to create more affordable housing options and support minimum wage increases. I am passionate about working to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. I will support the creation of substance abuse, mental health treatment centers and transitional housing options. I will work to protect our environment, mitigate climate change, and support policies promoting clean air and water.

I humbly request your vote.

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Education: C.E.R.T. Certified, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, and Lane County Community College

Occupation: Burien City Councilmember

Statement: As someone deeply committed to our community, I enjoy volunteering for organizations like the Burien Severe Weather Shelter, local food banks, and more. I hold positions on the board of three nonprofits (including the Burien Arts Association), and regional committees focused on environmental sustainability, public transportation, and public safety (including the Domestic Violence Task Force).

As a councilmember, I have prioritized addressing our most pressing issues: supporting small businesses and families through the pandemic, passing tenant protections, creating affordable housing, defending workers' rights, and expanding human services - including rent/utility assistance, healthcare, and education. It has been an honor to serve our city, and I will keep fighting to make sure the needs of Burien residents are met.

Endorsements: MLK Labor, 33rd District Democrats, King County Young Democrats, King County Councilmembers Joe McDermott and Dave Upthegrove, State Representative Mia Gregerson, Burien City Councilmembers Sarah Moore and Hugo Garcia, and more.

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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science, University of New Mexico; International MBA, Rotterdam School of Management

Occupation: Manager in Maritime Division, Port of Seattle

Statement: We need to trust and see cooperation in our city council for Burien to thrive. We need *leadership for all* because our 52,000 + residents deserve it. We need leadership that works with our entire community to find solutions, We need leadership that will listen and work together towards the right economic, environmental and social development for the long-run. Burien is a hard working community that deserves safety and security. When all members of our community are positively contributing to help it thrive, we strengthen our social contract with each other. We need to re-build what Burien is known for...*being welcoming*. As a Burien City Councilmember, I will work to restore our social contracts. I will need *all of you* to help me to make it happen. I ask for your vote so that we can begin building a community that represents *all of us*.

Council Position No. 4

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Education: St. Francis, Aviation HS, Washington State University, Columbia, London School of Economics, Harvard Kennedy School

Occupation: Political Director, Congressman Derek Kilmer

Statement: I love serving my hometown. Growing up in Burien, I worked for local businesses to put myself through school. Now, I get to help working Burien families like my own. As your City Councilmember, I've worked hard on pandemic recovery, lower utility tax bills for seniors, and funding police and emergency services. I'm running for another term because we still need to do better. Burien is facing more challenges around public safety and homelessness. We need partners at every level to connect people with help, improve our housing supply, and address gun violence in our neighborhoods. I'll also work to bring more businesses and jobs to Burien, including by focusing more on commercial zones. Together, we can build a community that's safe, prosperous, and vibrant.

Endorsed by: *Congressman Adam Smith, Councilmember Dave Uptegrove, Senators Joe Nguyen and Karen Keiser, Northwest Carpenters, UFCW Local 3000, Laborers 242, and neighbors across Burien.*

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Education: Education: Bachelor's - Psychology - University of Washington, Masters Management - University of Phoenix

Occupation: Director - Human Resources/Operations - SEIU 775

Statement: As a single mom of two sons, raising my family in Burien, I want to be part of the change we want in our community. My lived experience has shown me that we need leaders that genuinely care for our communities but will also bring communities into the decision making. My job isn't just a source of income but a way for me to live my values working alongside employees and stakeholders creating better working conditions, wages, and benefits. I'm proud of my volunteer work as a Board member & volunteer (CASA, my kids' schools, etc.) to provide a voice for children in my community, but this isn't enough. I'm running for this position because people like me who understand the everyday struggles of working families need to be at the table helping to make decisions, and not just advocating from the outside. Endorsed by SEIU & Working Families party.

Daniel Reed Martin

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Education: Kent Meridian High School, Life Pacific University (B.A.)

Occupation: Organizer, artist, Human Services commissioner, Burien Severe Weather Shelter, CACLEO

Statement: In Burien we are leading with our values in assuring affordable housing for all, innovating in public safety, and protecting democracy when it is under threat. I would be honored to be part of that work with and for you as your Councilmember.

Housing is the solution to homelessness. Public safety is achieved through public *thriving*. Democracy demands that we protect each other, particularly those most vulnerable, including BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and people experiencing mental illness. We will expand on and protect the Affordable Housing Demonstration Project, the police diversion and co-response pilot, and the democratic values that inspire us to care for our neighbors.

In our community neighbors take care of each other. Our democracy only works when it works by and for us all. We cannot let outside voices of hate divide us as we work towards housing for all, safety for all, democracy for all.

Council Position No. 3



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Education: Kent-Meridian High School. Bachelor of Arts, Washington State University

Occupation: Certified Paralegal

Statement: I was raised on Scenic Hill and lived 22 years in a home on the Green River. I am not a politician and am not pushing a *personal* agenda but want what is best for *all* of Kent. I am a mom, wife, and concerned citizen with a unique insight into what impacts Kent residents. I am married to a Navy veteran who is a small business owner. I am passionate about creating a safe community, addressing homelessness, and encouraging small businesses.

Because of my work experience for both small, family-owned companies and major corporations, I understand the importance of budgeting, finance, and the art of negotiating. I have brokered deals between the companies I worked for and their customers to create win-win situations. I am solutions driven and enjoy thinking outside the box to create amicable outcomes.

Through my attendance of the Kent City Council meetings over the last year, I have learned a lot about what it will take to contribute to helping Kent achieve its goal of being a welcoming and great city. I want to embrace Kent's diversity, help lend a voice to those communities who do not always get heard, and ensure everyone is represented.

Jamie Lee

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Education: Kentwood High School, Green River Community College, Euro Institute of Skin Care

Occupation: All Aglow Spa-Kent, Owner

Statement: I grew up in a working-class family on East Hill with my parents and two brothers. After becoming a licensed skin therapist, and having two boys of my own, I opened a spa providing wellness care. This space serves the community with rewards given to our teachers, first responders, and retired or active military members.

My family has experienced the effects of a loved one with addiction. Volunteer work with families in recovery prepares me to tackle this issue. Like you, I see crime and homelessness increasing. Our small businesses and neighbors need relief. Reduction of these issues means support of our first responders and recovery specialists.

I will fight the addiction crisis with tough love. I will always listen to all residents' viewpoints before voting. With *common sense over politics*, together we will find proactive solutions that work. I'll continue the enhancements of our at-risk youth resources and parks for generations to enjoy. Your vote for me is for a Kent you're proud to call home.

Volunteering includes: Board of Directors Kent Downtown Partnership; Homeless outreach Seattle, Kent, and Puyallup, Celebrate Recovery kids/teen program director; treatments for KSD415 educators; coaching Kent Parks sports for my boys.

Council Position No. 3



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Education: Highline College, Human Service degree with a certification in Chemical Dependency Treatment.

Occupation: Retired, Lead Quality Inspector at Boeing, Drug Counselor, US Navy.

Statement: I am running for Kent City Council because I want to help the City of Kent make the right decisions as the City deals with the challenges of growth. I want Kent to be a better place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

My wife Cheryl and I have lived in Kent for 27 years. Cheryl is a retired Registered Nurse and our two sons graduated from Kent Meridian High School. I am a board member for Therapeutic Health Services. THS is a nonprofit that helps people overcome drug and alcohol dependency, and mental health problems. At Boeing I supervised a team that ensured the quality of wiring, electronics, and other components inside passenger cabins.

My top priority will be dealing with homelessness and drug and alcohol dependency. I also want to improve public safety, attract new business, and help get people back to work. Maintaining fiscal responsibility to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely is important, too.

I am proud to be endorsed by local Democratic Party organizations, Senators Karen Keiser and Claudia Kauffman, and many more. However, the endorsement that matters most to me is yours. I hope I can count on your vote.

Michael Ferguson

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in English, University of Notre Dame du Lac

Occupation: Financial Manager at Interior Logic Group Builder Services PNW

Statement: I believe a prosperous economy comes from a community that is happy, healthy, and well educated. As your elected representative I will try to foster a community and city council that supports and respects everyone in their pursuit of happiness. I plan to achieve this by integrating proven solutions to our modern problems.

While many of my long-term goals may be considered lofty, there are always small steps that can be taken to drive us forward. Some of these steps are reviewing and adapting the zoning and building regulations to focus on walkability, beauty, and affordability; maintaining and improving the Free Meal school programs to make sure our children can focus on learning so they can be prepared to build their future; and work on environmental regulations that will make sure that those children have a future to build.

Every decision I make will be based on a respect for the intelligence and the dignity of individuals to choose their own path to happiness.

Council Position No. 3

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Education: Green River College AA Degree, Bachelors in Business Management (in progress)

Occupation: Construction Inspector

Statement: Hello, Kent! My name is Cody T. Clark, and I'm running for City Council. As a lifelong resident of Kent, I've seen our city grow and change in many ways. I believe that we need strong leadership to help guide us through the challenges of the future.

I'm committed to making Kent a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I believe that we need to invest in *our* community, from *our* local businesses to our schools and everything in between, but most importantly in *our residents*.

I'm also committed to transparency and accountability in government, I have worked in local government for the last decade focusing on public works. I want to be the voice of *our* community and I believe that I have the leadership skills required to lead *our* community in the right direction.

I'm excited about Kent's future, and I believe that *we* can build a city that we can all be proud of. I hope that you'll join me in this effort, and I ask for your vote on election day. Thank you!

Council Position No. 6

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, City College

Occupation: Owner Direct Sales, Johnson Controls; Owner, Sheridan Market

Statement: Lake Forest Park is our home. When the Sheridan Market closed in 2017, we invested our life savings to purchase the Market to preserve its unique place in local history and re-establish it as a place for our community to meet and connect with one another. With a keen eye on fiscal responsibility and accountability, I will work diligently to protect our unique environment, watershed, and tree canopy; to maintain and improve our parks, streets, and sidewalks; on housing policies that balance population density with the unique character of our community. And for this to work there must be solid alignment between the city council and city administration. These are real challenges that require hard decisions, prioritization, and tradeoffs. If elected, my promise is this: the beneficiaries of this challenging work will be first and foremost the citizens of our community. That is my promise to you.

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Education: Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Occupation: Operations Manager, NessCampbell Crane + Rigging

Statement: LFP is one of the safest and most beautiful cities in Washington which is why my family moved here. It's important to me that we keep it that way. As an avid cyclist and Cascade Bicycle Club member I spend a considerable amount of time biking our streets and enjoying the landscape. We owe our families safer biking and walking paths near busy roadways. *It's time for sidewalks and safe roads.* We also have a waterfront park that we can shape into something amazing for everyone.

In addition to infrastructure improvements, support of our great police force is vital as crime and drugs creep toward LFP. Unfortunately, we lack a substantial commercial tax base to fund everything we need. Together we can create a stable financial plan to move our city forward.

Please share your thoughts at www.dustinshafferforlfpouncil.com, and let's work together to build the city we deserve.

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Education: Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington

Occupation: Licensed Realtor, affordable housing landlord

Statement: As your representative, I will leverage my experience in research and analytics honed while achieving a Major in Environmental Studies and a Minor in Marine Biology. On Council, I will represent the needs of our diverse residents. The city needs safer roads, carefully cited-sidewalks, and controlled growth in line with the State's goals of increasing middle housing. Additional density in LFP should be low-impact, and support affordable housing while preserving character, beauty, and quality.

LFP has functional, biodiverse ecosystems, splendid open spaces, parks, and phenomenal volunteers. I will enact policies that support and improve on these admirable qualities and work diligently to ensure our City's newest waterfront park rapidly becomes a place for all to enjoy nature.

Working together we can realize a sustainable, growing, economically vibrant, and equitable community. I would be honored to connect, listen, discuss, and encourage local advocacy. Please submit your vote for Stephanie in August!

Council Position No. 1

Len Trautman

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Education: Centralia Community College, studied Fisheries Biology at University of Washington

Occupation: Self employed contractor, home improvement/repair. Licensed electrician. Retired.

Statement: Hello friends and neighbors.

Newcastle faces a variety of challenges, such as financial instability, rising crime and ever increasing development. For a few years I have attended nearly every City Council meeting. I have presented oral and written testimonies on a variety of topics and issues important to all of us. The city consistently spends more money than they collect. Right now, several new taxes are being discussed by the Council. This on the heels of the recent 2% property tax increase. I find that to be unacceptable.

We can focus on public safety and sound infrastructure with judicious spending and without an increasing tax burden. I have lived in Newcastle 38 years and deeply care about my neighbors and our city. I want to take a more active role in our community to help ensure our city is safe, sound and financially responsible. I would appreciate your vote.

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Education: MS Public Policy, SUNY Stony Brook; BA Urban Planning, University of Washington

Occupation: IT Program Management; Former Chair, Bellevue Planning Commission; Founder, nonprofit.

Statement: I have loved living in the Newcastle/South Bellevue area since 1998. We need to keep Newcastle the best part of King County by running City finances and operations as you run your household. We need a fiscally responsible city council majority that is open and transparent. I can help.

I have 30+ years of IT management, strategy, change management and planning experience at Fortune 500 companies. I would drive efficiency with an eye on the budget and ear for voter spending priorities. Public safety is the top spending priority for citizens. Essential maintenance of the City's critical infrastructure (streets and roads) follows. If we accomplish these top two priorities, then we can have the fun cultural activities too. We should save to secure the City's long-term fiscal sustainability for the sake of our next generation. I ask for your vote.

Endorsement: Former Councilmember and Utility Tax Referendum Petitioner Dave Mitchell.

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Education: Master's in Education, City University of Seattle Leadership Certificate, Stanford University

Occupation: Teacher, Bellevue SD Board-member, Newcastle Arts-Council VP-Friends of Newcastle Library

Statement: As a proud resident for over a decade, 25-year educator, woman of color, mother of two, and immigrant, I'll bring a solid skill set, unique perspective, and unwavering commitment to our city. I'll unite our council for positive change. I'm a listener, problem solver, and I get work done. I have a proven track record of leadership through orchestrating our city's first-ever Lunar New Year Celebration with astounding 600 participants, serving on the Newcastle Arts Council and Friends of Newcastle Library.

My priorities are unity, diversity, and community engagement. I'll focus on public safety, protect seniors from rising property taxes, and plan thoughtfully for our future. I'll truly represent our community's values and diversity. Together we can create a thriving and inclusive Newcastle. Thanks for your vote!

Endorsed by 41st LD Democrats, Legislators My-Linh Thai, Tana Senn, Marcie Maxwell (Fmr.), Bob Hasegawa-Senator, Carol Simpson, King-County Young Democrats, Yang's Kitchen (Newcastle)

Council Position No. 7



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Education: University of Washington (Tacoma) Bachelors of Arts
Occupation: Boeing IT Global Sourcing and Vendor Management
Statement: Renton has reached a pivotal point and it is time for change. Decisions must benefit and support the continued improvement of our beautiful city. Renton deserves to thrive and that starts with executing the right strategy with the right priorities. Renton voices must be heard, and I want to listen and partner with you, Renton, to bring about the change we need.

We must do better to address crime, homelessness, and drug use. Strong education for our youth is key for Renton's future. Also, fiscally responsible economic development that supports small business is essential to driving good growth. It's time for innovative and fresh ideas. I am ready to take on the challenge and make positive transformations.

As a concerned mom, wife, and resident, I'm committed to driving for changes that improve prosperity for all. No hidden agendas. Time to bring community together and create positive change.

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Education: B.S. in Computer Science, California Polytechnic University, Pomona

Occupation: Senior Software Engineer

Statement: Renton is a great city. I was captivated by everything it has to offer, leading me to start a YouTube series highlighting landmarks and businesses in and around Renton. Through the series, I connected with individuals across the city, inspiring me to deepen my involvement with various Renton-focused non-profits and pursue this position.

As your council member, I will address crime, enhance public safety, promote transparent governance, and work to improve housing affordability. With a decade of experience working on large-scale engineering projects, I bring thoughtfulness and rigor to my approach. I don't believe in handouts, but I do believe in providing opportunities for those willing to put in the work. My great grandfather immigrated from the Philippines to Seattle, and now, almost 100 years later, I am thrilled to run for elected office in this region.

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Education: BAs, Sociology and Law, Societies, & Justice, University of Washington; JD, University of Dayton

Occupation: Renton Councilmember, Small Business Owner, Judge Advocate General, and Attorney

Statement: As a refugee, I want everyone to have access to the American Dream. As a Renton Technical College Board Member, I've expanded access to apprenticeships and career pathways. As a mom, PTA board member, Rotarian, and community leader, I've worked tirelessly for healthy, thriving kids and families.

On council, I've led on *public safety for all* investing in officers and training, funding mental health navigators, and creating a Downtown Patrol Unit. I've *prioritized economic opportunities for local businesses* and federal small business funds. And I've *prioritized Renton kids, seniors, and veterans*, leading on affordability, protecting our Cedar River and open spaces, and serving neighbors in need. I would be honored to earn your continued support.

Endorsed: Renton Firefighters, Aerospace Machinists, MLK Labor, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Congressman Smith, Executive Constantine, Fmr CM Gossett, Fmr Superintendent Gibbons, Senator Hasegawa, Estela Ortega, Steve Randolph, Dr. Linda Smith, Martin Tamayo, Mark St. Peter, democrats!

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Education: Center for Employment Education CDL 2006, Environmental Remediation Clover Park 2016, King County OIT 2018

Occupation: Wastewater Treatment Operator

Statement: My name is Michael Westgaard, and I'm running for City Council because of my lived experience and my belief that a better world is possible.

I grew up in poverty. Coming from a union background, I saw the difference that union representation made in providing stability. We are at a crossroads on public safety. The war on drugs has failed. With the passage of Crisis Care Centers, Missing Middle Housing, the State Budget, and the IRA, we have the opportunity to take a different path. We can expand treatment options, build housing, and serve people in need by addressing issues with compassion. Through my volunteer work I'd run into electeds that would oppose progress because they feared it was not the right time. We need a council that will fight for progress.

I am endorsed by the 11th LD Democrats, Raise the Wage Renton, Councilmember Carmen Rivera, KC Young Dems.

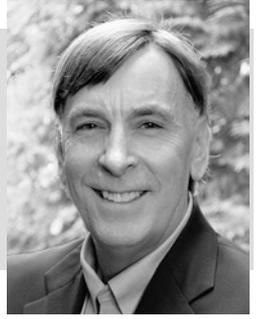
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Education: Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Davis; Continuing City and Boeing training
Occupation: Retired Boeing Engineering Manager and former Renton City Council Member
Statement: Randy is seeking to rejoin and reunite the City Council in response to the increasing challenges faced by the community: rising crime, drugs, homelessness, and cost of living.
While on the Council, Randy played a significant role in driving positive changes: substantial improvements in public safety, enhancement of parks and amenities, successful attraction of major businesses like The Landing and Seahawks, and prioritized production of affordable housing. He also embraced our rich diversity by implementing measurable programs of inclusion and equity that remain a model across the country.
Renton has the potential to achieve even greater accomplishments. With Randy's prior Council experience, and his educational background in Mechanical Engineering with extensive training with Boeing and the City, Randy brings expertise to drive real solutions. Please vote to return Randy to the City Council. Join the Mayor, several council members, and the broad coalition of Renton residents supporting him.

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Education: Master's Degree in Public Relations, Bachelor's Degree in Communication Science
Occupation: Educator Consultant at Public Health — Seattle & King County
Statement: I am committed to addressing longstanding issues in our city. From tackling safety concerns to addressing homelessness, addiction, and mental health, my focus is on fostering a thriving environment for businesses and communities. Together, we will develop policies prioritizing the equitable representation of all voices.
With a background in education and communications, I bring extensive community engagement experience to the City Council. Currently serving on the Renton Civil Service Commission, I collaborate with our Renton Police Department to improve services, training, and accountability. This firsthand involvement allows me to understand the issues and advocate for practical solutions.
As an immigrant, I have experienced the challenges and triumphs of building a life in a new country. This perspective drives me to champion fairness and responsible spending. I am determined to approach problems with fresh alternatives, ready to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Council Position No. 3

Marianne "Ginger" West

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Education: Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Occupation: Military, Culinary, Corrections, Management
Statement: I am a Navy Gulf War Veteran

I want to help my city the best way I can, I want to be a advocate for the homeless and veteran's services . I want to help make sure that my city has the best transportation options available. I want to help make everyone feel welcome to express themselves in a safe environment. I would strive to give everyone a chance to express their experiences and try to find a way to make everyone feel included in their community. I want everyone to have a voice and to be able to give their opinions. I want to help make my city a safe place for everyone.

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Education: Network Services and Computing Systems, Bellevue Community College, University of Washington, Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Occupation: Systems Engineer, Public Servant, Volunteer

Statement: Thank you for trusting me as your SeaTac Council representative. It has been a sincere honor. Few were impacted by the pandemic like airport communities. Travel virtually ceased, yet our city continued to provide services better than most. I ensured SeaTac's increased funding for public and human services and improvements to our parks, roadways, and sidewalks without increasing city taxes. Together we've kept our cost of living the most affordable in King County.

As a true non-partisan, I have endorsements from both sides of the political aisle, including your neighbors, local businesses, and community leaders. I love bringing people together. We have ongoing projects to benefit everyone, such as affordable housing and neighborhood shops. I believe we should keep our city free from partisan bickering, outside influence, or special interest groups, and maintain our independence.

Now I ask for your trust again. Together we can continue to make SeaTac extraordinary!

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Education: Masters of Social Welfare, University of California- Berkeley; Bachelors, Montana State University

Occupation: Learning Experience Designer, Amazon (2022-Present); Social Worker (2009-2023)

Statement: SeaTac is growing and evolving, and we have an opportunity to create a welcoming community where everyone thrives. My wife and I found a diverse and accepting community in SeaTac, and I am eager to help our city reach its full potential.

I'll bring compassionate and inclusive leadership to the council. As a social worker by trade, my career has centered around helping people. I'm a person who listens, solves problems, and helps folks get what they need. I'm a clear communicator and someone who takes action. I'll increase access to safe and affordable housing, boost our local economy, be a strong voice for working families, prioritize neighborhood safety, stand against airport pollution and noise, and protect our green spaces.

I'm proud to be supported by MLK Labor, Working Families Party, and King County Democrats. I'm committed to helping SeaTac reach its full potential and hope you'll join me.

Seattle/King County VIDEO VOTERS' GUIDE

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

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

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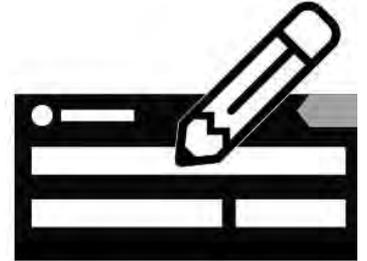
The non-partisan Video Voters' Guide is a collaboration of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, King County TV, and Seattle Channel.

Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

There's still time to assign your vouchers!

What is the Democracy Voucher Program?

All registered voters in Seattle and those who applied for the program receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers they can use to donate to participating candidates running for Seattle City Council in 2023.



Where can I find the list of participating candidates?

Go to seattle.gov/democracyvoucher to learn which candidates can receive your Democracy Vouchers. If you would like a printed copy of the list, please call (206) 727-8855.

When should I use my Democracy Vouchers?

Democracy Vouchers are valid until November 30, 2023. However, participating candidates may only receive a limited number of Democracy Vouchers.

The longer you wait to use your Democracy Vouchers, the more likely your preferred candidate may have reached their fundraising limits.

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

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

Can I give my Democracy Vouchers all to one candidate?

You can give one or more democracy vouchers to candidates who are participating in the program. Democracy Vouchers can be given to Seattle City Council candidates within or outside your council district.

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

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

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Council District No. 1



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Occupation: Outreach Specialist, Washington Office of the Secretary of State

Statement: Lucy leads a successful statewide Voter Education and Outreach program focused in underserved communities. Her lived experiences include: small business owner, property owner, and landlord. Her true passion is public service.

Education: Seattle must continue to invest in the education of our children. The future of our nation lies in the education they receive today. She will prioritize civics education. Also, mental health therapy should be normalized to remove ableism and stigma.

Affordable housing: Census reports indicate Seattle's population is still growing. Seattle continues to face this crisis and Lucy is ready to engage with stakeholders to strategically seek and use allocated resources and streamline city services.

Homelessness: Seattle is getting federal funding and Lucy is ready to support viable programs to address root causes for homelessness in our diverse communities. Seattle must spend responsibly and invest in self-sustainable programs. She is ready to partner-up to build an *effective* revitalization downtown program for Pioneer Square and beyond.

Transportation: Lucy supports *development without displacement*, longer tunnels please! Elevated concrete bridges continue to fail: WS bridge, 99 Alaskan Way viaduct (1950-2013), and recently NB-HWY 99. She wants to avoid another "*Seattle Monorail Failure*"! Sound Transit came to a halt with the main corridor. Stakeholders in CID, Ballard, and WS have not bought-in, but ST is pushing hard to start building the WS extension.

The ST measure passed in 2016 with 57% in King and 51% in Snohomish, but failed in Pierce County. *The property taxes and car tab increases* hurt our most vulnerable communities. Stop displacements and save green spaces! *It's time to place this measure back on the 2024 ballot.* Voters must decide to keep this going for 13+ years or seek a leaner project. Visit her website for more information. Please vote for Lucy as your councilwoman, District 1!

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Education: MBA, Stanford University, BA in History, McGill University

Occupation: President and founder of Eltana Bagels

Statement: I am running for Seattle City Council to approach Seattle's challenges with vision and pragmatism. And we desperately need both! I will bring that combination of talents to incentivize the development of more affordable homes to move our unhoused residents off the streets and into services. We also need a renewed push to develop middle-income housing so that nurses, teachers, mechanics and those on fixed incomes can continue to call Seattle their home. Let's further restrict access to guns and promote safety in every neighborhood. I will support our small businesses and help revitalize Downtown.

I have the ideas, skills and leadership experience to move our city forward.

I began to consider running for council a few years ago when I decided to keep Eltana Bagels open and un-boarded during the height of the George Floyd protests and ensuing CHOP occupancy. I could have followed the vast majority of businesses at the time and closed my doors or joined some of my neighboring businesses in their grievance lawsuit against the city. I did not. Instead, I listened to the needs of the community and my employees. Everyone kept their jobs and our doors stayed open. That is leadership and that is what is sorely needed on the Seattle City Council.

I am driven by bringing the best ideas to light and to life. I am the only candidate in the District 1 race who has developed ideas into plans that actually work. Not only that, I have used those plans to create entities that have operated successfully for long stretches of time. I lead with the values of candor, curiosity, and generosity. My candidacy is about the future, about the Seattle we can build together with creativity, courage, discipline, and hard work. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Council District No. 1



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Education: BA in Political Science University of Cincinnati; MA in Sociology (Criminology focus) Cleveland State University

Occupation: Jean Iannelli Craciun Research; Founder Diversity Center of Washington; Sociologist

Statement: I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our District 1 community (West Seattle, SouthPark, Highland Park, Georgetown, Soho, Delridge, Pioneer Square).

I grew up the youngest of five children in Cleveland, Ohio above my family's funeral home. It was there that my elders modeled loving kindness to people in crisis. This was formative in my development as a compassionate person and sociologist.

I moved to Seattle from Alaska in 2006, continuing to conduct research globally, nationally and locally in Washington. In 2018, I founded The Diversity Center of Seattle Washington, working to advance diversity, equity and inclusion by driving authentic innovation for change in our workplaces and communities. I am a strong West Seattle community member and determined advocate for the rich multi-cultural communities here.

I am the only candidate in D1 with the knowledge and experience of a 30-year researcher, small businessowner, entrepreneur, public school parent, and renter with a lifelong commitment to community engagement. I am a feminist, a proud member of the LGBTQIA2s+ community, breast cancer survivor, and loving Italian Mama to 8 children in our blended family.

We need all of us participating to solve the complex problems we face in our post-pandemic society, including: public safety concerns in our neighborhoods; income inequality; greater affordability in housing; business growth and development; parental leave and addressing the childcare crisis; reimagining transportation corridors to support amenities and work; and equality of opportunity realized in the promise of liberty and justice for all.

As a councilmember, I will lead with unwavering commitment to District 1 where everyone is engaged, respected, and valued. I will listen and act on your behalf and we will, together, get things moving toward a safer, more vibrant Seattle. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and the honor of your vote.

Rob Saka

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Education: UC Law San Francisco, J.D.; University of Washington, B.A. Political Science

Occupation: Attorney, Former Appointed Member of Seattle Police Chief Search Committee

Statement: I am running to serve the people of District 1 with their best interests in mind *first*. We need an accountable, responsive government willing to center equity, progressive values, and common sense.

My name is Rob Saka and I'd be honored to serve you. I am a public school dad of three, attorney, public safety advocate, and Air Force Veteran. I am the proud son of a Nigerian immigrant and former warehouse worker who rescued me from foster care and raised me as a single father.

I believe in safe communities and better policing. Everyone has a right to feel safe in their neighborhood, free of crime or unequal justice. We must enact *Both* effective prevention strategies *And* appropriate response capabilities to meet the realities of today's public safety challenges.

While growing up, I lived in public and low-income housing. These experiences taught me that everyone deserves safe, quality affordable housing in a thriving community. A severe lack of housing for people at all income levels means that those at the bottom are suffering the most. We must build more affordable housing, particularly low-income housing and workforce housing for middle income residents.

As a former foster kid, I know what it's like to be completely uprooted and swept away. We must do better for our unhoused neighbors. Sadly, the homelessness crisis in our city has devolved into a total humanitarian catastrophe. It is our moral imperative to take urgent action and find people housing and treatment now.

At City Hall, I want to normalize collaborating across differences, finding common ground, and getting bold things accomplished that work for everyone. I know there is a better way forward for Seattle, and I couldn't be more energized at the opportunity we have to do it together!

Council District No. 1



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Education: Master of Social Work, BS (Sociology)- UW; Master of Public Administration- The Evergreen State College

Occupation: Clinical Social Worker, VA; former caseworker Downtown Emergency Services Center

Statement: As *the only* candidate who has worked in behavioral health and housing programs in our city, I have the experience to reverse the epidemic of overdose deaths and house the homeless. My candidacy represents an opportunity to get Seattle back on track, making it a safe and thriving city for all.

Throughout my life I have deliberately chosen to work in the helping profession—first as a combat medic in the US Army, and for the last decade as a clinical social worker helping our most vulnerable and building programs that address mental health, addiction, and homelessness.

We will create a dynamic and robust response to help people in crisis with clinicians trained to provide critical behavioral health support. With an adequately staffed police department and a team of clinicians providing crisis interventions, we can eliminate the concentration of criminal activity in parts of the city where it has become problematic.

I will champion affordable housing solutions that keep working families in our city, improving the quality of life for all. I'll be a voice for local businesses, improving our economic recovery. I'll address West Seattle's mobility needs with roadway investments, pedestrian safety, and clean transit alternatives. As an active Seattle Public Schools volunteer, I'm passionate about the health and future for our kids—from gun violence prevention to immediate climate action.

The standard to help others had been shaped by the example of my grandmother who demonstrated the virtue of selflessness and humility during her lifetime as she cared for many people in profound need and left the world a better place because of her courage. I intend to lead with that same courage.

I'm a proud union member endorsed by transit operators, building trade workers, health care workers, and more. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Maren Costa

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Education: B.A. in English & Women Studies; post-grad certificate in User-Centered Design, UW

Occupation: Senior Leader in Tech and Mom

Statement: At some point, we all have the choice to put others first. In 2020, Amazon put warehouse workers in unsafe conditions and was failing to act on climate change. As a dedicated employee and mom, I wanted Amazon to do better, and I wanted to show my kids the importance of doing what's right. I put my career on the line and led thousands of my coworkers to take an unprecedented stand. I outlined a plan to win, did the work, and delivered results. Our actions led to Amazon's Climate Pledge, Bezos's \$10 billion Earth Fund, and increased worker safety.

Now I want to help District 1 and Seattle rise to the challenges of our times. We must make rapid, meaningful progress on public safety, homelessness, affordable housing, and climate change. There are more unsheltered people on our streets than ever. Immediately, we need to increase stable permanent housing and coordinate with regional partners to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have paths to necessary resources.

We need to feel safe in our neighborhoods and parks. We can have police *and* alternative responses; lead with compassion *and* refuse to tolerate harmful behavior; *and* tackle poverty, mental illness, and addiction so that crime decreases. I will be a strong advocate for bringing response times down, while ending racial bias and excessive force.

Climate change is here and our city isn't ready. With new federal funding, I will help lead our city to reduce emissions and protect residents from heatwaves, smoke, and flooding.

My vision for Seattle is to establish holistic public safety, end homelessness, and lead the world into the new green economy. Together we can build a safe, equitable, sustainable city for all. I hope to earn your vote.

Endorsements: MLK Labor Council, Councilmember Mosqueda, UFCW 3000, Pizzeria Credo, and more!

Council District No. 1

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Occupation: Longshoreman/Dockworker

Statement: My name is Mia Jacobson. I am 35 years old, a third generation West Seattleite, a third generation union longshoreman, and a single mother of three. I was born in the house that I'm raising kids in, which means I've watched District 1 change over my lifetime and I am invested in its future. This is my community. This is my children's community. I want this community to sustain in these radically changing times.

I spent nearly 5 years attempting to enter into the local legislative process as a private citizen and found it systematically impossible to do so. This led me to recognize the inadequacy of our current process when trying to best address our issues. My experience growing up in a union family has shown me the impact that a culture of solidarity, democracy, and community organization can have when negotiating relationships of power and creating policy that effectively serves the collective.

My campaign is rooted in systemic change so that we can better address the problems we face in our community. If elected, I will work to improve citizen access to the legislative process, to introduce transparency and accountability within our system of local governance, and to celebrate community organization and empowerment.

I believe that we have outgrown the system of representation as we collectively step into a new era of being human. Our current technological advancement has created a fundamentally different kind of citizen. We now have access to the information needed to become a valuable contributor to the conversation which creates legislation. We can coordinate within large numbers in a digital space to discuss our local policies 24 hours a day. It is time to shift our focus from the powers that be - to the powers that we have become.

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Education: BA in Physics and Science, Technology and Society, Vassar College; JD Cardozo School of Law

Occupation: Administrative Law Judge, Washington Office of Administrative Hearings

Statement: My name is Phil Tavel. I'm running for one simple reason: Seattle City Council is failing to deliver on its basic promises.

The last few years have been discouraging. City Council has spent countless millions on our homelessness crisis. Despite that, hundreds of our unhoused neighbors have died, and our parks and public spaces have deteriorated. Meanwhile, City Council has failed to even deliver a contract to fully fund basic police services. It's unacceptable. Everyone deserves to feel safe and comfortable in their neighborhood. Like you, I want a Seattle that keeps its promises. That should start with the City Council.

I'll bring unmatched experience on these issues to the Council. My service includes being an Administrative Law Judge, Public Defender and community leader. Every day in my hearings I learn about our neighbors' struggles. From property crime to gun violence to affordability issues, I understand our toughest community challenges. In my volunteer work, I try to solve those challenges by bringing people together to find common ground and by focusing on measurable progress. I successfully organized thousands of neighbors to push for results on the West Seattle Bridge. On City Council, I'll work just as hard for you.

We all know what matters. Seattle should be safe, clean, and prosperous. We should invest in both unarmed crisis responders and police staffing. We should support emergency shelters and safe lots, while restoring our parks and public spaces. We should stop making Seattle a tough place to open a business, or even get permits. We need leaders who get it.

I want to restore pride in Seattle. It will take a City Council that works hard and focuses on what works and what matters most. It's time for public service, not politics. I'm Phil Tavel, and I ask for your vote.

Council District No. 2



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Occupation: Current Seattle City Councilmember, former Rainier Beach Action Coalition organizer

Statement: It's been an honor to serve as your Councilmember, and I'm running again so that, together, we can continue building a future that includes all of us. I've got the experience to organize community-centered approaches *and* I secure the investments to match. We deliver on our values rather than simply profess them.

My office has a proven track record of progressive action. We committed to investing in historically under-funded schools, so we funded mental health in Southend schools. We said we'd prevent displacement, so we won tenant protections, monumental worker protections like paid sick leave for gig workers, and secured rent control for our small businesses. I secured permanent funding for community-driven development, *and* for the Green New Deal. All this and more in difficult times.

Let's advance these wins even further. I envision housing abundance and vibrant small businesses within reach of *all* generations who *stay* rooted in their community. Children with full stomachs and single mothers with full wallets. Community networks preventing violence rather than just reacting to it. We've only just begun building alternatives to punishment and incarceration—especially for our Black and brown neighbors who suffer from the paradox of over-policing and under-policing.

Let's deepen our investments in care and shared prosperity. We all deserve to feel safe in our neighborhoods. As a mom with 2 kids in Seattle Public Schools, it's important to me that all our children are safe whether they're walking to school or enjoying the park. We've only begun that work by investing in the resources District 2 needs to improve our community health, joy, and safety.

Thank you for getting me here; I hope to continue serving D2's vibrant communities.

Proudly endorsed by MLK Labor, 37th LD Dems, Progreso Latino, Working Families Party, Rep. Jayapal, Sen. Saldaña, and dozens of others.

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Occupation: Business Owner, Community Advocate

Statement: I grew up in Beacon Hill, work at my family business in the Chinatown International District and now live in Rainier Beach. I've seen how South Seattle has changed, I've seen what happens to neighborhoods that don't have a voice and are expected to live with bad city policies. I want to change that.

As a community advocate, I've fought against continued discrimination from the city towards the CID, recently named one of the most endangered neighborhoods in America. I learned that fighting for our voice when the city imposes their will without listening to our community, is a fight we can win. I want to bring that same passion to fight for all of South Seattle.

I know how to achieve better public safety. Every week, I practice what alternative policing looks like with my community watch group that prevents violence while working with first responders when needed, and provides mutual aid to the unhoused in the CID.

I know how to create more affordable housing. My family renovated the historic Louisa Hotel into workforce housing which only charges residents a percentage of their income so nobody is charged rent they cannot afford. This model can be used to fight displacement and gentrification across South Seattle.

We need to move past elected leaders telling us what they're going to do, but never showing up to hear what people really want. We need leaders that listen to the community even when it's not politically convenient, and do the hard work it takes to run Seattle. Together we can uplift South Seattle to be the place we know it can be. I promise to show up, work hard and help make Seattle better, together.

Endorsed by Representative Sharon Tomiko-Santos, Seattle Port Commissioners Sam Cho and Toshiko Hasegawa, and more.

Council District No. 2

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Statement: My name is Margaret Elisabeth and I'm running for Seattle City Council in District 2.

I first visited Seattle during June of 1999 and fell in love with the city. I vividly remember sitting in a coffee shop in Kirkland looking South towards Mt. Rainier – the sky an impossible blue where you can see for miles and Mt. Rainier took my breath away. I moved to Seattle in 2012, into the Belltown neighborhood, where I lived for 5 years. In 2017 I moved to Rainier Beach where I've lived ever since.

We have a lot of serious issues facing us as citizens of Seattle and I'd like to mention three things we need to directly address: *Universal Citywide Single Payer Healthcare, The Right to Shelter and a Real Living Wage.*

Healthcare is a *right* and we need to enact legislation to make this right a reality. Following the models of Healthy San Francisco and NYC Health+Hospitals, the City of Seattle should establish a universal healthcare access program to ensure all residents receive free, at point of service, healthcare without relying on employer-sponsored plans or private insurance.

The City of Seattle should establish rent control and renter's rights, end exclusive single-family zoning, ban new AirBNB developments, establish high-density, mixed incoming housing near transit centers, and the City should expand cooperative housing, expand social housing and make it easier to enter and sustain home-ownership for Seattle residents.

The City of Seattle should adopt a \$25/hr true living wage which is automatically adjusted based on the cost of healthcare, housing, food, transportation and inflation. I'm running for Seattle City Council in District 2 because I believe we can change our city if we take bold action now. *Vote for me in District 2 for an Evergreen future.*



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Council District No. 3



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Education: CWU Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development

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Statement: Our city is at a turning point. We haven't had leadership that listens. We aren't able to trust that our elected officials will do a good job. We've been hindered by political games, inflexibility, indecisiveness, and special interest money. We can't afford more of the same.

I decided to run the day my son was born. I need him to grow up in a place where leaders behave like leaders and respond to their neighbors when they are called upon. In my role as a husband, father, business owner, care provider, activist, and substitute teacher I've learned that the most important piece of our lives is how we can be of service to our community.

I would like to serve because we need one million square feet of "home" for our homeless neighbors within the next three years. Allowing for temporary sanctioned encampments for those unready to come inside, ending the practice of sweeps, and adding wrap-around services will allow people build self-sufficient lives of meaning. Additionally, we're going to reinstate the free ride zone so that Seattle becomes a leader on public transit opportunities for people nationwide.

Immediately, we need to leave the war on drugs behind and invest in education, support services, and job training. I will work to create a jobs pipeline into new public safety models for formerly incarcerated persons so that those with lived experience can be the next case workers, crisis responders, and more.

My campaign is being run exactly how I'll run my office; with hard work, direct conversations, and building solutions. I'm the only candidate funding their campaign entirely using Democracy Vouchers, because money and politics don't mix.

Endorsements: Former City Councilmember Nick Licata, Former US Attorney John McKay, Earl's Cuts & Styles, Catfish Corner, A for Apple Learning Center, and more!

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Education: Bachelors in Philosophy, UNLV; Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law (magna cum laude)

Occupation: Public Defender, Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel

Statement: I want to live in a Seattle where the government is accountable to the community, especially when it comes to keeping the community accountable. Over the last few years, particularly since the CHOP, I have been frustrated by our city government's abdication of their responsibilities. Seattle has been increasingly covered in graffiti and inundated by property crime while a toxic compassion has taught us to walk past and otherwise ignore our neighbors' suffering as they kill themselves with fentanyl and other drugs. *We can do better.*

For the last 12 years I've worked as a public defender, representing some of the poorest and most marginalized among us. Many of my clients were chronically homeless, suffering from substance use disorders as well as co-occurring mental illnesses. I know it's possible to treat people with respect while still expecting responsibility.

My experience with mental illness isn't just professional, but also personal. In 2015, I was confronted with a difficult diagnosis at 30 years old. It shattered my identity, and the stigma inspired suicidal thoughts. Fortunately, I found a supportive community and the right combination of medications, and I've been stable now for six years. I'm sharing this for two reasons: to confront the stigma, but also, because I recognize we need to be accountable for our own mental health.

If elected I will work to reconcile the trust gap between the community and SPD. We need more officers out of cars and patrolling streets on foot and by bike. I will provide housing subsidies to both help attract new officers *and* make sure more of our officers are patrolling the streets of the communities they live in. We will prioritize community safety, not just officer safety.

I promise to stay accountable and accessible, and to prioritize ideas that are practical and actionable.

Council District No. 3



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Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, Central Washington University; Master's Degree, International Relations, American University

Occupation: Customer Success Partner, TheGuarantors; Artist & Producer with RYCO Theatricals

Statement: I am running to be the first non-binary Councilmember on the Seattle City Council to represent our historic Arts District, the diverse LGBTQ+ community, and all constituents in District 3. Our campaign is building momentum to keep Seattle as progressive as we can with a focus on *shelter, safety, and sustainability*.

Together, we will establish a universal "right-to-shelter," pass robust renter protections and rent control, work to reform our strained policing system (in partnership with the BIPOC community) in building specific alternatives to those more traditional response models, and create America's first carbon free city by 2030. I believe that we get more done for the city and its residents when we put aside divisive rhetoric and work together toward a common goal. Inspired by the work of Senator Sanders, I identify as a pragmatic Democratic Socialist and believe that I'm the most progressive candidate running for this seat. Furthermore, as a lifetime Sierra Club member and activist with Extinction Rebellion, Seattle will never see a stronger advocate for protecting our environment and battling the impacts of climate change.

As a third-generation union worker and member of two locals, I am deeply committed to go beyond business-as-usual and fight as a warrior for the labor movement and the working people of Seattle. We can do more to lift up wages and worker protections while also focusing on economic recovery. These are the values I will bring to the Council when elected.

Our campaign is proudly endorsed by the King County Young Democrats, the Seattle Green Party, and the Green Party of Washington. I'm honored that our race has the backing of these groups and so many others. It would be a great privilege to earn your vote and support throughout our people-oriented campaign to create actionable change in our community.

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Education: BE, Computer Science, Delhi University, India 1995; MBA, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India 1997

Occupation: Ex- Senior Program Manager, Microsoft, PMP; Actor; Cashier

Statement: I am a first-generation gay immigrant from India and have lived in Seattle since 2002. From working as a program manager at Microsoft to pursuing the dream as an actor to working retail, I have experienced the struggles of work at every level. I am also a member of the SAG-AFTRA union.

I have served on my condo HOA board for five years. This role has enabled me to listen to my constituents, be empathetic to their problems and focus on finding and implementing solutions.

I get the job done!

My platform prioritizes advancing green infrastructure across the city. This includes expanding Sound Transit with last mile loop buses. I will also work with Seattle City Light to expand electric infrastructure. This will enable the expansion of electric cars throughout the city. The green energy industry should provide opportunities for local businesses, and I especially want to support businesses owned by women, people of color and sexual minorities.

I want to make housing more affordable by de-zoning, leveraging I-135 and reducing competition from non-resident investors. I believe in compassionate solutions for homelessness. I believe in enhancing public safety by hiring local Seattleites for our police and fire departments while ensuring equal opportunity for all historically excluded communities.

I support reproductive rights, LGBTQIA rights, and worker rights to organize. I want to streamline the process and resolve local constituent concerns like potholes and damaged pavements in a timely manner. I am in this race because I want to build a more prosperous and equitable Seattle.

Council District No. 3



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Education: Master of Education, University of Washington; Bachelor of Arts, University of Arizona

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Statement: I am a non-profit leader, small-business owner, and third-generation Central District neighbor. I'm also a community connector, problem solver, and optimist. These are the perspectives I'll bring to City Council where I will work to ensure that our local government is serving the needs of our community and neighbors. With your vote, I'll prioritize:

Community safety rooted in upstream solutions that reduce crime, prevent gun violence, keep our youth safe, and connect vulnerable people to care – not jail. I will prioritize crisis response teams and non-armed responders for neighbors in crisis, adequate Fire Department, EMT and Police staffing to keep communities safe and reduce response times.

Affordable housing for all income levels, from students and young families to seniors, including the expansion of emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing. I'll promote density, address impacts of displacement and gentrification, and provide opportunities for first-time homebuyers and family housing options.

Healthy communities for current neighbors and future generations with thriving local businesses that anchor our neighborhoods and create jobs; where affordable childcare and wraparound services, parks, playfields, libraries, roads, and open space are within reach, and there are safe and accessible ways to get around.

My family of public school educators, public servants, and civil rights leaders have made positive change in Seattle for generations. Inspired by them, I've dedicated my life to public service and driving equitable policy at every level. I will be a bridge for our community to city hall and the 45 city departments for service. I would appreciate your vote.

Proudly endorsed: 37th LD Democrats, UFCW 3000, LiUNA, Iron Workers, State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, Justice Faith Ireland (ret.), former County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Colleen Echohawk, Dr. Harriet Walden, Andrea Caupain, and 70+ community leaders, small business owners, and housing, youth, LGBTQIA+, climate, equity advocates.

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Statement: I am a pragmatic uniter who believes in standing up for what's right, with empathy and accountability. I believe in building together through community-centric relationships; my lived experiences continue to inform me on how this translates into meaningful policy. As one formerly unhoused and who lives and works alongside those who face the same struggles - especially when it comes to housing affordability, availability, and accessibility. I will use this office to fund the mandate for social housing by Seattle voters.

As a Black man from a Nigerian immigrant background, community safety means that we all must feel safe, including that we must find alternatives to policing that are evidence-based and rooted in community responsibility and resilience. We cannot keep doing the same old things and hoping for different outcomes; this is not only fiscally irresponsible, it is morally harmful. Seattle can and must do better.

I am HIV-positive, and I have been fighting for dignified healthcare and health equity as a professional and an activist.. I am an LGBTQ+ individual who is active in LGBTQ+ rights, especially for BIPOC individuals. As such I am a lifelong advocate for the safety and sense of belonging that we all inherently deserve.

I rely on public transit and walking; I know how important it is to expand safe and accessible multimodal transportation and build safe walkways and bike lanes.

I march, and I also walk the walk. I am the chair of the Washington State Stonewall Democrats, co-chair of the Seattle LGBTQ Commission, and Board Member for People Of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN) and Seattle LGBTQ+ Center. I hope to earn your vote to serve you as District 3's next City Councilmember.

Endorsed by Fmr. King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Washington Stonewall Democrats, UW Democrats, Seattle U Democrats, , and more.

Council District No. 3

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Education: BA in Political Science, Minors in Sociology and Economics, Western Washington University - 2007

Occupation: Executive Director, Transportation Choices Coalition, First Hill Neighborhood Association (former)

Statement: I'm a progressive urbanist with a proven record of finding common ground, solving problems, and delivering results. Alongside community, I've created lasting, positive changes in housing and transit, reforming enforcement and improving neighborhoods.

For five years, I led First Hill's neighborhood association, where we welcomed affordable housing, built safer transportation, better parks, and increased livability. Until recently, I was the Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition, where I built coalitions that secured transformative transportation investments, expanded light rail and bus service, and made transit free for youth.

Our district has beautiful, vibrant places. We lead with compassion. But things are off track, and too many of us fall through the cracks. We must urgently address complicated problems like homelessness, public safety, and affordability.

With fresh ideas, courage, and a commitment to action, we can build more housing, care for our vulnerable neighbors, and keep everyone safe. We can be a great city. I understand District 3's challenges - and how to make progress. On my website, I've released extensive policy agendas and am bringing bold solutions to the table.

I'm a First Hill renter, public school parent, and cancer survivor. I'm a first-generation college graduate who worked my way through WWU. I was named one of "Seattle's Most Influential People" in 2015 by Seattle Magazine. I serve on the board of a major non-profit affordable housing provider and the Freeway Park Association. I'm proud to be endorsed by labor unions, progressive organizations, and community leaders.

We deserve a representative committed to listening, problem-solving, and making our lives better. My years of experience shows I can hit the ground running and get Seattle on track to reach our full potential together. It'd be an honor to serve our district, and I'm asking for your vote.

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Statement: With at least four new faces coming to Seattle City Council we have a unique opportunity to enact real, lasting solutions to the housing affordability, homelessness, and climate crises. I am uniquely qualified to serve during this critical time in our city's history.

I was born during the height of Reaganomics and my family struggled financially throughout my childhood. I would not be here today without sacrifice, community, and the occasional second chance. My early struggles are why I'm drawn to serve in the public sector, previously as part of the uniformed services, and currently, as an attorney in Mental Health Court.

We're living at an inflection point: the culmination of generations of deliberate disenfranchisement along racial lines exacerbating divisions in our country, and underinvestment in social services. Our task is not a simple one, we must invest in non-police responses for crisis intervention while also taking an aggressive stance on removing guns from our streets all while prioritizing rehabilitation for low level offenders to break the cycle.

Simultaneously, we *Must* greatly expand our supply of affordable housing; maximize usage of existing inventory; minimize displacement of vulnerable communities; and ensure accessible transit for all. To this end, I'm committed to leveraging our social housing developer and creating 200K homes over the next ten years—anything less and we'll only see the affordability crisis worsen.

For Seattle to be successful, we must acknowledge there's no going back to "how things were before." We must take action to build a Seattle we can all be proud to pass on to the next generation. We must decarbonize our transportation system, invest in bold capital projects to redefine our city and improve quality of life. I believe we have it within us to realize this vision, and be an example for other cities to follow.

Council District No. 4



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Occupation: Entrepreneur, startup consultant, husband, father

Statement: I'm a dad, entrepreneur, and community advocate. A longtime Seattle resident, I've watched politicians put rhetoric over results as countless people have paid the price. I've got a serious plan to fix it and build the ambitious future we deserve.

I didn't start life in a place like Roosevelt. I'm the product of a teen pregnancy, but my parents eventually managed to buy a house and build us a beautiful life. I got really lucky, graduated from Harvard Law School, launched a tech company, and have been a business leader since. Journeys like mine are impossible in Seattle today.

Seattle should be a place where people from any background can afford to raise a family, build a career, and age in place. I'll work tirelessly to deliver an affordable city that leaves no one on the street. I'll fight to make it as easy to get around without a car as it is with one, leading on livability and climate.

As a parent, I won't stop until Seattle is safe for everyone. I'm the only candidate with a serious plan: to stop crime before it starts with evidence-based prevention, to quickly send the right professional for each emergency, and to rebuild trust in law enforcement through good governance and accountability.

To build tomorrow's economy, I'll double down on our existing and emerging strengths, and expand apprenticeships. We'll attract tomorrow's workforce with housing and childcare they can afford in neighborhoods they want. I'm the only candidate with a plan to build a fairer tax code.

I'm proud to be endorsed by unions, climate leaders, the local Democrats, business leaders, and current and former electeds like King County Councilmembers Girmay Zahilay and Larry Gosset, Port Commissioners Toshiko Hawegawa, Sam Cho and Ryan Calkins, and many more. I'd be honored by your support.

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Education: BSCE with distinction and Mathematics Minor, Nevada; MS, Civil Engineering, UW; Project Mgmt Cert, UW

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Statement: City Council has failed to effectively address homelessness, public safety, and housing unaffordability. It's time to replace mismanagement and deliver safe neighborhoods, well-maintained parks, roads, greenways, and public transportation that benefit *all* residents. Our city is facing a homelessness and addiction crisis. As one with close family who've struggled with addiction and homelessness for decades, I've seen firsthand the impacts. I'm running to bring back pragmatic policies and a renewed focus on delivering the basics.

As a business owner and civil engineer with 31 years of experience building major infrastructure and public works, I have the know-how to ensure growth benefits all. Smart planning can improve livability, protect the environment and tree canopy, increase quality of life, and prevent many of the problems we face today due to shortsightedness. I will work to safeguard growth that provides affordable housing for all stages and ages, and benefits neighborhoods without overstressing existing infrastructure.

On Council, I'll be your advocate for public safety, restoring police staffing to needed levels, and will make decisions that improve Seattle's livability. I'll work to improve 911 response times, uplift and support our local businesses, and reestablish accountability in City Hall. With the right leadership, we can restore Downtown and the neighborhood business districts we are proud of.

Seattle is a world-class city and deserves a councilmember who understands public works, supports local businesses, protects parks and schools, funds police and emergency responders, and acts to address homelessness effectively, compassionately, and immediately. You have my pledge: I will be that Councilmember. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Former Seattle Council Members: Pageler & Steinbrueck (Past Port Commissioner), Edmonds Council Member Will Chen, Former Seattle School Board Presidents: Smith-Blum & Burke; SDOT Director of Capital Projects & Roadway Structures Miller (Retired); Asian Community Leader Shiao-Yen Wu; TreePAC Chair Zemke

Council District No. 4

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Statement: I'll never forget waiting and worrying outside Ingraham High School as my teenage girls were in lockdown during the recent school shooting. It really brought home that things are off track. I grew up in a tough neighborhood in the Bronx on the top floor of a five story walk up. My dad was a welder and proud union member, my mom worked in a factory. They moved from Puerto Rico seeking a better life.

I found that life here in Seattle. Unfortunately due to poor decisions and performative posturing by the City Council -- including pledging to defund the police -- our quality of life has eroded, neighborhood small businesses are struggling and our streets are less safe. I'll listen and work to end the divisiveness and put Seattle back on track.

I'll make public safety my top priority. Five-minute response times for priority 911 calls, get guns off our streets, shut down open-air drug markets, address addiction and the mental health crisis. It's also unacceptable that three years after the murder of George Floyd, Seattle still has no alternative to an armed response to 911 calls. Not all situations require police officers, but many do. I'll prioritize. I will bring people together to build more affordable housing and address the homelessness crisis.

With more than 30 years in public service, I know how to get things done. I worked in the White House as President Clinton's Hispanic liaison, for the National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in Seattle for the ACLU post 9/11 to protect Muslim communities from xenophobia, and for former Councilmember Tom Rasmussen. I am honored to have the endorsements of Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Former Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, and many others.

With better governance, Seattle can be progressive, safe, and vibrant. I ask for your support.

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Statement: Hello! My name is George Artem, and I am running for Seattle City Council District 4.

I came to the United States as a child from the ex-Soviet Union and the greater Seattle area has been my home for over three decades. I attended the University of Washington as an undergrad and completed a Master of Science in Information Systems from the same institution ten years later.

My interest in politics began after the devastation of the second Bush administration. In 2008 I canvassed for President Barack Obama, and in 2016 I caucused with Democrats for Senator Bernie Sanders and later supported Dr. Jill Stein in the general election. I stayed out of the 2020 election cycle; but as I've gotten older and went to law school, I have found myself agreeing with more of what Washington State Republicans have to say and aligning with moderate conservatives like Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. However, in truth I'm a pragmatist that prefers solutions over parties.

When I returned from law school, the city that I love had become unrecognizable. Previously bustling commercial districts had turned into open air drug markets, and tents lined the downtown streets. My primary motivation for running was to take action on drug possession, change our politics around policing, make rent affordable, and cut red tape and permitting costs so that Seattle can build.

I believe in small government and local control. As a City Council member, I intend to use those as guiding principles to push back against Olympia's one-size-fits-all policies and bring a culture of accountability to local government. Whether it be the City, the County, or the State, our leaders have raised and spent a lot of money in recent years, and the public has a right to know where it went.

Council District No. 5



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When I moved to North Seattle in 2001, I found a welcoming community and an engaged local business culture. I had ample opportunities to meet neighbors and cultivate a sense of belonging. For decades I have watched North Seattle fill with big box stores and chain restaurants that smother our small businesses, drive down our wages and don't invest in our local communities.

We deserve housing and economic opportunities here in District 5. I will tirelessly advocate for development around our new transit stations and major roads, because density is responsible fiscal policy. I see North Seattle playing a pivotal role in our city's expansion by modeling responsible housing density. We will create homes and jobs, all while minimizing the displacement of our neighbors.

We deserve to live where we work. With my experience in real estate, I will be in close collaboration with the newly-developed social housing authority to create stability and security in Seattle's cost of housing. No one who works in Seattle should have to worry about their cost of living outpacing their income. Properly funded social housing is an important tool for addressing our out-of-control housing and rental prices.

We deserve to feel protected and respected when we call the city in need. Every day I support social and mental health workers in aiding those who rely on our systems for support, and I will bring this compassion and advocacy to the city council to develop a civic response force that will alleviate the unnecessary harm that can manifest from police response. It is expensive, harmful, and unjust to continue our current cycle of incarceration for people whose only crime is being poor. Seattle's civil servants should show up when called and respond appropriately.

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**Education:** Master of Public Administration, Master of Nonprofit Leadership, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Seattle University**Occupation:** Principal Social Equity Consultant & CEO, Epiphanies of Equity, LLC

Statement: I am running to promote upstream solutions that deliver effective, collective, and sustainable results. I'm determined to help mend our policy systems to be more interconnected. If elected, I will assure that city government centers and amplifies the needs and voices of the community. Together, we'll make sure Seattle works better for *All* people in our city.

From direct social and housing service work to social equity and policy advocacy consulting, I've advocated alongside hundreds of community members and helped bring transformative change to over 200 organizations and government agencies throughout my career.

Additionally, I am the former co-chair of the Seattle Disability Commission and Renters Commission, a board member of BASE: Building Art Space Equitably and UW CREATE, and a member of Transit Riders Union and Green Party WA.

To find sustainable solutions to persistent problems, we must start with policies and systems as root causes of inequity. We must enact pragmatic policies for sustainable solutions for accessible and affordable housing, increased wage parity, and improved working conditions for working families; Achieving multiple pathways toward shared goals around community safety; Improved multimodal transportation systems focused on pedestrian safety; Small business support focused on economic recovery and growth; Fixing infrastructure gaps throughout our city; Disability Justice and Intersectional Civic Empowerment.

My policy change background includes co-organizing the passage of one of the nation's first bans of sub-minimum wage; successfully advocating for the adoption of Disability Justice principles at the Seattle Office of Civil Rights; co-organizing the fight for rent control, resulting in the six-month advance notice legislation passed by the council; and endorsing the Jumpstart Tax as a small business owner.

We *can* find collective, effective, and sustainable policy solutions that get to the heart of the issues facing our district. I humbly ask for your vote.

Council District No. 5



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Occupation: Community activist

Statement: I am a lifelong resident of District 5, where I have been an active volunteer for over 20 years and am now raising my own family.

I was the first candidate to file in this race, and am running because I love our city, our city is in crisis, and I have the skills, track-record, relationships and energy needed to help. My campaign priorities are public safety, including behavioral health, substance abuse, prostitution, theft, vandalism, hate crimes and gun violence; homelessness and affordable housing for all, including renters, seniors and other residents on fixed incomes; protecting businesses, public spaces, the environment, and the unique character of Seattle and its neighborhoods; and accessibility, transparency and accountability from public servants and law enforcement.

In District 5, I have served on the Broadview Community Council, on the executive board of the 46th District Democrats, as a precinct committee officer, and as a creek steward for Broadview Creek. I have served as president of the UW Alumni Association's Multicultural Alumni Partnership, the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, and the Church Council of Greater Seattle. I have worked as an event planner for the UW Alumni Association, a chapter administrator for the Seattle United Nations Association, and a loaned executive for the United Way of King County.

I am proud to be endorsed by WA Attorney-General Bob Ferguson, King County Executive Dow Constantine, King County Assessor John Wilson, King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, WA Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, former King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, former Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes, former Seattle City Councilmembers Peter Steinbrueck, Nick Licata, Heidi Wills, and David Della; former WA Senator Maralyn Chase, Ben Bridge Co-CEO and General Counsel Jon Bridge, the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, and many others.

I would be honored to have your vote!

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Occupation: Railway switchman

Statement: The Socialist Workers Party stands for independent working-class political action. Deteriorating conditions confronting working people in Seattle are produced by the bosses as they squeeze ever more out of workers and farmers.

After decades of attacks on our wages and working conditions, today there is a wind at the backs of workers who sense more opportunities to fight back. More workers and unionists are bringing to bear the class solidarity needed to effectively resist the accelerated speedup, longer hours, attacks on job safety, inflation-battered wages, lack of steady work, confronting the social and moral blight produced by world capitalism's profit-driven crises of production and trade.

The heart of U.S. politics today is the fight to defend constitutional freedoms won in struggle. Illegal searches and seizures, violations of due process, legislation by courts, government spying, and curbs on freedom of speech, and more, will be used against the working class. Working people need those rights to defend ourselves. Every attack on them must be vigorously opposed, regardless of who the target is today.

Under the governance of the bosses' parties what we win is soon taken away. When we depend on government to safeguard us, unelected bureaucracies, courts, and legislatures reverse our victories.

We need affordable housing, health care, drug rehabilitation and mental health care; decent jobs, training, and child care; time off work with our families, and control of safety and working conditions on the job. We need a labor party based on the unions, to organize working people to stand together in our own class interests. This is not a scheme, but a revolutionary perspective for our class. In 1959 the workers and farmers of Cuba proved that those who are utterly discounted by the ruling classes can take power and change the world.

Council District No. 5



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

Occupation: Full time mom, community advocate, and education professional

Statement: Like so many of you, I'm tired of the divisiveness that has taken root in Seattle politics that has not brought us the policy solutions we deserve. As a second-generation Iranian-American whose parents were granted political asylum, I know how fragile democracy can be. We need elected leaders who can focus on practical solutions and coalition building to address public safety, our housing crisis, and our transportation needs.

In 2019, my son and I heard a car crash and ran outside. We ran into a police officer telling us to run inside, as he went on to confront the Sand Point mass shooter only 20 feet away. I believe the police saved our lives that day. We are all tired of false choices when it comes to public safety. We should be able to keep our neighborhoods safe without blaming our unhoused neighbors as the root of our problems.

After the Parkland shootings, two moms and I organized to fundraise for and establish our nation's largest gun buyback program. We need to continue our progress addressing our gun violence epidemic. *I want to bring that passion, commitment, and proven collaborative working skills to Seattle City Council.*

These issues are heightened by our climate crisis with ever hotter days and stifling wildfire smoke. Climate activists have chosen this campaign as the top climate platform out of all candidates citywide. In my platform, I bring solutions for our housing crisis, a greener transit system that includes sidewalks(!), funding for alternative policing models, and getting our unhoused population into homes.

Endorsed: 46th District Democrats, 32nd District Democrats, King County Young Democrats, United Food And Commercial Workers 3000, Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate, County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Representative Julia Reed, Senator Javier Valdez, and more. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: B of A Linguistics, A+, Network+, Security+, and Microsoft Certified Technology Consultant.

Occupation: Sr. IT Supervisor for Americas Region.

Statement: In 2013, The Lake City Community Center had been begging the city for months to install Wi-Fi, with delay after delay and no action. The community needed a solution so I volunteered, got on the roof, and installed the first Wireless Internet system at the LCCC.

Sadly, a decade later nothing has changed. We watch volunteers take action and get results, while the programs City Hall pours millions into seem ineffective. We have been patient and generous with our tax dollars, but we're not getting our fair share or a fair say on spending. Accountability is my top priority. We need to enhance auditing of city expenditures, identify what is working and cut wasteful spending.

Having lived in north Seattle for almost 25 years, some of you know me from my prior business, The Computer Doctor. Some of you know me from my contributions at the Eagles Aerie #1. I'm proud to be an active participant in our community, contributing to making it better.

I believe IT Management principles can change City Hall. Examining problems and finding solutions (within budget) is what I do every day. I will make sure your voice is heard, because I will conduct a survey every 3 months and focus on what you want from city government.

I also am a proud advocate of civil rights, and the right to choose. The anti-choice movement is based on two lies. The first lie is every fetus is viable, the second lie is that pregnancy and birth don't pose a life-threatening risk. In 2022, the US had the highest maternal mortality rate. Protecting civil rights is not enough. We have a moral obligation to audit and ensure our tax dollars are not feeding anti-choice organizations.

Learn more at votebibby.org.

Council District No. 5



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Education: JD, Albany Law School; BA, SUNY Binghamton

Occupation: Attorney, King County Superior Court Judge (ret.), former Public Defender

Statement: I'm running for Seattle City Council because District 5 deserves a proven pragmatic leader with experience in finding solutions and making sound decisions. As a twice elected Superior Court judge, public defender, legal services program manager, chair of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, Washington State Bar Association Governor, and Interim Seattle City Clerk, I understand the privilege and responsibility of making choices that impact people's lives and livelihoods.

As a North End neighbor, mom of Ingraham and Nathan Hale graduates, and Lake City community volunteer, I want a healthy, thriving, and welcoming community for all.

I will draw upon my three decades of public service to deliver on the following priorities:

Public Safety: Timely police response and accountability, robust civilian responder program, proven gun violence interventions. **Housing:** Dense and equitable development of the Aurora Corridor, 130th St Station area, Northgate, and Lake City. Support for Social Housing development across District 5. **Transit:** Enhanced East/West bus service, first mile/last mile transit service, needed sidewalks, bike lanes. **Community needs:** Community center for Lake City and Haller Lake, on-demand behavioral health care, on-demand substance use treatment, hunger prevention and abatement programs, before-and-after school programs. **Economic opportunity:** Support for local small business, particularly immigrant/minority/women owned. **Parks and Open Space:** More parks and open space with equitable access.

The tasks ahead for our district and our city are formidable. With the right leadership – knowledgeable, experienced, courageous – they are achievable. If I have the honor of your vote for City Council, I will be transparent and accessible. I will lead with equitable and community-driven solutions, and most importantly, I will be accountable to you.

I am proud to be a Moms Demand Action "Gun Sense Candidate", endorsed by 32nd Democrats, Representative Cindy Ryu, Judge Theresa Doyle (ret.) and many small businesses.

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Education: No education submitted.

Occupation: Student at North Seattle College

Statement: A college student and native of North Seattle, Lucca Murdoch Howard is deeply familiar with issues facing District Five. Affording rent, much less mortgage, is drifting out of reach for most residents. Seniors and students alike have to choose between moving out of city limits or facing tough choices. Basic problems are ignored in our bus network, making driving mandatory, and creating parking problems across the district. Aurora hasn't been invested in for decades, being so decrepit that neighbors avoid it when it could be a business area and urban hub. Across North Seattle, communities are ignored by city hall--most District Five neighborhoods have no community center or voice in Seattle's growth.

As Seattle's youngest City Council member, Lucca will bring a fresh perspective for our district. He will listen to the community, and advocate for their solutions. Lucca worked on I-135, and will assure the Seattle Social Housing Developer is funded to relieve homelessness. Aurora should be a proper Main Street, by bringing bus, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure to places that don't have them.

Lucca's main priorities are transit, affordable housing, and community improvements. He will prioritize community-based, sustainable solutions so that young people can start to thrive in Seattle.

Council District No. 5

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Occupation: HealthCare

Statement: As a Christian, a Father, and your next City Council Representative; I will serve our di5trict with the humility, transparency and with the wisdom of our collective community to deliver on a future our children deserve. My campaign will focus our *Care* on:

Systemic Racism; People deserve to be treated with *Care* and basic human dignity regardless of sex, orientation, gender, nationality of birth, or color of skin. I am committed to Police Reform and for equality under our laws.

Homeless Crisis; One only needs to walk our streets and in some cases just look out of your office window or out of your bed room window to see the crisis we face regarding homelessness in this city and the 2023/24 budget has earmarked nearly \$320million dollars to *Care* for unhoused in Seattle. I will ensure that every dollar ensures a better future for Seattleites struggling out of poverty.

Psalm 82: "Be fair to the poor and to orphans. Defend the helpless and everyone in need. Rescue the weak and homeless from the powerful hands of heartless people"

Fair and Good Paying Jobs; The unfair union busting actions we've seen in recent years by Seattle's most well-known industries must end and be held to account. As your representative in City Council, I will work with trades and union organizers to ensure fair demands are met with *Care*.

Our Environment; As Your representative for district 5, I will ensure that our needs are being met as well to ensure cleaner parks for our kids to play in, upgraded equipment for them to enjoy, protected bike lanes for you to commute to work and tax dollars for businesses ready to be net-zero carbon today.

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Education: Bachelor's in Society, Ethics, & Human Behavior, minor in Human Rights; University of Washington, Bothell

Occupation: Operations Director, Real Change News

Statement: My name is Tye Reed and I'm running to be your next District 5 councilmember.

Most people know me as the co-chair and co-founder of the House Our Neighbors coalition that won permanently affordable social housing in Seattle. I'm also a mutual aid organizer, a member of the Transit Riders Union, a board member for both Be: Seattle and the Housing Justice Project, as well as a displaced renter who is ready to represent your community on the Seattle City Council.

As your councilmember, I will immediately focus my office's attention on passing bold progressive revenue to fill the projected \$200 million shortfall in the 2024 budget. I will do this by increasing the Jumpstart tax on large corporations and implementing a capital gains wealth tax at the city level. Seattle residents are tired of regressive taxes that make every year harder and harder for working class families.

Seattle must stop these pointless sweeps. We know they don't work and they never will. Last year, the City carried out over 900 sweeps, many of them at the same location multiple times, with only a worsening homeless crisis to show for it. Our tax dollars should not be wasted; we need more public bathrooms, trash pickup, and hygiene stations - not sweeps.

Finally, I will prioritize creating safe spaces for our kids, elders, and disabled neighbors through massive infrastructure investments. I will start by pedestrianizing Aurora with sidewalks, trees, and lit crosswalks. I will fight to make sure the 130th St station opens on schedule in 2026, with zoning that allows for dense, affordable housing in our district.

Community members have already told us what they need to live and thrive in a safe, healthy Seattle; politicians simply need to say yes. Vote Tye Reed to be your District 5 Councilmember.

Council District No. 6



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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Whittier College; Master of Public Administration, University of Oregon

Occupation: Working for the residents of District 6

Statement: I'm running for reelection because better is not good enough. Working with Mayor Harrell, I've worked to move homeless from parks and sidewalks to housing without sweeps, to make our communities safer, and to build more affordable housing. I work out of my District Office and hold weekly office hours to hear from you directly. We've seen progress, and we *Must* do better.

Public Safety: Yes, "defund the police" was a mistake. I've supported fully funding the Police staffing and hiring plans every year, created a Public Safety Coordinator in Ballard, increased Harbor Patrol, and funded Mobile Crisis teams. Next term, I'll continue fully funding police and working with Mayor Harrell to make policing better and safer.

Homelessness: I resolved the Woodland Park and Ballard Commons encampments without sweeps, expanded outreach teams working with people living in cars, and created neighborhood-based homelessness response teams. We need to expand our efforts to get homeless into housing, build and buy permanent housing, and push regional partners to act faster.

Housing: I reformed the city's processes to build housing faster and launched audits on our permitting process. I reduced the threat of eviction for tenants while ensuring landlords are made whole. We must increase the stock of family-size units so people of all income levels can afford it here.

Born and raised in District 6, I'm committed to our community's success because I want to raise my kids in a neighborhood that is safer than the one I grew up in. I've dedicated my life to public service, serving with AmeriCorps and working to combat gun violence. Things are better, and better isn't good enough. I ask for your vote to build on our success.

Endorsed by MLK Labor Council, Seattle Building Trades, 36th and 46th Democrats, UFCW 3000, and AG Bob Ferguson.

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Education: University of Virginia Law School (JD 1991); University of Virginia (BS Commerce 1983)

Occupation: Attorney, Shea Wilson, LLC

Statement: We've had enough performance art politics. We need *Change*. I ask for your vote to govern responsibly. This campaign is about three hard issues:

Homelessness is now officially a long-term problem—at least five years to address, according to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. Translation: encampments for five more years at least. Compassion is important. But we need to identify who needs what kind of help by implementing three levels of designated urban campgrounds: sober; intermediate (cannabis/alcohol); and permissive (hard drugs *Ok* within the fenced and privacy-screened area).

Public Safety is job one. Our downtown, neighborhoods and parks cannot be no-go zones. Seattle has fewer than 1000 police officers for about three-quarters of a million people, down from 1300 in 2017. We clearly need to add more commissioned officers and unarmed community service officers. Enforce newly enacted laws against open hard drug use on our streets.

Social Justice covers much ground, some beyond city-level government. We can address police-community relations. Defunding the police is not the answer. We must invest in best practices to ensure civilian safety.

And one ignored issue: *Public Infrastructure*. Our bridges, water and sewer mains are aging. The state legislature has now mandated 6-plexes, which could triple or quadruple our population. And we'll have to foot the bill for the new infrastructure.

When you voted in 2019, were you voting to defund the police? Probably not. New issues will emerge over the next four years. I'll take a socially liberal and fiscally conservative approach toward them. Leave people alone unless we need laws to keep their conduct from interfering with others. Spend tax dollars amply but wisely. Ability to pay matters. Don't overburden any one segment of the tax base.

Council District No. 6

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Education: Graduate, Franklin High School; Attended Shoreline Community College

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Statement: With Mayor Harrell's leadership, we've made some progress in making our neighborhoods safer, but there is still much work to be done. To achieve this, we must elect a pragmatic City Council committed to fulfilling its promises by focusing on the basics rather than engaging in divisive and performative politics.

I bring a successful career in Hospitality spanning 35 years. I owned the Red Door in Fremont for two decades. Through this experience, I have honed my problem-solving skills and developed an ability to work within a budget.

My top priorities are:

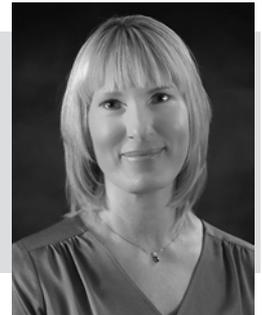
Community Safety: We must work with law enforcement, drug treatment experts, mental health professionals, and residents to ensure community safety. Our city should guarantee a timely and reliable response to ensure vibrant neighborhoods where we can all live, work, and play. Uniformed officers play an essential role, but not every situation requires their response.

Housing & Homelessness: Seattle must place the utmost importance on providing affordable housing to help working families, seniors and alleviate homelessness. To accomplish this, the city must direct its efforts toward expanding the current housing supply and expediting permitting processes while maintaining affordability and neighborhood character. For those experiencing homelessness, we must increase shelter availability, implement programs like tiny home villages, and enhance mental health and drug treatment services. Our ultimate focus should be prioritizing support for those requiring it the most.

Seattle has been my beloved home for more than half a century. I strive to conduct myself with civility and compassion in all of my interactions. We are in a pivotal time as a city. I'm running because we need a more pragmatic, problem-solving approach to shape our shared future. I'd be honored to earn your vote. Endorsed: Jan Drago, Jane Noland, Margaret Pageler, Jan Drago, Sue Donaldson and Peter Steinbrueck.

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Education: Ballard High School graduate, 2 years at UW

Occupation: 22 years management in family manufacturing business in Ballard

Statement: I intend to be a positive influence in District 6 and the entire City of Seattle. I am a second-generation Seattle native. My grandparents came here for the natural beauty and economic opportunity found in abundance in Seattle.

Elect me to be a moderate voice on our City Council. My vision is to restore our city's beauty and opportunity so my son and his generation can prosper and afford home ownership. I am working to keep Seattle a safe and friendly place to raise a family. I organized the successful cleanup of the Greenwood neighborhood as part of the One Seattle Day of Service.

I stepped up to a strong role in the community in April 2020 when the pandemic lockdown was extended. Small businesses suffered and individuals were denied necessary medical care. I became increasingly concerned about the disregard for civil rights imposed by public health measures like the mask mandate and mandatory vaccination in workplaces and universities. I became an advocate for medical freedom and helped dozens of workers find accommodations to keep their jobs. I was appalled to see so many good employees with legitimate medical and religious exemptions terminated unjustly.

It is largely due to my public presence and persistence that the COVID mandates ended in Washington state. Help me bring this boldness to our City Council to do what's right. Before we spend any more money on the homeless situation, we need accountability for money spent. We must support the needs of business owners, homeowners, renters, and workers—*Not* add more to their tax burden. We need to address our infrastructure—I would support the in-kind replacement of the Magnolia Bridge. We need to restore public safety and police service so our businesses and families are safe. Let's Save Seattle together. *Vote Victoria Palmer for District 6.*

Council District No. 6

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Occupation: Marketing Communications

Statement: Seattle, we need to pivot. Our city is heading toward a higher-cost, lower-quality of life. We've taken the wrong approach to our problems, let them get worse, and used the wrong tools to manage them.

Take *homelessness*. The current approach is to help people living on the streets so they can get back on their feet. The reality is most chronically homeless people have never been on their feet. Most suffer from mental illness and addiction problems. They don't need free meals or shelter. They need rehab and treatment.

We need a Social Services Department to provide these services and handle many problems currently falling to the Seattle Police Department. Let's not criminalize homelessness, but treat it as a public health issue. If necessary, we should use *civil commitment* laws to mandate treatment for those who are a danger to themselves or others.

We've also taken the wrong approach to *housing*, believing that more supply will lower prices. But despite all the homes we've built, rents and prices still rise. That's because private developers only build market rate housing as long as market rates remain high. We need to build affordable housing for people who earn at or below the median income. The new social housing office is a step in this direction.

Addressing homelessness and housing affordability will chart a new path for Seattle. People in crisis will get the help they need. The police can stay in their lane. Our libraries can be learning centers instead of de facto homeless shelters. Our jails will no longer function as mental institutions. Our parks will be free of tents and needles.

Let's pull Seattle in this hopeful direction, toward a higher-quality of life for everyone.

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Occupation: Retired

Statement: I am running because I am passionate about Seattle. I moved here over 25 years ago when Seattle was rated the most livable city in the country. Ask yourself if you can say that now? I have a vision of Seattle once again leading the country in livability.

This is an historic time in Seattle, particularly because *growth management has been an unmitigated failure*. Traffic is a mess, housing is unaffordable, bridges are crumbling, and our neighbors are literally sleeping in the streets. As President of Seattle Fair Growth, I have been advocating for housing for people of all incomes.

Before I built a small business from scratch into one of the Fastest Growing Companies in Washington, I was a starving radio announcer barely able to pay rent. I know what it is to live paycheck to paycheck. We must incentivize developers to build affordable housing on site, not pay a fee to build it somewhere else on cheaper land four years later.

The recent update to Seattle's Tree Ordinance is an example of the failure of our city's leadership. Multiple amendments recommended by the Urban Forestry Commission were summarily rejected. Combined with the State's Middle Housing Act, which requires multifamily zoning throughout Seattle, who stands for the trees? Are we the Emerald City or beholden to special interests? Subsidized multifamily housing close to transit is part of the balance that Seattle needs. We can have trees and we can have affordable housing too.

As your future City Council member, I will not be taking contributions from the Master Builders of King County. I will be working for one constituency, you. Together we can make Seattle green again!

Council District No. 7



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Occupation: Seattle City Councilmember; Attorney

Statement: As the parent of a six-month-old, I'm more determined than ever to build a Seattle we can be proud to pass on to the next generation. In my first term, I brought together unlikely coalitions to deliver results and I'll continue that work if re-elected.

Public Safety: In my first term, I increased our park ranger program from two to 28 rangers, fully funded the police hiring budget each year, passed an ordinance protecting firefighters from harassment in the line of duty, and worked with Mayor Harrell to create a civilian behavioral health response in lieu of police involvement. If re-elected, I'll increase these alternative responses, continue the shared commitment of the Council and Mayor to recruit and retain police, and support community programs proven to reduce repeated criminal behavior.

Housing And Homelessness: We need to get people out of encampments and into stable housing immediately. Working with Mayor Harrell, my office helped create the Unified Care Team, a one-stop, no-excuses shop to navigate people experiencing homelessness into shelter and resolve encampments. Encampments have been reduced by 42%, but much work remains. Over the next four years, I'll increase enhanced shelter options like tiny houses so people experiencing homelessness have a stable shelter, rather than being displaced to another encampment. I'll also work with city partners to build and acquire social and non-profit housing so more people can afford to live in our community.

Climate Change: We are running out of time to combat climate change. Seattle must confront the emergency with housing planning that emphasizes dense, walkable communities, electrification of buildings, and safe, reliable public transportation.

Endorsements: MLK County Labor Council, 36th District Democrats, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, fmr. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, County Executive Dow Constantine, Downtown Seattle Association CEO Jon Scholes

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Occupation: Seattle Police Officer - Community Response Group

Statement: Steward - The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. As a citizen of Seattle and longtime resident of District 7, we have to ask ourselves, "Do we have a good steward in Seattle?"

When I talk about issues in this city, it is because the past decade of my life has been spent in all corners of Seattle, serving the public, and adapting to issues we face.

I am a Seattle Police Officer who works on a team called the Community Response Group, working to address the most difficult issues the city faces. I have been an Officer since 2013, and was drawn to SPD because of my deep ties to the city.

I have lived in Seattle for over twenty years. This is my home - I refuse to give up on this city regardless of how bruised and battered we are. Seattle is in *Crisis* and needs direction. I am an Independent voice for common sense change. I am neither Republican nor Democrat. I represent the majority who have been without a voice for too long.

I am a United States Marine Corps veteran. I was in the restaurant industry for nearly two decades, mostly in Queen Anne, and won Seattle's Best Bartender award twice. I know my constituents, my small and medium sized businesses, and I know my district.

Our community is being torn apart by fentanyl, meth and an unabated mental health crisis - and I have seen the effects first-hand. There is a way out of this - and that way requires dedication to working through challenges proactively. The critical issues of public safety, addiction, mental health, homelessness, affordable housing, transportation, taxes, workers small & medium sized businesses and livability of this city can be found in detail on my website: marshallforseattle.com

Council District No. 7



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Occupation: Small Business Owner, Nonprofit Board Member, Mother

Statement: We urgently need change at City Hall. It's critical to act now and get Seattle back on the right track. As an immigrant, a small business owner, and a mom — not a politician — I understand the urgency to address the failures we've witnessed. The blatant dismissal of businesses, the ignorance and arrogance at City Hall, and the turning a blind eye to our safety.

The recent string of shootings that forced me to close my bakery on Third Avenue compelled me to take action. I pledge to you: no more excuses on homelessness, no more defunding the police, and no more neglecting downtown. Seattle can be transformed, but it requires more than empty political promises.

As Washington's Business Owner of the Year, I'm committed to revitalizing downtown by bringing back small/minority-owned businesses and vibrant community events. To address homelessness, I'll hire more police officers *and* add new crisis responders for non-violent calls.

I immigrated to America in '99 and graduated from Ballard High, so I understand the importance of community. My family and I made Piroshky Piroshky bakeries a Seattle staple. And with 70 Seattle based employees who spread piroshky love across the country, I prioritize living wages, healthcare, financial security, and work-life balance — values that all businesses should embrace.

Politics as usual is falling short, that's why I am running to challenge the status quo. I'll be a voice for ordinary families whom City Hall has neglected and pushed aside. My commitment is solely to you — the people of Seattle. I have no special interests in my corner, and I have no ambition for higher office. My aim is simple: to restore common-sense in city government.

I'm Olga Sagan, and if you're hungry for change in Seattle, I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Statement: I am running to build a lot of housing. The cost of living is high and increasing, and must be addressed by all means possible. Building more housing is the highest priority and will improve affordability, reduce inequality and homelessness, help mitigate climate change, create more walkable neighborhoods, and make transit more viable. Housing will also close the gap between workers and jobs, unlocking enormous economic potential. We will do this with permissive and flexible zoning, by streamlining development processes, and by aligning tax incentives.

We must also improve our tax system. Our taxes are regressive and unstable, and the city faces major budget shortfalls. We should move to a land value tax, which will be more progressive, more consistent, increase tax revenue, and come at a lower cost to taxpayers. Land value taxes will encourage housing construction, discourage speculation, and ensure the public receives the full return on public investments, helping fund major transit projects.

We must expand addiction treatment services, and work to get as many people into treatment as possible, reducing drug use and overdoses. We must expand homeless outreach and shelter, to ensure we are consistently working with all of our large and growing homeless population and that we have space indoors for them. Nobody should sleep outside or in their car.

We must fully staff our police department, which is overworked and struggling to perform even its basic duties. Expanding social services will help reduce low-level property crime and save police time by addressing societal ills that the police are not meant for.

I am optimistic about our future: our problems have solutions, and great things are possible. I ask for your vote to start building that future.

Council District No. 7

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Education: EMPA, University of Washington Evans School; MA, Georgetown University; BA, Boston University

Occupation: Distinguished Naval Intelligence officer, stay-at-home dad, civic volunteer

Statement: I'm running for Seattle City Council because I'm concerned about the Council's inaction and failure on the most important issues facing our community. I'll help lead our city to meet the challenges we face on public safety, public health, and homelessness. *Seattle can feel like a thriving, vibrant community again.*

I'm a first-generation American, stay-at-home dad and civic leader, having retired as a Naval officer to help support my wife's work as a Civil Rights Attorney – including the landmark case with the ACLU, overturning "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." I volunteer with several neighborhood-level community organizations, including as Chair of the Queen Anne Community Council's Public Safety Committee.

As the only Democratic challenger in this race, I'll bring concrete plans based on our shared Seattle values. I'm a realist who believes that ground-level results are more important than political platitudes.

We need to get serious about crime reduction. The Council's pledge to defund SPD by 50% was irresponsible and undercut our public safety *and* our ability to implement reform. I support allocating additional resources to recruitment, training, and community policing – including non-police responders.

We cannot solve our public safety issues without addressing public health. With increasing shelter space, it's time to restore our public spaces and stop relying on unsafe, inhumane encampments. City Council has enabled open drug use and drug dealing in our neighborhoods including downtown, which claimed the lives of 500+ Seattleites last year. We need leadership able to partner with County, State, and Federal authorities, to add mental health hospital capacity and addiction treatment centers. We must also prioritize programs and service providers that *prove they work*. I'll focus Seattle government on saving lives, keeping the vulnerable safe, and restoring our beautiful city.

We *can* do this! I'm Bob Kettle, and I ask for your vote.

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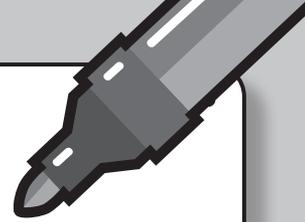
Statement: I have spent 25 years living in the City of Seattle. I am a *solution-oriented problem solver* that is both *able and capable of delivering results fast*. As a resident of the Downtown Corridor, I have seen first-hand the escalation of violent crime, drug use, mental health crises, accumulation of waste, and camping in public spaces.

The City of Seattle must Elect a Leader capable of working with other Members and City Departments to: *Implement common sense solutions that will address the crises* that have left thousands on Seattle's sidewalks, streets, and parks where criminal activity continues to run rampant; *improve public safety while re-building trust* between the public safety providers; *ensure all elected officials are held accountable* and keep the promises they make to during campaigns; *urgently deal with waste that continues to accumulate* around the City and its perimeter in order to keep Seattle green; *balance a budget and conduct regular audits* to ensure the needs of the general public are prioritized over 'special interest(s)'; *establish training sites* for individuals displaced or unemployed in order to increase the supply of skilled workers to meet current demands; *incentivize education* in areas where we are falling behind (STEM).

In 2019, I ran for this same position. Our Elected Officials are still talking about the same issues that were talked about over four years ago. The answer always seems to be more money, taxes, or another study. *The City of Seattle cannot continue to just talk, study, or spend their way out of these problems.* It is the taxpayers who are footing the bill.

I am not a career politician nor am I owned or chosen by any special interest. *My sole commitment is to my constituents.* I will bring *common-sense solutions* back to our City government. Solutions must start now.

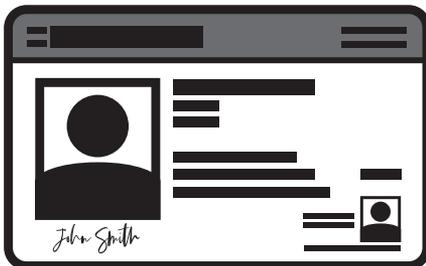
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Director District No. 2



Carolyn Watson

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Education: BA Anthropology, SUNY Albany; MBA Finance, Indiana University; graduate work in Applied Anthropology, American University

Occupation: Incumbent; PTSA Council; Former: Software Developer, College Instructor, VIBES Tutor.

Statement: I am committed to providing the excellent education for which Bellevue is known and doing so in a manner that is equitable. I will continue my commitment to providing a holistic education that balances the academic as well as emotional and mental health needs of all our students, including the most marginalized, and those with special needs, whether visible or invisible.

I began this commitment pre-pandemic and seek another term to continue to ensure our students not only do well but that they thrive. Having worked to select our incoming Superintendent, I look forward to collaborating with our educators and staff towards creative and innovative approaches and ideas.

I believe fiscal responsibility is critical to ensuring exemplary educational experiences and protecting the critical resources needed for mental health counselors and nurses. As part of my commitment to responsible oversight and governance, I meet with the state auditors every year and update our financial policies with guidance from our equity advisory committee.

Every student should feel valued and supported on their path to their future dreams, whether college, trade school, or job. *Endorsements:* BEA, 41st Democrats, Senator Kuderer, Representative Thai, Councilmember Balducci. *Recognitions:* PTA Golden Acorn; State PTSA Gold Level Leadership.

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Education: BA English - Cal State Fullerton, MBA - Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Hardware Test Engineer (formerly Microsoft)

Statement: I've been a parent of 2 children in BSD for 13 years now. They attended the Integrated Preschool at Phantom Lake, K-5 at Ardmore, and are at Big Picture Middle and High School respectively. It's been difficult during that time to see so many stakeholders in our community going without. Parents shouldn't have to fight the district for Special Education services, reliable bus transportation or functional restroom facilities. Teachers shouldn't have to commute an hour because there is no affordable housing and wages have not kept up. Students shouldn't have to feel unwelcome due to race, language, disability, gender identity, or economic status.

I'm running for the board to use my privilege to give underserved communities a platform. I believe there should be a voice for families from Title I schools, families receiving special education services, and families where attending college is unlikely. I will not be raising any money for this campaign, and have failed to gain endorsements because I am often a loud dissenting voice lacking the polish of a politician.

I am hoping you are open to hearing a different perspective. Proudly disabled, neurodivergent, LGBTQIA+, anti-gun, and a product of student loans and manual labor.

Director District No. 2

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Occupation: CPA specialized in Restaurant accounting for small businesses

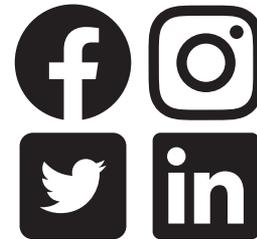
Statement: Equity is an accounting term. It means ownership (as in, "How much equity do you have in your house?") I intend to give families in District Two ownership in their educational choices.

District Two includes Ardmore Elementary, where I serve on the PTSA. Ardmore is a community of families diverse economically, culturally, and linguistically. The whole Bellevue School District would benefit from hearing this community's voice on the board. I am running to amplify their voices.

With middle school closures planned for next year, it's critical that new perspectives be added to the board and that we have increased dialogue with the families of District Two and their educational choices.

As an accountant, I have the background to approach the District's financial situation from a fiscally responsible perspective. And as a Parent from the Ardmore community, I understand how these decisions will impact the members of our community with the fewest resources. In my work for our PTSA, I've helped to overcome the barriers families face when cultural and language differences could prevent full participation in the community.

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Director District No. 2



Jennifer Jones

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Education: PhD Geography, UC Berkeley; MA Public Policy, University of Chicago; BA Political Science, Carleton College

Occupation: Professor of Geography and Global Studies, Highline College

Statement: I am asking for your vote for re-election to the Federal Way School Board-- Director Position 2. As a School Board member, I have worked hard to make sure the district provides a safe, quality education for all. During the past four years, our community has been impacted by a pandemic, economic stress and global events. I have worked to make sure that our schools are a source of safety and stability to our students and their families.

In my 25 years at Highline College, I have taught thousands of college students. The school district needs to prepare our students for their next steps, whether college or careers. I want every family—including immigrants and refugees new to the US-- to feel welcome at FWPS. And I want every young person in our district to graduate with the knowledge and life skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

The work continues, and that is why I am running for re-election to the Federal Way School Board. I ask for your support.

Endorsed by MLK Labor Council, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Kristine Reeves, Rep. Jamila Taylor

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Education: Valhalla, Totem, Thomas Jefferson, Highland, Lake Washington Institute of Technology

Occupation: Manager, Kukhar's Build Inc

Statement: At the age of 3 my family came to the United States and we moved straight into Washington. Lived here almost all my life and all my schooling was here, locally. Now that I have children, I want them to have a great education, just as I had a great time at school I want the same of them.

A big emphasis school should have is on virtue. There are many things going on in the world and in our nation, and a standard of morals is a very important thing to have in a society. Our children need to know where this nation comes from, they need to know the constitution and the rights they have in our nation. As a business owner i have learned that its hard work to get things done right and that is what I am willing to do for our children.

Director District No. 2

Robert Ribaudo

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Education: United States army AIT, Institute for a Democratic future, south seattle college

Occupation: Veteran

Statement: Dear fellow community members,

My name is robert ribaudo, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for school board district 2 for federal way. As an Iraq veteran and proud parent, I believe I have the unique perspective and experience needed to serve our schools and students well.

My military service taught me the importance of teamwork, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. As a parent, I know firsthand the importance of a quality education and a safe, supportive learning environment for our children. If elected, I will make it my priority to ensure that every student in our district has access to the highest quality education possible, regardless of their background or circumstances.

I believe in fostering a school community that is inclusive, innovative, and forward-thinking. With your support, I am confident that we can work together to achieve this goal and ensure that our schools are equipped to prepare our students for success in today's ever-changing world. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely Robert Ribaudo

Director District No. 1



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

Occupation: K-12 Educator

Statement: Respectfully, I acknowledge the Puget Sound Salish People, who are the the rightful stewards of this land that encompasses the entire Highline School District.

My name is Michael T. Lewis and humbly I am asking for your vote for the District 1 Board Director position. The Highline community deserves a board director who will listen to all stakeholders to help guide decision-making. Our students deserve a director who, as an experienced educator of 28 years, understands the needs of the classroom. Our district deserves 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 forward. I am that leader.

A current teacher in Kent, I have also worked in fnancial aid, mentoring, and I am a staunch champion for public education. I value solutions that help our students and community, as well as celebrate their successes. I have a vision for the Highline Community and pledge that I will serve the diverse young people of our community. I would like to make this vision a reality as I look forward to representing you and our students. Thank you for your vote.

Stephanie Tidholm

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Education: Associate of Arts in Psychology/ Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, University of Washington in progress

Occupation: LEAD Case Manager, REACH Burien

Statement: Highline deserves a leader who is deeply engaged in the community and committed to ensuring the voices of our families, students and educators are heard. A leader who will make sure that our students receive the education they deserve and access to the resources needed to make that a reality. A leader who will advocate for educators to receive the support they need to ensure success.

I have been a parent and active volunteer in Highline School District for nine years. I sit on the Highline School District's Family Action Committee and the White Center Heights Dual Language Task Force. I often volunteer my time at school events and field trips and am actively involved in the SPEB (Supporting Partnerships in Education and Beyond) organization which advocates for communities of color in education.

Working as a social worker for the LEAD program in Burien and White Center, I see the long-term effects that the lack of equity has on disparaged communities. Our children deserve equitable resources, facilities, and support.

I work daily to mitigate the systemic barriers faced by marginalized communities and it is my intention to bring the same dedication and vision to ensure the success of Highline's students.

Director District No. 1

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Education: 40 Years Experience in Home Construction

Occupation: Building Contractor, Baseball/Soccer Coach, Youth Activities Director, Church Volunteer

Statement: Highline students deserve better! Our district is ranked in the lowest 20% of Washington State, and I intend to help Highline prioritize academics and vocational programs so that we can truly *prepare students for the future they choose*. I have seen firsthand how the district is failing its students, so I will fight for sound policy and fair administration, not politics.

Drawing on my 35 years of experience as a small business owner, I know what local employment skills are needed, so I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board. As a parent and long-time youth volunteer, I also understand the importance of a quality curriculum and diverse activities to help kids thrive and grow.

I intend to nurture civically competent, functional, independent, safe and literate students, so I will focus on the following areas: First, *return to academics and robust vocational options*. Second, *allow parents to participate fully in their children's upbringing*. Third, *create achievable and measurable HPS goals*.

It's time for Highline Schools to support students, families and teachers so we can create the productive, cooperative community we all wish to experience. *I ask for your vote.*

Mitchell Khayim

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Education: Exegetical Theology Hebrew University External Studies

Occupation: Real Estate Broker

Statement: I have served as a community organizer for more than 30 years. Working with many families with diverse backgrounds and unique structural complexities.

We recognize the emotional and psychological fragility of our youth. We understand the unique nuances that marginalized communities experience and acknowledge the efforts through enacted programs to address these challenges.

We must re-invest trust in the nuclear family, recognize their obligations to themselves and extol their virtues to society. We must ensure the benefits that the community receives from the nuclear family are not stripped from them.

We believe that whatever programs are instituted for the mental and emotional wellbeing of our students necessarily involves moving away from centralized government experiments to principals of governance that empower the family. We shall affect these changes in cooperation with other school board members. With uncommon insight and understanding of very specific directions for immediate policies and curriculum changes. Our future demands that we move away from enacting social ideas that are counter-intuitive at its core and sacrifice the minds of our children. To purely educating our students with the fundamentals that prepare them to compete in the marketplace, and further strengthen, support, and hold accountable the traditional family.

Director District No. 4

**Carlos M. Ruiz**

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**Education:** BA in Management, University of Phoenix**Occupation:** Strategic and Operational Consulting**Statement:** Carlos has lived in Normandy Park since moving there from New York City in 2011 with his wife of 14 years; his experience going through the NYC public school system is what drives his passion for access to a quality education for all.

Carlos has a technology and consulting background, having worked for large companies such as NBC Universal and Google. For the past 4 years he has served as the Board Chair for Seattle Credit Union helping the financial institution achieve its mission of serving communities traditionally ignored by large banks. Carlos is passionate about volunteering with community focused organizations of varying scope. He is currently a part of the Marvista Elementary PTSA, where his two daughters attend. He also volunteers his time as a board member with Southeast Effective Development (SEED), a non-profit focused on affordable housing, supporting the arts, and economic development. In the past he has served on the board of Pioneer Human Services and was appointed by Governor Inslee as a commissioner with the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, representing the counties of King and Pierce.

Carlos is excited at the opportunity to advocate for all the families served by the Highline School District.

Joey Martinez

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**Education:** Garces High & Bakersfield Junior College alum. Technology & Coaching certified professional.**Occupation:** Mount Rainier Pacific/Sylvester football coach, ISOutsource IT Solutions Architect**Statement:** Joey is the ideal candidate with extensive experience, dedication, and community involvement. He has strong connections to the local schools, with his children graduating from the district and wife (Jackie) being a Tyee alumna. Joey's commitment to the community is demonstrated through his active participation on the Burien Planning Commission and the Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC-2016).

Joey played a guiding role in the rebuilding and design processes of several schools as part of the CFAC-2016. This includes rebuilding Highline High, Des Moines Elementary, and a new Glacier Middle School, as well as the design of a new Evergreen, Tyee, and Pacific.

Joey began a successful coaching career for Highline schools in 2014, contributing to both Mount Rainier and Pacific/Sylvester football. His passion for creating a better community for children has remained steadfast over the years. Currently employed at a modern consulting company, Joey utilizes his knowledge to assist clients in making informed business decisions.

As a coach, I understand that my role extends far beyond the field. I've had the privilege of mentoring nearly 1,000 students and with your vote, I am eager to bring this same level of dedication to guiding our district towards a brighter future for all.

Director District No. 4

Melissa Petrini

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Education: BS, Business Management, Minor in Finance, BYU-Idaho 2003, AA Print Journalism, Ricks College 2000

Occupation: Dental Office Financial Manager, Home Educator, Autism/Down-Syndrome Advocate

Statement: Let's face it! Our schools' state educational report card was in steep decline *before* the pandemic, but with 2 out of 3 kids currently *falling below grade-level* in Reading and Math, we *must* do better! (OSPI.K12.wa.us)

As a mother of 6 children, I have taken great interest in their education personally, but I believe we have lost our focus that distracts their path and potential trajectory. As your School Board Director, I will strive to:

Bring back an *Educational Focus of Excellency* using tried and true methods and academics that build foundational knowledge, invigorates and challenges kids interests, and prepares them to be mentally resilient, emotionally independent, and academically balanced for their future. I will *Build Stronger Student/Parent/Teacher Relationships* by providing our children with full communicative support, reinforcement, and confidence in their parents, working alongside their teachers. I will bring a *Balanced & Fair Approach* while engaging with the community and respecting all viewpoints, and fight for policies that are thoughtful, fair, and sound.

Drawing on my experiences, education, and community outreach, I will do my best to represent parents and educators to build a strong foundational future that we can *all* get behind. *I ask for your Vote!*

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Director District No. 3



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Education: Eastern Washington University University of Washington Evergreen State College

Occupation: Retired 32 year Professional career in communication and marketing

Statement: I want to continue in my “re-election” campaign in what I ran on in 2019: strong fiscal oversight, transparency, and open communication. Kent now has a healthy fiscal balance. Kent has a graduation rate of 89% in 2022. We “listened” to our community in wanting alternatives Kent Laboratory Academy (3-12) was born from that, we maintained I-Grad (16-21) increased TOP Program (18-21) inclusive education transitional program, offer a Highly Capable program and have brought early testing for dyslexia before entering kindergarten. In the future we need to promote and sustain a diverse workforce. To maintain all these programs and much more it takes sustained “Leadership.”

My education, professional career managing people and large budgets, and my volunteer work have prepared me well for this work. I have been recipient of the Honorary Citizen of the Year of Covington 2012, Kent Reporter 2019, the Kent Area Parent Teacher Student Association Outstanding Service Award 2021-2022, and the Washington State School Directors Associates Leadership Award in 2022.

I have been endorsed by the Martin Luther King Labor Council and the National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington State. We are making progress and I need your help to continue for an even better future.

Lizz Morgan

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Education: Attended Bellevue College

Occupation: Spray Tan Tech, Cher Some Sun

Statement: My name is Lizz Morgan and I am running for Position 3 on the Kent School District board. I’ve lived in the Kent/Covington area since 1986, am a proud graduate of Kentwood class of 2001, and now have a student attending KSD.

I’ve had experience as a classroom volunteer and am passionate about advocating for the academic excellence of all within our community and providing outstanding support for our staff. I have a vested interest in the success of our district, and felt the need to run because I genuinely feel that change is needed to provide fresh perspective, a new outlook, and a better direction for our district.

My efforts will center around open communication to all parents/guardians, students, and staff within our diverse community, holding the administration accountable, and working to ensure the budget is actively fulfilling the needs of our schools, proposing changes as necessary.

Director District No. 3

Stephanie Lawson

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Education: High School Diploma

Occupation: Real Estate Broker with Focus on Property Management

Statement: My name is Stephanie Lawson, and I'm running for the Kent School District School Board District 3. I'm dedicated to ensuring all students in our district receive a high-quality education. As a parent and advocate, I have witnessed the challenges faced by students and teachers within our public education system.

I have fought for my children's right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and have volunteered countless hours to assist other parents in navigating a system that has failed their children. I understand the frustrations and struggles families go through, and I'm committed to being their voice on the school board.

My primary goal is to ensure that students and staff have access to the necessary resources to support their educational needs. I will advocate for the responsible allocation of public resources and the hiring and retention of qualified staff. Transparency and accountability within the administration are crucial, as accountability to the laws and policies that support high-quality education.

I'm honored to earn your vote. Electing me as your representative means supporting a candidate who is passionate about advocating for our students, teachers, and families. Together, we can create a brighter future for the children of our district.

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Education: Bachelor's in Network Administration and Security, Green River College

Occupation: Project Manager, Comcast

Statement: I chose to run for the Kent School District Board because I believe we can do better in providing a more equitable and safe environment for our students and staff.

We have a duty to provide the best education we are capable of to *all* our students. Having worked as a project manager, I believe I am uniquely qualified to provide the required communication abilities to help our district work cohesively toward our collective goal of providing a quality education to our most precious resource, our kids.

My children will be the 5th generation of my family to have graduated from this wonderful district; going all the way back to my great grandmother who graduated from Kent High School in 1939. I hope to show my children how we can improve in communicating with each other leading to better outcomes for everyone in our community.

I am a proud veteran, having served my country in the United States Air Force and hope you will give me the opportunity to serve my community again. This community is what we make of it, let's work together toward a brighter future. I appreciate your time *and your vote!*

Director District No. 3



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Education: Cathedral H.S., 1996; UTEP, 2001; USC, 2004; USAF, Judge Advocate General's School, 2005.

Occupation: Servicemember, USAF; Attorney, Military Trial Defenders & Polaris Injury Law.

Statement: I want to be a voice for our students, parents, and educators. Representation in our democracy is the most important function of our government and its citizens. Stepping into a school district role is an opportunity to be a voice for our community in a time when straightforward communication is a vital necessity. Our community investment to students, parents, and educators is a primary concern for the Bothell community.

I have served my clients for almost 20 years as an attorney has included the United States Air Force, owning and managing a law firm, and representing people who have been injured through no fault of their own. I have learned to value my role as an advisor and voice for my client. Serving our community on the School Board is in line with my previous and current experience as an attorney.

I want the best for our community and the wonderful students, parents, educators, staff, and administrators that are so committed to our schools.

My wife Devin and I are the proud parents of Jude (5) and Juliet (2). We are committed to being a part of the very best our community has to offer in the Northshore education system.

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Education: Harvard Business School CORE Credential of Readiness, Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Occupation: Electrical Engineer and Washington Human Rights Commissioner

Statement: As a school board member, I would empower students to reimagine their education system and equip them with the skills to thrive in an ever-evolving world. As a product of Northshore and an immigrant myself with children attending school in the district, I understand the transformative power of quality education. My deep connection to this community drives my commitment to ensuring every student has the opportunities they deserve.

In my role as a Washington Human Rights Commissioner, I support labor rights and anti-discrimination policies. This gives me experience navigating the complexities of Olympia to champion public school funding where it matters most.

As a school board member, I will be a strong advocate for students, families, and educators. I will actively listen to our educators and create forums for discussion. I believe in transparent and inclusive decision-making that prioritizes the needs of our community. Together, we can ensure our schools are a place where students can dream big and achieve their goals. *I humbly ask for your vote.*

Endorsements: Washington/Northshore Education Association, King County Young Democrats, Senator Derek Stanford, Woodinville Councilmember Sarah Arndt, Bothell Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, and many more Northshore community members.

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Education: Doctor of Engineering & International Management, Texas A&M University; Chemical Engineer, University of Buenos Aires

Occupation: Northshore Schools Foundation Board Member, District Grants; NSD Substitute Teacher

Statement: As an NSD parent and long-time volunteer, I believe all students deserve the best education possible so they achieve their fullest potential in a safe and financially sound system. Our future depends on their present!

Schools should provide students with *healthy, suitable challenges for all learning levels*, to create resilience, develop love for learning, and promote growth *for all students*. We must prepare them for a highly competitive world through appropriate academic excellence and consistent opportunities. I believe in critical thinking, fact-based education, encouraging open respectful debate on controversial topics to foster problem-solving and independent thinking.

Safety has to be our top priority. Amidst declining mental health and escalating crime and bullying, we must restore *physical and mental safety* for our students and staff. Learning cannot occur when fear is palpable. Let's be clear: drugs are being dealt and used in our schools. We must join forces to act decisively and help our students get out of harm's way.

The *current budget deficit* calls for savings towards fiscal responsibility and accountability. Let's make sound budgetary decisions for today and the future. *Please enable me to put my passion, energy and skills to serve you by trusting me with your vote!*

Director District No. 1



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Occupation: School Board Director; Adjunct Lecturer, Mom, Community Organizer, Nonprofit Leader

Statement: As your current School Board Vice President and a longtime PTSA leader, I've worked over a decade alongside families, educators, and communities across Seattle. I know the incredible successes of our schools, and the systemic and institutional challenges we face. I'm running to continue working to improve experiences and outcomes for our students, guided by community vision and values.

Over three challenging years, I have demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues and complexities facing our schools. Throughout the ever-changing pandemic landscape, I worked to make positive changes centered on student well-being, from volunteering at COVID test sites and in schools, to championing gun violence prevention and legislation, and leading on inclusive education policy changes in Instructional Philosophy and Special Education.

As the Board's Legislative Liaison I helped secure additional state resources for special education, access to career and technical education, and behavioral health support for students recovering from pandemic disruption and trauma. I led efforts to ban isolation and limit restraint in SPS – practices that disproportionately impact students of color and with disabilities. Our policy is a state model for preventative and restorative practices that address high needs and cultivate safe, culturally responsive learning environments that benefit *all* children.

Together, we can meet the needs of our diverse learners and make our public schools the top choice for education for Seattle's families. I'm committed to navigating budget and enrollment challenges with transparency, clarity, and community partnership– to maximize student benefit while operating within our means. I will continue putting my skills and experience to work to rebuild not only trust and confidence, but joy and excitement throughout our education system. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Legislators Javier Valdez, Gerry Pollet, Darya Farivar; County Councilmember Girmay Zahiray; School Board President Brandon Hersey, National Women's Political Caucus, more!

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Education: Applied science degree in electronic engineering

Occupation: Technical consultant to the software industry

Statement: I have a long career in quality control, project management and auditing of financial data systems. I will bring a high level of process scrutiny and logical problem solving to help in the school board's decision making process. I will use these skills in working with other board members and district staff to root out waste or inefficiencies that exist in our school district management.

This is my third campaign running for the Seattle school board and we all know it's difficult to get elected in Seattle unless you are seen as an activist. I'm not an activist just a Seattle Public Schools graduate and father of 3 Seattle Public School's students who wants to see some stability, logic and fiscal responsibility return to Seattle Public Schools management. I believe my experience can help this district by pushing the narrative around school safety, the budget shortfall, capacity planning and outsourcing departments but it won't be just talk!

I'm pledging at a minimum to have open and honest bi-weekly community meetings and an open door policy for anyone who needs help.

Please vote for me.

Michael Christophersen

Director District No. 1

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Education: SPS, some college and life experiences that done need a degree or certificate.

Occupation: I am a full time grocery/retail worker and parent/volunteer

Statement: I am enrolled member of the Assiniboine Sioux from Fort Peck MT. I was born here in Seattle WA, and have graduated from Seattle Public Schools. Having lived here my whole life I have and am still raising my six children, five of whom attend/attended Seattle Public Schools. Having my older children attending SPS, I have volunteered in numerous schools and have seen many challenges that our underserved and marginalized populations go through.

In the past I have worked with a nonprofit organization and some alumni to help make a site a city landmark in Seattle. The Wilson Pacific site located in North Seattle, just north of greenlake was slated for demolition to build two "Mega" schools. This decision was voted on and approved and had a high impact from the HCC parents and supporters. Leaving community members and organization, little to no voice and displacing them. Now, the district is making the same move across the district. I ask again, *how is this cost effective and helping the needs of our students if SPS will dismantle their schools and community?*

Volunteering in our schools, I have seen the day to day our teachers face. As we look forward, we are looking at the changes that would be made to SPS under enrolled schools and those communities. There are so many other ways we can look at the budget and help our students have tools they need to succeed. We are a small school, and I hope to make some change and give our school the same opportunity to continue to educate our future leaders.

I do have, questions and concerns, I will learn and I will adapt, I hope to help all our students across the district and our families and community in D1.

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Education: Western Washington University, Political Change through Feminist and Ethnic Studies; Seattle University, Teaching Certificate

Occupation: Educator (early learning), Advocacy Consultant, Washington Communities for Children

Statement: Representation matters. Our public schools have been critical at bringing opportunity and learning to generations of Seattle's children but we have much more work to do to increase academic achievement, ensure every student has a healthy and inclusive learning environment and the school district is managed with transparency and accountability. I've lived in Seattle for 27 years and over the past 15 years, I served on the Best Start for Kids Advisory Board, as Executive Director of an LGBTQ+ nonprofit, as an Interim Policy Director for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Washington, and as Mobilization contractor for Children's Alliance. I was a community organizer for Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 8 and currently serve as the co-chair of the Policy and Advocacy Committee for the 46th District Democrats. As Olympic Hills PTA Advocacy Chair, I have a firsthand understanding of the challenges and opportunities in our schools.

I'm running to be a strong LGBTQ+ voice on the school board and ensure children of all identities feel a sense of belonging in their schools. The inequities in academic achievement still need urgent attention and focus to make the Seattle School District the exemplary learning environment we all want it to be. My vision in becoming a School Board Director is:

Ensuring every student feels a sense of belonging in their school. That no matter what your identity is, students can thrive and feel safe while gaining a high-quality education; Implementing a robust community engagement process especially when big district decisions need to be made that center the communities farthest from educational opportunities; Bringing more transparency back in the budget and policy development process.

I'm excited to take my experience in education, community organizing, and labor to get pragmatic results for all students. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Director District No. 3



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Education: PhD Neurobiology - UW, 2002. MA - Macalester College 1994. Shaker Heights HS 1990

Occupation: parent and advocate

Statement: *Employment and Community Service:* Seattle Special Education PTSA. Thornton Creek PTA. Business Operations - Root Academy. Software Development Manager - Geospiza. Lab tech - Case Western Reserve University.

What makes public schools special? It's the collective effort by families, teachers, and neighbors to craft an educational vision, support its implementation, and make it available to every child in our community.

I'm running for School Board because I believe I can help bring Seattle Public Schools closer to this ideal.

Right now, our public schools are struggling to meet our vision. Despite great teachers and caring community members, the insufficient state and federal funding and long-standing budget and leadership difficulties have left Seattle Public Schools, our educators, and our children in a difficult situation.

As a parent and advocate deeply involved in special education, I bring a passion for inclusion and educational justice. I am dedicated to ensuring that every child has access to a welcoming and supportive environment that nurtures their growth and success. I believe the school board has a critical role to play in the functioning of our school system.

My key initiatives include fostering welcoming school environments, strengthening community engagement, transparency, and oversight, and addressing special education failings. These are the initiatives and values that will guide me on the school board. They will inform how I work with the public and our school communities to address our district's financial needs and our ongoing shortcomings in delivering a great education. I am dedicated to cultivating an inclusive, equitable, and effective educational system. I will engage with community, increase oversight and accountability, and I will always center the vision that public school should be a place where every child can succeed. I look forward to working together to support our public schools!

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Education: MFA in Documentary Film and Video, Stanford University; BA in Literature, Duke University

Occupation: documentary filmmaker

Statement: At its best, education opens doors and unlocks potential. Yet in a city of abundant resources, we face persistent opportunity gaps that are among the worst in our nation. As the parent of three SPS students, one of my core beliefs is that we advocate most effectively for our own children when we advocate for *all* children. We must align our district to focus on student outcomes, such that *every* child in this city receives the education they deserve.

From running a summer program for children of East African refugees to teaching at the college level, I have spent time in the classroom and understand the unique challenges our educators face. From a parent perspective, my efforts to secure the support necessary for my child to thrive at school have been met with frustrating roadblocks. As a board member, I will hold myself accountable for advocating for policies that support and empower our educators to help our kids reach their full potential.

Children are facing an unprecedented mental health crisis. Our schools are facing a budget crisis. And data show that too many students in our district are profoundly underserved. Addressing these issues requires big picture thinking and a systems approach to enacting meaningful change.

Having served on PTAs and the Magnuson Park Advisory Committee, I understand that systemic change doesn't happen overnight. I also understand that successful movements are grounded in relationship building, which is why I will advocate for inclusive engagement policies and proactive, transparent communication.

I chose a career in filmmaking because I believe stories shape how we see and understand the world. They have the power to transform. Together, let's create a new story about education in Seattle.

Endorsed by: Current School Board President Brandon Hersey, Board Director Chandra Hampson and former Board Director Jill Geary.

Director District No. 3

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Education: MBA, University of Washington, Bachelors in Arts, Middlebury College

Occupation: Product, Google Cloud; previously Director, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Statement: Seattle is a progressive, educated, and innovative city, but our Public Schools are failing too many kids, teachers, and families. There is a real but quiet crisis in our schools: pandemic disruptions, declining enrollment, budget instability, and widening gaps in equity and outcomes. I am running for School Board because I believe that we can meet this challenge and build great schools for all families.

I've called Seattle home for 20 years. I've fought for housing affordability as the Executive Director of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. I've worked at leading technology companies. I've been a proud SPS parent—volunteering for school plays, chess club, and fundraising events. Our kids have had dedicated, talented, and committed teachers.

We need systemic change to address urgent needs. After a student died from gun violence at Ingraham High School there was little to no response. The Board and District intend to close neighborhood schools and have ended vital enrichment programs. Students furthest from educational justice are, using the District's own measures, worse off than they were in 2019. The constant budget panic is a result of a fundamentally unsound financial footing with no plans to make real changes. As a result, many parents who can are leaving for private schools.

We deserve a School Board that takes gun violence seriously. We deserve a Board that fights to keep neighborhood schools open and offer programs that draw students in. We deserve a Board that does more than *talk* about improving the education of the kids most in need of our help, but insists on results. I don't have all the answers, but I believe that bringing in new voices is the first step to getting back on the right track.

I would appreciate your vote.

My views are my own, not my employer's.

Director District No. 6



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Education: WSA Parent Ambassadors

Occupation: Shelter Counselor at New Horizons Ministries

Statement: My name is Rosie she/her/they/them/their pronouns. Thank you for this opportunity. I work at New Horizons Ministries with homeless young adults and a few grassroots organizations. I am running because I feel like low income families which make up a significant majority of the population of Seattle aren't being heard nor truly represented. Also I am tired of the dumpster fire we call the education system. We are failing the children and disproportionately kids that are part of the BIPOC communities. Not to mention low income families and the kids that qualify for special education and those furthest from educational justice. I am considered 'low-income' born and raised. Sitting below the poverty line. I am a Native, a proud Cherokee and Nez Perce . A member and family in the LGBTQIA 2 spirit community. I am neurodiverse as is my youngest. Which has received or are receiving special education services. As low-income my family depends on free meals at school, Apple Health, and Food Stamps. No one knows or understands the struggles of poverty like someone who's lived it or is living it. I feel that anywhere decisions are being made everyone should be present and have a say. My lived experience tells me that now is the best time to run for the school board position. I have the knowledge and skills bestowed upon me by amazing programs like Policy Council with the PSESD, The Agents of Change Cohort, and most importantly Washington State Association of head start and early head start Parent Ambassadors program. They have provided me with the tools I need to work with my communities and advocate for them. I hope you will allow me to do that.

Director District No. 6

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Education: University of Washington: Bachelor's Degree, Biology; Juris Doctor; Master's Degree, Tax Law

Occupation: Lawyer and West Seattle mom; former Counsel, MLK County Executive

Statement: Growing up in Washington, I experienced firsthand the struggles of our underfunded schools. Still, my life was transformed by the teachers and counselors who went above and beyond to support me. Now, as I prepare to send my daughter into the same underfunded system, like many other parents, I'm worried.

Seattle Public Schools faces a staggering \$131 million budget shortfall for the 2023-2024 school year. The board is discussing cutting buses and music programs, laying off teachers, and even closing schools. It's clear we need experienced leaders prepared to tackle these issues head-on with innovative solutions and an unwavering commitment to our kids.

I am well equipped to help bring stability and transformation to our schools, restoring parental and community confidence. As chief legal counsel and policy advisor to the King County Executive, I managed complex policy and budget challenges - working to prioritize equity, accountability, and delivery of services.

With your vote, my top priorities will be: 1) *Ensuring equity* in education for all students, regardless of their background, so that every child has the opportunity to succeed; 2) Cultivating safe, inclusive, and *welcoming environments*, where every student feels valued and respected; 3) *Empowering educators* through comprehensive support and fostering their professional growth, recognizing their critical role in shaping our children's future; 4) *Engaging parents* and communities to create a collaborative educational system that restores confidence in the governance of our district, and reflects the diverse needs and perspectives of our city.

Together, I believe we can create a Seattle Public Schools system where parents and students look forward to the start of each school day.

I am grateful to have early endorsements from local leaders including Executive Dow Constantine, State Representatives Emily Alvarado and Joe Fitzgibbon, and Seattle School Board Director Leslie Harris.

Maryanne Wood

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Education: Bachelor of Agricultural Science Washington State University, Early Childhood Development, South Seattle Community College

Occupation: Advocate for Women in Recovery for 35 years

Statement: Statement: 40-year West Seattle resident, 3 grandchildren in Seattle Public Schools (SPS), 1 with special needs.

Restoring confidence in our schools that have lost the support of families and communities they serve is key. Parents, students, and teachers need to be better informed and consulted about education demands and budget priorities. SPS's decision making process lacks transparency. Elect me to the School Board and I will work tirelessly to change that.

Seattle Public Schools faces declining enrollments, budget deficits, elimination of resources and programs, possible closures, consolidation, teacher and staff layoffs according to an article published by the Seattle Times in April of 2023. SPS is facing an estimated \$131 million deficit for 2023-24 and \$92 million for 2024-25 yet they are still planning to construct large, one-size-fits-all buildings to replace aging schools.

I live by Alki Elementary which is proposed for a giant expansion despite city declining enrollment. This will harmfully close other schools. I will vote to halt and dial back this project. There are similar harmful projects at Montlake and Rogers Elementaries.

The new schools provide no parking for staff or parents. ADA parking is insufficient. The Alki school rebuild and remodel is an example of this. I will work tirelessly to make sure projects are scaled back if they can't be paid for or don't have full community support. If you can't get your child to the school, they can't be educated.

Endorsed by Vicki Schmitz, whose family donated the land for Schmitz Park Elementary, Mia Jacobson, candidate for City Council District 1, Jennifer Reyes, Commercial Real Estate Professional.

Director District No. 4

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Education: Masters in Public Administration, University of Washington; B.A in Political Science, University of Oregon

Occupation: Director of Integrated Programs, Community Health Plan of Washington

Statement: The importance of equity is clear in our district, but recent budget constraints provide ongoing challenges to address disparities. I am committed to supporting community voices in the decision making process, to ensure we have fiscal stability and support the broad range of needs among students. As a parent of a child in the district, I have seen schools face incredible challenges over the last few years. As we move forward, it will be important to develop a strategic plan to help guide prioritization and accountability.

I have previous experience as a teacher, in performance evaluation and for the last ten years have worked in health care administration; including in advocacy, strategy and management. I have also volunteered in schools and have been involved in the PTA. I will provide leadership that supports community building, transparency and prioritizes equity for students, families, and schools.

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Education: Proud graduate of Shoreline Schools

Occupation: Coordinator at Shorecrest High School

Statement: This board has driven Shoreline Schools into the ground. This board's lack of transparency and communication with the students and staff they serve is disappointing. This board's unwillingness to find equitable solutions to the District's budget crisis is disturbing.

I am a Shoreline native and graduate of Shoreline Schools. I am currently an employee of the district and everyday I see students whose current lives and futures would be decimated by the board's Reduced Educational Plan.

As a board member I will not spend endless time pontificating on achieving equitable outcomes, I will achieve them. When rubber hits the road, I will not vote for budgets that clearly target our most vulnerable students, I will pursue the values of the Shoreline School District at all costs. When I am on the board, I will bring in all stakeholders and we will save Shoreline Schools together.

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Occupation: Engineering Manager, The Boeing Company

Statement: I believe in the power of a diverse and inclusive school environment that benefits students and enriches our community. As an involved father, PTSA treasurer and person of color, I will bring a fresh perspective to the School Board and amplify underrepresented voices. As your next Director, I'll tirelessly advocate for students, prioritizing educational equity, parent/community engagement and opportunities to thrive.

My professional experience placed me in leadership positions, reflecting an ability to problem-solve and unite people. I'll work towards policies and programs that enhance academic achievement and prioritize students' social-emotional well-being.

My wife and I have lived in Shoreline for nine years. This fall, our daughter will enter second grade. I approach this role determined to enhance fiscal transparency and decision-making. With your support and your vote, we can create a school system that is more responsive to parent feedback and better serves our community's needs. Thank you.

Commissioner Position No. 4

Bruce Gardiner

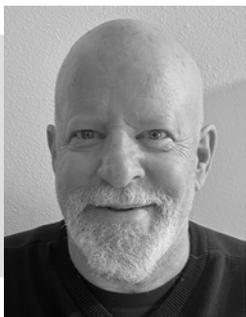
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Occupation: Attorney
Statement: Northshore Utility District has five excellent commissioners who work well together to bring you safe, low-cost water. Keeping your water and sewer rates as some of the lowest in King County, we are working efficiently to maintain the utility facilities in excellent condition while having an exceptionally low employee to connections ratio. Having completed a survey of the entire district, we are on track in a comprehensive program to replace the older parts of the system to insure continuing safe and trouble-free service. With prudent financial management, we have maintained an outstanding AAA rating from Standard and Poor's.
 We have made a multi-million-dollar investment to strengthen our facilities and reservoirs from earthquakes. We exercise a leading role among the north Lake Washington municipal agencies in emergency preparedness, to which I bring a 30-year military background in security. I appreciate your continued support in me by reelecting me as a Commissioner.

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Education: BS Business Management (1983), Accounting (1987), University of Montana
Occupation: Retired (Finance Director-Northshore Utility District), 2021
Statement: On a governing board, it is beneficial to have a member with accounting and finance as an area of expertise. For many years, this has been missing from Northshore Utility District's (NUD's) Board of Commissioners. The first line of NUD's Mission Statement is "Manage available resources for the best long-term interest of our ratepayers". Finance is one of the keys to this statement. As a CPA with over 35 years of experience in the corporate, governmental, and non-profit sectors, including nine years serving as NUD's Finance Director from 2012 – 2021, I understand this business well.
 As Commissioner, my commitment to NUD's ratepayers will be to preserve low rates, ensure clean and plentiful drinking water, provide safe sanitary sewer services, maintain strong reserves to meet the demands for growth and asset replacement, reduce operating costs, and attract and retain a dedicated employee base.
I appreciate your vote.

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Simon Fraser University; Doctor of Chiropractic, Cum Laude University of Western States
Occupation: Business owner and Health Care Provider, Bothell, WA
Statement: I have served the Northshore community for over 20 years as a health care provider and business owner. My experience has taught me to be fiscally responsible while maintaining exceptional customer service.
 As a member of the City of Kenmore's DEIA Task Force I have seen the need for greater access to clean and affordable water. I will improve our ability to provide affordable service without excessive rate increases over time. I will bring a broader perspective, an inclusive environment, and a sense of belonging to the employees and customers of the Northshore Utility District (NUD) and the Board of Commissioners. I will make the NUD a leader in environmental responsibility, sustainability, and fiscal accountability. I will expand the customer assistance program to avoid disrupting service to our economically vulnerable customers. Clean, affordable drinking water and sewer service are hallmarks of our growing community and the NUD.

Proposition No. 1

Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

The King County Council passed Ordinance 19604 concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 90.



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

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize renewal of an additional property tax levy to fund regional health and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military servicemembers and their families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities. Funding would promote veterans', seniors', and resilient communities' housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and health and human services system improvements and system access. The levy defines resilient communities as persons or communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, or chronic illness.

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2024. The rate in the first year would be limited at \$0.10 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year's assessed valuation. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3.5% in years 2025 – 2029 and would be limited by chapter 84.55 RCW. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons would be eligible for exemption from the levy under RCW 84.36.381.

Proposition 1 would require an implementation plan and an advisory board.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Dow Constantine, Girmay Zahilay, Nancy Backus
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Please renew this levy to maintain vital King County services for veterans, seniors, and vulnerable populations. Voter-approved in 2005, 2011 and 2017, your vote will build on levy success by preserving housing, employment, counseling and other services:

Veterans will keep one-stop service centers, job training, financial assistance, housing, and supportive services. *Since 2018, the levy has contributed to a 40% reduction in veteran homelessness.*

Seniors will keep expanded countywide services at 39 senior centers, as well as housing, tax relief support, food assistance, and programs for healthy aging in place. *Each year, 28,000 seniors use levy-funded senior centers.*

Neighbors Facing Barriers will keep mobile and 24/hr assistance for gender-based violence survivors, legal assistance, shelter, mobile-medical vans assisting people experiencing homelessness, and supports for individuals with disabilities. *Since 2021, more than 8,000 domestic violence or sexual assault survivors have received levy-funded services.*

Since 2017, the levy has helped over 185,000 veterans, seniors, and vulnerable people. Programs are independently audited for efficiency. The rate is identical to 2017, and the median-valued home will pay \$17 more per year.

Endorsed by veterans advocates, housing and health providers, unions, senior organizations, Executive Constantine, County Council; more!

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

City of Tukwila Seeks Voter Approval to Annex into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to Maintain Current Fire and EMS Services

Should the City of Tukwila be annexed into and be a part of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to maintain current fire and emergency medical service levels, effective January 1, 2024, per City of Tukwila Council Resolution No. 2070?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 52.26.300)

Explanatory statement

Tukwila Resolution No. 2070 seeks voter approval to annex the City of Tukwila into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (“PSRFA”). Previously, the City’s Fire Department provided fire protection and emergency medical services (“EMS”) to the City of Tukwila. On January 1, 2023, PSRFA began providing fire protection and EMS to the City, pursuant to an interlocal agreement. The Tukwila City Council has determined that annexing into, and being a part of, the PSRFA will ensure the long-term sustainability of funding to maintain the current fire protection and EMS service levels.

PSRFA currently serves the cities of Kent, Covington, SeaTac, and Maple Valley, as well as unincorporated areas of King County Fire District No. 37 and King County Fire District No. 43.

If this annexation is approved, City representatives will be on the Governing Board of the PSRFA, and the PSRFA will continue to provide fire and EMS services to the City.

If this annexation is rejected, the City must seek a second annexation vote. If a second annexation vote fails, the City would need to negotiate a new agreement with PSRFA or another agency, or reconstitute the City Fire Department.

More information is available at www.pugetsoundfire.org.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Verna Seal, Jovita McConnell, Sally Blake
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Annexation is the final step in securing fire services for our city. Annexation maintains the enhanced services we currently enjoy with the RFA, creates fair, and equitable governance, and establishes a stable funding model to sustain fire services. A Committee of residents, business leaders, and non-profit leaders studied this issue over the last two years. The Committee, Mayor, City Councilmembers, and your fire fighter’s recommendation is to vote Yes to annexation. *Now is the time.*

The Regional Fire Authority (RFA) provides more services than the former city fire department. Voting Yes maintains these services of enhanced fire marshal services, community relations/Public Education, and a full time Nurse and mental health CARES unit. *We gain services.*

We currently have a single non-voting “advisory” member on the RFA Board. Voting Yes allows the city to appoint three Tukwila city council voting members to a nine-member decision making voting RFA Board. *We gain a voice.*

With annexation, Fire services would be removed from the constant competition for funding from the city budget. Using property taxes and a Fire Benefit Charge allows the costs of fire services to be properly allocated to the users of those services. *Vote Yes on Proposition 1.*

Statement in opposition

Peggy Ives McCarthy, Diane Myers, Sharon Mann
www.TukwilaWatch.org

Why pay new taxes, lose control of our fire stations, and subsidize other cities - for nothing in return? Annexation is a mistake. It’s not about maintaining fire/EMS services - these will continue through contract with PSFRA - it’s about shifting costs from the city’s budget to the community through new taxes.

Renters and those with limited incomes, including seniors, are hit hardest. Taxes increase as much as 32% for single-family homes - \$400 for a \$500,000 house - and up to 87% for apartments, almost three times more - *with no increase in fire/EMS services.* Tukwila will pay more than its share. The city pays PSRFA \$12 million now for fire/EMS services. If annexed, property owners will pay \$16 million – benefiting PSRFA by millions. Taxes will grow - 7% historically - no voter approval required.

Tukwila loses decision-making power, ending accountability. Fire stations may close, services cut, response times lengthened – at PSRFA’s discretion with no recourse for Tukwila. All fire stations transfer to PSRFA for \$1 each - even with 16 years remaining of voter-paid bond debt.

Vote No. Keep Tukwila money in Tukwila, decision-making local, and our community free of new taxes. Protect those least able to pay.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Annexation is not a new tax, and most voters will pay less for fire services. The *Con* statement misrepresents the numbers and is full of scare tactics, not facts. This is about sharing resources, getting the best services for our community, and financial sustainability. Annexation provides meaningful control of fire services, staffing is set to increase, and no stations will be closed. Together we’re providing superior fire services at a lower cost. *Vote Yes!*

Rebuttal of statement in favor

No gain in services with annexation. Enhanced services already being received through the contract e.g. Cares unit - *with no new taxes.* Other cities chose to contract not annex. Why? Annexation, we lose local control; 3/9 votes can’t determine outcomes - as does the contract. PSRFA decides what we need - closing stations? Community pays the \$77M bond, PSRFA owns the stations.

A committee of 12 – underinformed/misinformed with inaccurate/incomplete data recommended annexation. *Vote No!*

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 adopted Resolution No. 577 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be levied in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments by the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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



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

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

King County Fire Protection District No. 40 ("District"), serving the citizens of Fairwood, is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1 primary ballot. The District's \$1.00/\$1,000 regular levy rate has fallen to approximately \$.68/\$1,000 due to statutory limitations. Passage of this proposition would re-authorize the District's regular levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in order to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to those within the District's service area.

Re-authorization of the regular levy rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 2024, will be coupled with annual increases by the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June of the levy year. This will maintain an effective level of service. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

If approved by voters, this levy lid lift would result in an increase in property taxes of \$194.46 per year (\$16.20 per month) for a \$600,000 median-value home. This increase will almost be entirely offset by a reduction in the fire benefit charge beginning in 2024.

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Statement in favor

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King County Fire District #40 continues to provide incredible, cost-effective, fire protection and emergency medical services to the Fairwood community. Now they are asking for our support to stabilize the long-term funding of these services.

The successful passage of Proposition 1 will restore our funding to the *prior voter-approved* level of \$1.00 per thousand of assessed property value, so that they can continue providing the outstanding service which our community deserves. This will also allow the KCFD #40 commissioners to *reduce* the current amount of the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).

Failure of Prop 1 will *negatively* impact the fire and life safety services they are able to provide to the citizens that our firefighters reliably and proudly serve.

Our fire district currently staffs one fire engine and one aid car at Fairwood's fire station #17 on SE Pertovitsky RD. We believe that this level of service is yet one more reason why we love to live, go to school, work, and play in Fairwood. Please vote "Yes" on Prop 1 and keep Fairwood safe into the future.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 43 adopted Resolution R-2023-004 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire and emergency medical services, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy to the previous voter-approved rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and set the limit factor at 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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



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

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety (MVFLS) is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2023, primary ballot. On behalf of MVFLS, firefighters responded to requests for emergency aid 3,194 times in 2022. This is a 17% increase in calls for service since 2017, when voters last approved a lid lift. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the \$1.50 regular levy rate previously approved by voters is projected to fall below \$1.15 due to statutory limitations.

This lid-lift proposition is presented to allow voters to override the 1% growth limitation imposed by Initiative 747. If this proposition fails to pass, MVFLS's regular property tax revenue will be capped at 101% of the amount of regular property taxes MVFLS collected in the previous year. If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$400,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$11.70 per month.

Passage of this proposition will reauthorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024, coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years. This will maintain an effective level of service. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

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Statement in favor

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By voting Yes on Ballot Proposition #1, you actively contribute to sustaining the vital funding for Maple Valley King County Fire District #43. This proposition proposes a necessary reset of the property tax rate to \$1.50 per thousand.

With your support, Fire District #43 can enhance its services in Maple Valley Heights, and Hobart addressing the long-standing issue of inadequate fire stations in these areas. Currently, residents of Maple Valley Heights and Hobart face extended travel times for essential fire and emergency services, as the nearest stations are located in the city. This proposition will not only reopen the previous volunteer station in Maple Valley Heights, staffed around the clock, but also facilitate the construction of a new fire station in Hobart, and replace the aging stations within the growing city. It aims to improve services in these underserved neighborhoods while still maintaining financial stability as well.

Safeguarding lives, homes, and businesses should never be taken for granted. We place our trust in the fire department to respond swiftly when every second counts. Now, we have an opportunity to reciprocate that trust by voting Yes. Let us continue to provide the necessary funding and unwavering support to the very service that may one day save *Your* life or protect *Your* home.

We personally know and trust the five local commissioners and support their plans to improve local Fire District #43. We urge a Yes vote so our fire department can be there to serve your family and ours. Please vote Yes on ballot Propositions #1 for all of *Us*!

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Renton Regional Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 2023-03 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund Renton Regional Fire Authority's operations.

This proposition authorizes the Renton Regional Fire Authority to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments by the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2028 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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



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

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Renton Regional Fire Authority (Renton RFA) provides fire protection and emergency medical services to its citizens. This proposition will authorize the Renton RFA to restore its regular real property tax levy rate (currently approximately \$.61 per thousand of assessed valuation) to its 2018 levy rate of \$1.00 and will authorize an annual growth rate greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June for each of the five succeeding years to allow the RFA to keep pace with inflation.

Renton RFA has a two-part funding system including this property tax in combination with a benefit charge. The benefit charge is a service fee based on the square footage of your structure and the amount of resources needed to extinguish a fire. Due to voter approved limits, property tax collections cannot exceed a 1% increase per year. As a result of this limitation, the benefit charge portion of our funding has gradually increased. If this measure is approved with the restoration of the property tax to \$1.00 per thousand and the use of a CPI annual adjustment, the department will be able to reduce the benefit charge applied to all parcels in the RFA based on size and use.

This rebalancing of the two-part funding system will allow the Renton RFA to maintain and improve fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the Renton RFA response area.

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Statement in favor

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Proposition 1 is a crucial measure that will significantly impact the safety and well-being of our community. By voting "yes" to restore our fire levy to its original, voter-approved rate, we can secure the necessary resources to ensure effective emergency response, enhance our fire department's capabilities, and fortify their indispensable services.

This measure addresses financial challenges set by WA State's 1% revenue growth cap and rising inflation, ensuring Renton RFA secures the funds necessary to maintain operations effectively.

Our community's rapid growth amplifies the demand for reliable emergency services. Proposition 1 provides Renton RFA the means to meet this increasing demand, sustaining our community's high safety standards and supporting the replacement of Renton's oldest fire station with a new, 50-year station in one of Renton's fastest growing areas.

Proposition 1 signifies our pledge to protect our community, businesses, homes, and families. In emergencies, every second is crucial. This measure will allow Renton to maintain our high-quality response times, state-of-the art resources, and expert personnel while saving taxpayer dollars long term.

We implore you to vote "yes" on Proposition 1. It's not just a ballot measure – it's a crucial investment in our shared safety, peace of mind, and prosperous future.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1**Re-Establishing
Property Tax Levy
Rate of up to \$1.50
per \$1,000 of Assessed
Valuation for a Six Year
Period (2024-2029)**

The Board of Fire Commissioners for South King Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 629, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. Proposition No. 1 would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and permit annual revenue increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years, with the levy never exceeding the \$1.50 per \$1,000 rate limit. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Shall Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

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



You will be voting
Yes or No
to approve Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

South King Fire and Rescue (SKFR), serving the citizens of Greater Federal Way, Des Moines, and North/South Lakeland Unincorporated areas is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2023, primary ballot. SKFR responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and other emergencies, 24,429 times in 2022. This is a 20% increase in calls for service since 2018 when voters last approved a lid lift. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the \$1.50 regular levy rate previously approved is projected to fall below \$1.25 due to statutory limitations.

This lid-lift proposition is presented to allow voters to override the 1% growth limitation imposed by Initiative 747. If the lid lift does not pass, the total property tax revenue of SKFR would be limited to 101% of SKFR's previous year's revenue after 2024.

If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$500,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$10.00 per month.

Passage of this proposition will reauthorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024, coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years. This will maintain an effective level of service. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

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Statement in favor

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South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR) needs your support to reinstate the previous fire district levy rate. The lid lift allows the district to collect what is allowable by law to fund critical services.

Growing Demand for Service. Development and population growth contributes to more 911 calls daily. SKFR has seen a 20% increase in emergency responses since 2018. Calls for fire, medical, and other life-threatening incidents now near 25,000 a year!

Not a New Tax. This is not a new tax. It re-establishes the previous levy rate of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property valuation (currently \$1.25) and re-authorizes the "lifting" the lid on the one percent limitations imposed by Initiative 747 in 2001. Lifting the lid allows district funding to adjust with inflation, but not exceed six percent each year.

Support Fire. Despite increasing demand for service, funding options for fire districts are limited. Without this critical funding, SKFR would be forced to limit growth and resources at a time when our community requires more. Strained resources ultimately result in slower response times and a lower quality of service.

Vote Yes! Please *Vote Yes* to maintain high quality fire department services to our community!

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 1, 2023, a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a consecutive six-year period at a rate of not more than ten cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year, and limiting annual levy increases to three and one-half percent in the five succeeding years, all for the purpose of supporting veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County by funding regional health and human services and capital facilities to promote housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement and health and human services system improvements and system access; providing for a resident advisory board; and directing proposal of an implementation plan for the veterans, seniors and human services levy, contingent upon voter approval of the levy.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. After approving the first six-year veterans and human services levy in 2005, King County voters have since voted twice to maintain levy-supported services for veterans and human services in King County, including adding seniors and their caregivers as a population explicitly served by the levy in 2017. Ordinance 15279, which created the initial levy for 2006 through 2011 and placed the levy on the ballot for King County voter consideration, was approved by fifty-eight percent of voters. Ordinance 17072, which placed the second levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-nine percent of voters, renewed the levy for 2012 through 2017. Ordinance 18555, which placed the third levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-eight percent of voters, renewed and expanded the levy for 2018 through 2023. This ordinance is the fourth time King County will ask voters to consider the veterans, seniors and human services levy.

2. Since its inception as the veterans and human services levy in 2006 and through its renewals in 2011 and 2017, the veterans, seniors and human services levy has served hundreds of thousands of veterans, military servicemembers and their families, as well as seniors, individuals, and families in need. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has served more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand people, including more than twenty-seven thousand veterans, servicemembers or their families, and more than one hundred thousand seniors.

3. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has supported more than three hundred programs led by more than one hundred fifty community-based organizations, of which more than a third are small organizations. More than seventy-five percent of levy-supported programs offer services countywide, with physical service sites available throughout the county and some programs specifically provide mobile services.

4. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports programs that contribute to outcomes in the following five result areas: housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement.

5. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human service levy contributed to the creation of more than one thousand two hundred units of affordable housing and one hundred ninety-eight new shelter beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in King County through its housing stability strategies to help prevent and reduce homelessness and to address the shortage of affordable housing.

6. In 2021, King County partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and King County Housing Authority to increase the use of federal housing vouchers to help house low-income veterans in King County experiencing homelessness. The partnership is a first in the nation pilot program using King County veterans program social services staff to support veterans finding and maintaining housing using federal housing vouchers. From its launch in April 2021 through September 30, 2022, the levy-supported collaborative case management program helped one hundred sixty-four veteran households obtain vouchers, with one hundred households moving into permanent housing.

7. King County tracks the number of veteran households experiencing homelessness through the Homeless Management Information System. On March 31, 2017, one thousand two hundred fifty-two veteran households were active in the homeless system. As of November 30, 2022, the system showed an estimated seven hundred forty-four veteran households actively experiencing homelessness in King County, a reduction of more than forty percent since the peak in March 2017.

8. King County is home to one in five veterans living in Washington state according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. More than two-thirds of

the veterans residing in King County are fifty-five or older.

9. King County veterans program uses levy proceeds to create veteran service hubs that connect more than two thousand veterans and their families each year to the services supported through the levy's financial stability strategies that support King County residents in gaining and maintaining self-sufficiency. These service hubs coordinate with other veteran service providers to provide access and connection to an array of services at the King County veterans program sites.

10. In 2019, veterans accounted for six thousand two hundred sixty-one suicides in the United States, or more than thirteen percent of the total number of people dying by suicide nationwide, according to a 2021 report on veteran suicide by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Veteran suicide-related deaths are increasing at a greater rate than that of the general United States population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide risk factors include mental health conditions and substance use disorders, as well as economic insecurity, housing insecurity, isolation and stress.

11. More than two hundred thirty veterans and thirty military family members receive counseling each year supported through the levy's healthy living strategies to help them manage the effects of trauma in healthy ways. Those counseling services add relief to an already stressed mental health care system by providing an additional thirty-two licensed mental health counselors who focus on the impact of military service.

12. Overall, more adults report feeling anxious or depressed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic according to public health - Seattle & King County data. According to a 2020 Washington state Department of Health community recovery-oriented needs assessment survey for King County, twenty-five percent of respondents reported that they had experienced poor mental health on at least fourteen days in the previous month. A Kaiser Family Foundation study on older adults in August 2020 showed rates of depression and anxiety are higher among adults ages sixty-five and older relative to rates in 2018. A Kaiser Family Foundation report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people reveals a disproportionate impact on their mental health.

13. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen percent of Americans report having started or increased substance use as a way of coping with stress or emotions related to COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In King County, overdose deaths across all substance types reached an all-time high during and after the pandemic, with data from the King County medical examiner's office showing a 137 percent increase in overdose fatalities between 2019 and 2022 and a 551 percent increase in overdose fatalities caused by fentanyl.

14. The Washington state Office of Financial Management estimates twenty-five percent of King County residents were aged fifty-five or older in 2020 and estimates that proportion to increase to thirty percent by 2040. As the population of older adults increases statewide, so does the population of older adults from racially and ethnically diverse communities or backgrounds.

15. The responsibility to care for vulnerable seniors impacts all generations according to a research report conducted in 2020 by the American Association of Retired Persons. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, adults ages sixty-five and older have a seventy percent chance of needing some type of long-term care service. That work will in many cases require assistance from unpaid caregivers, including spouses, adult children and acquaintances.

16. Eighty-five percent of persons sixty-five or older nationwide have one or more chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cancer or arthritis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention behavioral risk factor surveillance system. Racial, ethnic and place-based disproportionalities unevenly distribute these conditions and risk factors across King County.

17. Actual and perceived social isolation are both associated with increased risk for premature death, according to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine study on social isolation and loneliness in older adults. The influence of social isolation on the risk of death is comparable with risk factors for mortality such as smoking. Older adults who are immigrants or a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex and asexual plus community may be at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to factors like discrimination and barriers to care. Social isolation is also associated with a fifty percent increased risk of dementia. Poor social

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relationships are associated with a twenty-nine percent increased risk of heart disease, and a thirty-two percent increased risk of stroke.

18. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports thirty-nine senior centers to form twenty-two senior hubs as part of the levy's social engagement strategies to improve King County's senior residents' feelings of engagement in community. More than twenty-eight thousand seniors each year receive nutritious meals and connections to critical services to combat social isolation since the senior hubs program launched in 2020.

19. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy also supports the geriatric regional assessment team to deliver home-visiting behavioral health and human services intervention to more than three hundred fifty seniors total since the levy supported the assessment team's relaunch in 2020.

20. Ordinance 18555 and the veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768 dedicate support for vulnerable populations through the 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy. The department of community and human services reframed the population served by that levy's proceeds as resilient communities to emphasize community strength in the midst of vulnerability.

21. Of the twenty-one million people trafficked worldwide, approximately eighty percent are labor trafficking survivors and victims of forced labor, bonded labor and domestic servitude.

22. More than eighteen percent of King County adults have one or more physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, persons living with one or more disabilities may have reduced social participation, experience difficulties in mobility, lack of assistive technology and face barriers in access to care to include communication, policy and programmatic barriers, all of which contribute to poor health and decreased quality of life.

23. According to data from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, there was a thirteen percent increase in domestic violence calls between January 2020 and July 2021 in King County. Homicides resulting from domestic violence in King County increased by nearly four times during 2021 compared to 2019, according to the King County prosecuting attorney's office. A statewide survey commissioned by the Washington state Supreme Court in 2015 found that low-income survivors of domestic violence experience the highest number of civil legal needs per capita relative to any other group surveyed.

24. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported mobile advocacy services through the levy's service system access and improvement strategy for more than one thousand two hundred survivors of gender-based violence from January 2020 to September 2022. Eighty-four percent of those survivors were connected to an advocate within one day of reaching out for assistance.

25. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a service system access and improvement strategy to streamline how domestic violence survivors access services, designed to meet their individual needs. The resulting creation of a twenty-four-hour, multilingual and multimodal domestic violence hotline is now a single-line access to domestic violence services available in King County. Since the hotline's launch in July 2021 through the end of September 2022, it received more than sixteen thousand calls or texts to assist those in crisis and referred nearly seven thousand of those contacts to additional support.

26. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy introduced new investments for gender-based violence, legal aid and senior center services, nearly tripling the County's annual investment in these areas.

27. In 2021, the veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a contract with 501 Commons to survey more than two hundred thirty nonprofits based in and serving King County, employing more than twenty thousand people, to better understand the array of influences that contribute to employee recruitment, retention, and satisfaction in the nonprofit sector. Survey findings show that many nonprofit employees delivering critical human services earn wages at levels that make it difficult to live in the communities they serve, doing community-based work in King County.

28. According to the 2021 King County nonprofit employee engagement survey conducted by 501 Commons, sixty percent of surveyed staff would consider leaving the nonprofit sector to get better pay and fifty-four percent would consider leaving the nonprofit sector because of burnout or other fatigue. Nationally, turnover in nonprofits is nineteen percent, compared to twelve percent for all industries.

29. In Motion 16129, the King County council requested the executive to produce an assessment report providing information, analysis, and recommendations to inform deliberations about a possible renewal of the voter-approved veterans, seniors, and human services levy. The assessment report drew upon program performance measurement data, feedback from levy providers and community input from fifty-two community engagement meetings. The executive transmitted the report to the King County council on September 6, 2022.

30. In addition to describing the impact to veterans, seniors and resilient communities served by the levy, the assessment report recommended continuing the 2018-2023 levy's five result areas and commitment to the three service populations, increasing levy resources to better address the scale of community needs and creating a regional impact initiatives fund within the levy to address regional human services priorities whose effects span the levy's priority populations.

31. In 2010, Ordinance 16897 established the King County Strategic Plan. In 2015, the King County council passed Motion 14317 updating and revising King County's vision, mission, guiding principles and goals. Included within the county's goals are improving the health and well-being of all people in King County, increasing access to quality housing that is affordable to all, implementing alternatives to divert people from the criminal justice system and ensuring that county government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public. The guiding principles set out by the county's strategic plan provide a framework to guide the county's actions: "address the root causes of inequities to provide equal access for all; engage with partners, community and public and private organizations to achieve goals; align support, policy and operational goals of King County government; and provide effective, efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas."

32. In 2010, the county adopted Ordinance 16948 establishing definitions and implementation steps for the county's work related to equity and social justice to achieve the "fair and just" principle. King County applies the principles of equity and social justice to eliminate racially and ethnically disparate health and human services outcomes in King County. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports community-led and community-informed organizations that are reflective of and embedded in the communities they serve, advances equitable access to levy resources for community providers and communities, and ensures that investments are focused on communities that have been impacted by historic and ongoing inequity, discrimination, isolation and lack of resources. Equity and social justice shall continue to guide the council and the executive in the process of designing, administering, and evaluating the policies and programs related to the renewed veterans, seniors and human services levy, if it is approved by voters.

33. It is the intent of the county that over the course of the six-year levy the majority of levy proceeds expended to build capital facilities under authority of this ordinance shall be for low-income households. Specific low-income threshold levels are defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successor agency and vary according to household size.

34. It is the intent of the county to continue to strengthen the human services network to ensure that services supported by a renewed veterans, seniors and human services levy are integrated and working together as a complete system that is responsive to communities seeking access or support in navigating resources.

35. It is the intent of the county to continue, without interruption, critical regional health and human services to veterans, military servicemembers and their families, seniors and other persons in King County from the 2018-2023 levy; to provide substantial investments in housing stability; and to engage in planning activities until the new implementation plan is adopted in accordance with section 7 of this ordinance.

36. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy will expire at the end of 2023.

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. "Caregiver" means a person who cares for or supervises another person who requires care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness or a need for support in activities of daily living. "Caregiver" includes individuals providing care for a family member or someone with whom they have an ongoing personal relationship independent of their caregiver roles.

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B. "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.

C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy and any interest earnings on the moneys and the proceeds of any interim or other financing following authorization of the levy.

D. "Limit factor" for purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW 84.55.010, means one hundred three and one-half percent.

E. "Military servicemember" means a person who is serving as either an active duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

F. "Priority populations" means veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, and resilient communities.

G. "Regional health and human services" means a wide range of those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote outcomes relating to healthy living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, service system improvement and service system access to meet basic human needs and promote healthy living and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

1. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote housing stability or that contribute to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time by creating housing, preserving or modifying existing housing, or supporting persons in gaining or maintaining housing, including an assistance program to support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381;

2. Those health care and health promotion services, programs and operations that encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness, support food security, promote healthy aging, support recovery, reduce unintentional injury, support survivors of gender-based violence, promote suicide prevention efforts, and improve physical and behavioral health for individuals and families including, but not limited to, substance use disorder initiatives such as public awareness campaigns, substance use disorder professional workforce resilience, or peer navigators and upstream mental health care such as counseling and other therapeutic services;

3. Those services, programs and operations that address and support efforts to address firearm violence intervention and injury prevention to promote safe and thriving communities;

4. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote social engagement and community building, such as senior centers for individuals and groups in culturally, geographically, economically or linguistically isolated communities, and for others, such as seniors experiencing or at risk of social isolation and its health-harming effects;

5. Those services and programs that promote financial stability or financial mobility, including access to, preparation for, and assistance in, gaining or maintaining employment, income, education and financial literacy, including an assistance program to support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381;

6. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote and support diversion away from the criminal legal system and its impacts, and services and programs that assist individuals recovering from the effects of their involvement with the criminal legal system, including services that promote restorative justice or returning to community after incarceration or detention, such as services aimed at supporting criminal legal system-involved individuals to attain or retain housing;

7. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or expand the delivery of health and human services, improve health and human services system access and navigability, reduce or prevent the disparate or traumatic effects of systems upon resilient communities, build the capacity of communities to partner with King County and build the capacity and support the operations of health and human services providers to serve their clients and communities, including strategies to promote retention, recruitment and pay of high quality service providers;

8. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or expand the delivery of civil legal aid to veterans, seniors and resilient communities;

9. Those services and programs that promote, encourage and support employment opportunities for veterans and military servicemembers, including employment opportunities in King County government such as the veterans internship program, a version of which has also been known as the Vets 4 HIRE

program established by Ordinance 17450;

10. Those services and programs for veterans and military servicemembers involved with the criminal legal system, including assessment and referral to behavioral health services, housing resources, and other social service supports;

11. Those services, programs and capital facilities that further a goal of allowing seniors to age in place and enjoy a high quality of life in their own homes or where they reside;

12. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that provide education and workforce development and training for resilient communities; and

13. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that mitigate and offset the impacts of gentrification, including geographic displacement, on resilient communities.

H. "Regional impact initiatives" means those regional health and human services that provide or support responses to issues that affect all three of this levy's priority populations and which regional health and human services can help address such as, but not limited to, nonprofit health and human services workforce stability, language access, responding to the regional homelessness crisis or addressing community safety.

I. "Resilient communities" means persons or communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability or chronic illness. Examples of resilient communities include, but are not limited to: communities of color; immigrant and refugee communities; persons with disabilities; survivors of domestic violence and other gender-based violence; persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex or asexual; and survivors of human trafficking.

J. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

K. "Substance use disorder initiative" means those regional health and human services that provide or support responses to issues relating to substance use disorders and recovery from substance use disorders.

L. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assistance for providers of regional health and human services responding to requests for proposals or assistance to implement, improve, or expand their delivery of regional health and human services in King County.

M. "Veteran" means a person who has served as either an active duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal. To provide necessary moneys to fund, finance or refinance 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 2024, at a rate not to exceed \$0.10 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 maximum allowable levy amounts in years two through six (2025 – 2029) shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, the levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor as defined in section 1 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the veterans, seniors and human services levy fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.

A. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, the sums from the first year's levy proceeds as are necessary may be used to provide for the costs and charges incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

B. After the amount authorized in subsection A. of this section, the remaining levy proceeds shall be divided in the following proportions and used for the following purposes:

1. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families;
2. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for seniors and their caregivers and to promote healthy aging in King County;
3. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for resilient communities;

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4. Ten percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building, of which at least ten percent of the levy proceeds identified in this subsection B.4. shall be used to support technical assistance and capacity building;

5. At least twenty-five percent of the levy proceeds described in this subsection B., including a portion from the thirty percent of levy proceeds to support each of the three priority populations identified in subsection B.1. through 3. of this section and a portion from the ten percent of levy proceeds to support regional impact initiatives identified in subsection B.4. of this section, shall be used to support those regional health and human services that promote housing stability; and

6. Levy proceeds may be used to mitigate the levy's impact on metropolitan park districts, fire districts or public hospital districts in King County to the extent their levies may be prorated, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010 and to the extent the levy was a demonstrable cause of the prorating and only if the county council has authorized the expenditure by ordinance. Metropolitan park districts, fire districts or public hospital districts receiving levy proceeds shall use the proceeds for the purposes stated in subsection B.1. through 4. of this section.

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 1, 2023, 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 director of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

PROPOSITION___: The King County Council passed Ordinance ____ concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

Approved? ____

Rejected? ____

SECTION 6. Governance.

A. If the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county, the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall continue to serve in its capacity in accordance with K.C.C. 2A.300.540 now existing or hereafter amended.

B. Beginning in 2025, the executive shall provide an online annual report to the council and community which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The levy's fiscal and performance management and accomplishments during the previous calendar year;
2. The expenditure of levy proceeds by result area by ZIP Code in King County; and
3. The number of individuals receiving levy-supported services by result area by ZIP Code in King County of where the individuals reside at the time of service.

SECTION 7. Implementation planning.

A. Contingent upon voter approval of the ballot proposition described in section 5 of this ordinance, and by no later than October 31, 2023, the executive shall transmit for council review and adoption by ordinance an implementation plan for the veterans, seniors and human services levy. The implementation plan shall:

1. Describe the forecasted expenditure of levy proceeds to achieve results related to the levy's five result areas of housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, service system improvement and service system access for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities, and regional impact initiatives, consistent with the eligible expenditures described in section 4 of this ordinance;

2. Describe the planned portion of levy proceeds for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives to fund those regional health and human services that promote housing stability as required in section 4.B.5. of this ordinance;

3. Identify and describe the levy strategies to stabilize the nonprofit regional health and human services workforce;

4. Identify and describe the levy strategies to expand access to counseling or other behavioral health services, including for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families and seniors and their caregivers who are not otherwise sufficiently served through community behavioral health providers;

5. Identify and describe measurable results expected across each of the levy's five result areas for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives due to the expenditure of levy proceeds;

6. Identify and describe a regular performance monitoring framework that will be used to assess and report on how well the veterans, seniors and human services levy is achieving those results identified and described in section 7.A.5. of this ordinance, including how the results will be evaluated for geographic distribution;

7. Describe how the veterans, seniors and human services levy program-specific performance monitoring and reporting will be coordinated with performance monitoring and reporting on other dedicated human services funds such as the best starts for kids fund and the mental illness and drug dependency fund;

8. Make recommendations for any refinements to the levy's governance described in section 6.A. of this ordinance and transmit separately for council review and adoption any applicable ordinances that would accomplish the recommended changes upon the effective date of those ordinances; and

9. Describe how the executive shall make each online annual report described in section 6.B. of this ordinance digitally available to all councilmembers, to all members and alternate members of the regional policy committee, or its successor, and to the public.

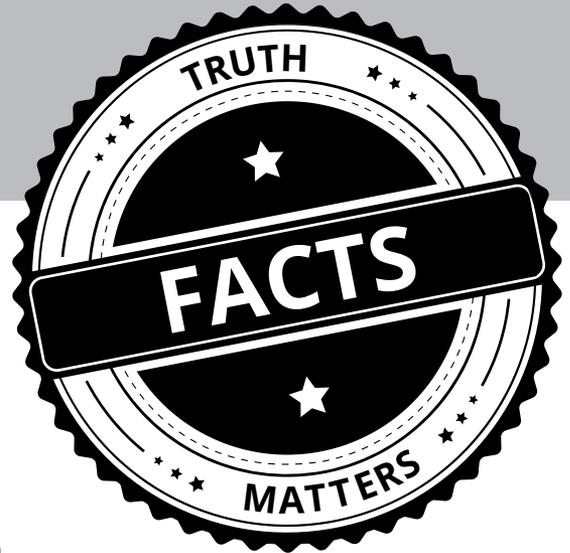
B. Until the council adopts by ordinance the implementation plan referenced in subsection A. of this section, subject to appropriation, levy proceeds may only be expended to continue existing levy-supported services into 2024 and consistent with the veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768.

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 and confirmation. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the primary election on August 1, 2023, and any other act 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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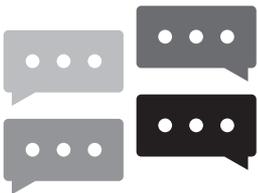
Question the source.

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



Think critically.

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



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