Dear King County voter:

Welcome to the 2009 local voters’ pamphlet. I encourage you to read the information here to cast an educated and informed vote. Polling places are closed for this election and your ballot will arrive in the mail in the next few days. Voters with disabilities or who need assistance can cast a private and independent ballot at one of King County’s accessible voting centers; read on for more information.

This is King County’s second countywide all-mail election, and you will find voting by mail to be easy and convenient. We have implemented several new features over the last year to make the voting process more convenient and accountable to you, the voter. More information can be found in this voters’ pamphlet.

Remember, every vote counts; be sure to vote on Tuesday, August 18.

Sincerely,

Sherril Huff
Director
King County Elections

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Voter Information:
what you need to know

Qualifications to register
To register to vote in King County, you must be:
• a citizen of the United States;
• a legal resident of Washington State;
• at least 18 years old by election day.

If you have been convicted of a felony in Washington, another state, or in federal court, you lose your right to vote in Washington State until your civil rights are restored.

Registration deadlines
You may register to vote at any time, but keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. King County Elections must receive your registration form at least 30 days before the August 18 primary election if you register online or by mail. New Washington voters have up to 8 days before the August 18 primary election to register to vote; however, you must register in person at the King County Elections office.

How to register
Come in person to the King County Elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057 or you can complete your registration online at www.vote.wa.gov. Mail-in registration forms are also available. Forms are available from King County Elections, public libraries, public schools, other government offices or the Web at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Keep your voter registration up-to-date
If your voter registration record does not contain your current name or address, it may affect your voting status. Note the deadline for changes. Changes to your name and address must be made 30 days before the August 18 primary election to legally entitle you to vote using your new name or to vote in the precinct associated with your new address. Use the mail-in voter registration form to send your name or address change to King County Elections or call 206-296-8683 to change your address. You can also update your record online at www.vote.wa.gov.

Mail ballots
If you have an address change, do not receive your mail ballot or lose your ballot, please notify King County Elections. Contact information is listed below. Voted mail ballots for this election must be signed and postmarked or delivered to King County Elections on or before August 18.

Services and additional information
Contact King County Elections for further information about registering to vote, help with voting your ballot, or voters’ pamphlets in alternate formats.

Voter Hotline: 206-296-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-325-6165
TTY 206-296-0109
206-296-1544 (Chinese)

Internet: http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections
E-mail: elections@kingcounty.gov
Fax: 206-205-5080 or 206-296-0108
Mail or In Person: King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
King County now votes by mail

Your ballot will come soon in the mail.

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot for this and all future elections. Voters will have plenty of time to study the candidates and issues and return their ballot by mail or at a secured, 24-hour ballot drop box.

King County voters have been successfully voting by mail since February 2009. Voted ballots must be received at a designated drop box by 8 p.m. on election night, August 18, or be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before election day.

Five simple steps for voting by mail

1. Vote. Make your selections using a blue or black pen.

2. Place your ballot in the security envelope and seal it to ensure your ballot remains secret.

3. Then place the sealed security envelope into the mailing envelope. Read and sign the oath on the return envelope. Your signature is as important as your vote; make sure you take the time to sign your return envelope.

4. Voted ballots must be received at a designated drop box by 8 p.m. on election night or be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before election day.

5. Voters can follow the progress of their ballot through online ballot packet tracking at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.
What is vote by mail?
Vote by mail is a method of distributing ballots in an election. Instead of using traditional polling places where voters go to cast ballots, a ballot is mailed to each registered voter. The ballot is then voted and returned to King County to be counted.

What do I have to do?
If your address and registration is current, your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you. Once you vote the ballot, place it in the security envelope and seal it in the return envelope. Be sure to read and sign the voter oath on the return envelope.

When must my voted ballot be returned?
The voted ballot must be received at a designated drop box by 8 p.m. on election night, August 18, or be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before election day.

What if I make a mistake?
If you make a mistake, correct it using the instructions on the ballot.

How do I know if my ballot is received?
Visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections to track your ballot at several points as it is processed.

What if I lose my ballot?
If you lose your ballot, call King County Elections at 206-296-8683 and request a replacement ballot. Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mailbox or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot to re-vote.

What if my ballot doesn’t come?
If you have not received your ballot by August 7, call us and we will mail you a replacement ballot.

Will my vote still count if I forget to put my ballot into the security envelope?
Yes, your ballot will still be counted.

When will election results be known?
Ballot counting cannot begin until election day. Initial results are released at 8 p.m. election night and will be updated once a day in the days that follow until all ballots have been counted.
Returning your mail ballot

Ballot drop boxes are located throughout King County for voters to securely return their ballot without the cost of postage.

Drop boxes will open at 6 a.m. on July 31 and close at 8 p.m. on August 18, Election Day.

King County locations

Auburn Library
1102 Auburn Wy S, 98002

Library Connection@ Crossroads
15600 NE 8th St
Bellevue, 98008

Black Diamond Library
24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Covington Library
27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Des Moines Library
21620 11th Ave S, 98198

Fall City Library
33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way Library
848 S 320th St, 98003

Kent Regional Library
212 2nd Ave N, 98032

Lake Forest Park Library
17171 Bothell Wy NE, 98155

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Wy
Renton, 98057

Woodinville Library
17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle locations

King County Administration Bldg
500 4th Ave, 98104

White Center Library
11220 16th Ave SW, 98146

Seattle Neighborhood Service Center locations

Ballard
5604 22nd Ave NW, 98107

Lake City
12525 28th Ave NE, 98125

Central
2301 S Jackson, 98144

Southeast
3815 S Othello St, 98118

Delridge
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University
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Occupation: King County Councilmember
Education: B.A., University of Washington; J.D., Willamette University; M.A., Labor Law, George Washington University

Times are tough, but our best days are ahead if we bring stability to our local economy and hold government accountable to our values.

I will put King County back to work, run a smarter government, and keep our communities healthy and safe.

We must get our economy moving. I will use every stimulus dollar and resource available to invest in mass transit and infrastructure to create family-wage jobs and improve our communities.

At a time when cost-cutting is at the core of King County government discussions, I have led reforms in how the county operates. When the county faced staggering deficits, I helped reduce the budget by more than $200 million. I have successfully worked with county employees to save $47 million in healthcare and labor costs. I chaired Sound Transit’s oversight committee and helped bring light rail to our region on-time and $135 million under budget.

I will bring common-sense budgeting to the executive’s office. As a father, I know the importance of protecting our communities, our environment and the health of our neighbors. I will keep sheriff’s deputies on the streets, buses running, and the doors to public health clinics open.

We need to bring every city within King County together to tell the world that we are open for business. Working with community and business leaders, I will recruit cutting-edge companies in green building and clean energy, so King County will continue to set the standard in private innovation and economic growth.

I have broad support from all across the county. Labor unions, business and environmental leaders, and elected officials from urban, suburban and rural King County have all endorsed my candidacy.

I’m asking for your vote August 18. Let’s get King County’s economy back on track and create a more efficient, effective 21st Century government.

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Occupation: Mayor, city council, state legislator, state senator, private sector manager
Education: MBA, Seattle University, BA Finance, Washington State University, Mercer Island High School

I am running for King County Executive to bring change to county government. The county is on the brink of financial crisis. Facing ever growing deficits the county’s services, jobs, businesses and quality of life are at risk. Recycling the same old answers won’t get us anywhere. The county needs new leadership – leadership with a record of making the smart, tough decisions it will take to change the way King County does business. That is what I offer voters in this election.

I have 35 years of private sector management experience. I know what it takes to balance a budget and instill fiscal discipline.

I have never been locked into partisan politics and have a proven record of bipartisan independence. I don’t hesitate to stand up for what is right, regardless of the political consequences. Two years ago I made the difficult decision to change political parties because of my pro-choice and progressive views – because playing it safe would have meant compromising my convictions. I am proud that the same voters who elected me as a Republican elected me their new Democratic State Senator. Whether in the Air Force, managing complex finances at Boeing, or pioneering solutions in local and state office, I have consistently put the people above politics.

I believe that is why I have earned top honors from environmental, education and good government organizations – and the support of Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

On day one, I will take action to put King County’s financial house in order. Only then can we get to work creating the King County we all want - new jobs and a resurgent economy, a world-class and cost effective transportation system and unwavering support for our environment.
We Americans are all children of Madison. He protected us from the aristocratic Congress, but his efforts have been only partially successful. He promised his fellow Virginians that if they sent him to New York, he would introduce a Bill of Rights to satisfy their objections to the document. Madison introduced his bill on June 6, 1789. His Bill is more perfect than what came out of Congress, and We should now help his efforts to finally succeed by now amending the document according to his Bill. Our past will have been just the birth pangs of freedom lasting 220 years, and we can be forgiven our youthful indiscretions. At that time, piracy ruled the seas, so it was thought wise by President Pierce not to sign the Paris Declaration Respecting Maritime Law. Lincoln demonetized silver during the ensuing Civil War. Though as yet imperfect, the Constitution gives us enough freedom to alter our fates by sharing this message: Google Article the First. Then ask your legislator when he is going to act to pass it. Ten states have already passed it, and if We join, only 26 more will be needed to limit the size of a Congressional District to 50,000. I will forever defend the County Charter, and the State and Federal Constitutions, to ensure us a prosperous future. To start with, I will pay all County debts in Silver Coin. The Charter calls for the County to acquire useful property, so we should buy a local mine to provide our metals, to remediate our waters, and to institute a copper bank to secure Our wealth. The Charter also enables the County to acquire renewable energy resources, and these will secure our beautiful home. We can all win this year. Please join my efforts at http://www.stanforcounty.org.

I will apply the same high standards of excellence and fairness to the Office of King County Executive as I have in my 33 years serving the public as a Civil Engineer/Public Works Director/City Engineer/Project Engineer, and as a business owner. I have been directly responsible to oversee departments within numerous cities in King County. In so doing, I have worked closely with councils, commissioners, planners, attorneys, developers, business associations, environmental agencies and many individual citizens, where the REAL IMPACT of the decisions made by the County Executive is felt.

I will carry out the position of Executive to serve the citizens of King County. I will make logical practical decisions that uphold our constitutional rights, respect our religious freedoms, protect our environment, pursue future jobs and insure careful use of our public funds.

I am proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps and am a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans. I am a native of Washington State and have lived in King County for the past 22 years. In addition to being a Professional Civil Engineer, I studied nights to obtain a Paralegal Certificate, Bachelor of Science degree in Management along with Masters degrees in both Business and Public Administration.

My unique background in Civil Engineering and Management qualifies me to provide dynamic leadership in addressing the many complex issues now facing our County, including but not limited to: TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL, BUDGET, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES.

I ask for your vote and the privilege of serving you as your King County Executive. Thank you, Alan Lobdell. See alanlobdell.com
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO GET THINGS DONE… that’s my commitment. County government should provide public services free of partisanship. That’s why voters decided last November to make the executive position non-partisan. As the leader of an arts and science foundation, and years of service on the boards of the Seattle Symphony, Children’s Hospital and Salvation Army, I’ve established a successful record of bringing diverse people and interests together to solve complex problems.

Instead of political sound bites, Dow offers detailed, pragmatic solutions.

A Vision for All of King County: Dow is the only candidate who represents suburban cities, rural areas and Seattle neighborhoods. Dow rejects the tired political divisions that pit communities against each other. He works across geographic and partisan divides.

A Champion for Jobs: The son of teachers and grandson of a sawmill worker, Dow has delivered job training, protected industrial lands and promoted middle class tax relief. Dow’s Vision: cut red tape; develop new jobs in clean technologies; protect manufacturing and trade.

Proven Transportation Leadership: Dow was the first regional leader to present detailed arguments for the successful 2008 light rail vote. He has proposed millions in Sound Transit cost savings. Dow’s Vision: break gridlock on 520 replacement and highway improvements; increase efficient transit investments.

Genuine Environmental Commitment: Dow introduced the state’s first climate change legislation, protected open space, and challenged a multinational mining company despoiling Puget Sound. Dow’s Vision: Action on climate and clean energy; smart development and planning.

Dow Constantine will reform King County government while staying true to our fundamental values.

Select Endorsements: 34th, 37th Democrats; State Sens Ed Murray, Karen Keiser, Ken Jacobsen, Reps Sharon Nelson, Tina Orwall, Geoff Simpson; ATU 587; Maritime Trades; Building Trades; WEA; and Firefighters
King County Executive
(nonpartisan office – short and full term)

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**Occupation:** State Representative - WA State Legislature 2002-2009. Finance Committee Chairman

**Education:** BS Computer Science, Yale University 1983

It’s time for change in King County government.

King County is a great place to live, but everything takes too long and costs too much. King County has both a spending problem and many management issues that make effective governing increasingly difficult.

I’m a 4-term Democratic state legislator from the Eastside with a strong history of fiscal responsibility and a proven record of results. My opponents have years in county and local government. I bring a new perspective, and will be an Executive for the whole county.

Before the legislature I was a General Manager at Microsoft, building world class software and managing a product group.

I can get it done: - Led the fight to re-define basic education - Prime sponsor of rainy day fund bill in the House - Toxics coalition Legislator of the Year for work on public health.

While many of us are struggling in these tough economic times, King County cut services to the poor to give raises to county employees. We should set better priorities, preserving key functions, as families do. We need a county government that reflects our values: ensuring a strong social safety net, real environment stewardship and a working relationship with other regional governments.

We must get Metro’s costs under control to prevent cutbacks and expand bus service. A report by the non-partisan Municipal League found that Metro Transit has operating costs 22% higher than the national average.

We can build a region with compact, transit-oriented development, working farms and forests, and an efficient transportation system that has service in all parts of the county, not just downtown. We can finalize the 520 bridge and viaduct replacement projects.

Together we can fix the broken relationships the county has with our cities and bring a new regionalism to King County.

Goodspaceguy
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**Occupation:** Economist, handyman, accountant, owner, astronomer Goodspaceguy sees the big picture.

**Education:** Educated in Germany, Sweden, and America, Goodspaceguy earned two university degrees with minors in economics.

Goodspaceguy requests that you think of yourselves as crew members of Spaceship Earth. Goodspaceguy wants you to help solve world problems by example: How high can you help to raise knowledge and the quality of living in King County?

The unemployment rate indicates how badly our leaders have sabotaged our job market. Some people have lost jobs; some employers have closed down; but through work and the sweat of our brows, we produce our living standard.

Goodspaceguy wants to make it easier for people to access the institutions of knowledge and of government. Goodspaceguy wants you who pay gas tax to ask for an increase in free parking. Goodspaceguy wants better Sky Homes than Vancouver, Canada has built. Goodspaceguy does not want people drowning in a waterfront tunnel. Instead, Goodspaceguy wants to strengthen and beautify the waterfront Green View Viaduct of the Emerald City.

When politicians say that they are creating jobs through big projects and then get the money by the heavy taxation that helps destroy many other jobs, they are hurting society. More people end up losing their jobs than are hired in the newly “created” big project of higher-paying jobs. The economic law of demand for labor states that the higher and higher the pay, the fewer and fewer the jobs. Balance is needed.

The sabotage of our economy increases the number of homeless people. We need government employment safety nets so that unemployed people can at least find useful work at the minimum wage as helpers, helping in the useful functions of government.

Unfortunately, the voters usually vote the biggest spenders into office, and the big spenders become obligated to spend more of your tax dollars for the benefit of the special interests who finance their elections. Please, vote for the small spenders.
I have a profound belief in the validity of the law. The rule of law is perhaps the best invention of the human mind. The resolution of conflicts through judicial proceedings is a fine and noble calling. Judges should uphold the law and implement the law impartially. Judges should be neither activists nor unaware of the need for bringing the quality of humanity to the courtroom.

The law should be generally predictable. The law should be equally applicable to everyone. The law should be just, even-handed, and equitable. Justice is an essential feature of any civilized society. We have been experiencing changes recently, including a difficult economy and the progress of technology. Our circumstances require judges who can stand on the solid ground of statutes and precedents while looking forward to a future for all of us Washingtonians and Americans.


Family: • Robert and his wife have two children.

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Occupation: • Lawyer

I welcome the opportunity to work hard at the job of judging. If elected, I promise to do my utmost to serve honorably and perform the duties of a judge with due diligence, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty. I pray I would make decisions with reason, logic and wisdom to help build a better judicial system and government.

Anne L. Ellington
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Occupation: Judge Ellington serves on the Court of Appeals.
Education: She received her law degree from UW in 1974.

Biographical Information
Judge Ellington was a Supreme Court law clerk, an assistant attorney general, and partner in a local law firm before her election to King County Superior Court, where she served for 10 years and was the first woman elected as Presiding Judge. She was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1995.

Candidate Statement
Growing up in a large family, Judge Ellington learned to work hard and share the good things. She believes in respect and fairness toward those who appear before her, and strives for justice and clarity in her decisions. She is regarded as a fair, practical, and hardworking judge and has a reputation for integrity, intelligence, legal ability, compassion, and courage.

Our courts are the centerpiece of our democracy. Without the rule of law, we would have no freedom. Judge Ellington believes our courts must be independent, accessible and responsive. She is passionate about her work and about her efforts to ensure access to the courts and to reduce delay.

Judge Ellington receives excellent ratings (“exceptionally well qualified”) and has been honored three times as Outstanding Judge (King County Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers, and Washington State Trial Lawyers Association). She received the Judicial Leadership Award from the Access to Justice Board, the President’s Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers, the White Ribbon Award from the Washington Coalition of Citizens with disAbilities, and was named Distinguished Alumna by UW law women’s caucus.

She regards the opportunity to serve on the court as a great privilege and responsibility, and is honored to serve this community. Please vote to re-elect her. Thank you.

Endorsements
Supporters include Governor Christine Gregoire, Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterburg, former Superior Court Presiding Judge Charles V. Johnson, Ruth Woo, Judy Maleng, and the 37th District Democrats.
Rob Holland
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Occultation: Biofuel/Truck Fleet Fuel Salesman
Education: Masters of Public Administration, Seattle University, 2004

Rob Holland For Port Commission
Direct Port Experience
Rob is the only candidate in this position with diverse, hands-on Port experience—a nearly two decade career working with shipping companies, trucking and freight firms, trade and development offices, and industrial real estate.

Rob is uniquely qualified to bring accountability and a renewed focus on job creation, community protection and environmental stewardship to build a world class Port that drives our regional economy.

A Plan For Jobs
Supported by small business leaders, unions and waterfront industries, Rob is the only candidate with a detailed plan for job creation, with a focus on “green” jobs that make our Port not only competitive, but sustainable.

Caring for Communities
Rob will make sure that communities and neighborhoods around Port facilities are respected and treated fairly. Rob’s goal is to resolve issues BEFORE they become time and resource wasting problems.

Environmental Stewardship
Rob will follow through on commitments to make the Port a partner in Puget Sound cleanup, reduce greenhouse emissions, and meet clean air targets.

Endorsements That Matter
King County Democrats; KC Building Trades Council; Rep. Adam Smith; more than a dozen legislators, Mayors of Kent, Auburn, Burien; firefighters; business leaders and hundreds more...

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Occultation: Investment Properties Broker
Education: MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management

David Doud’s experience makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Seattle Port Commission.

The Port is one of the largest landowners in the county. As a respected investment properties expert, David will lead the Port to leverage its assets and obtain the highest and best uses for its properties.

David has learned from personal experience the importance of improving our environment and he believes the Port needs to be a conservation leader. David has served on the Commission for the Mercer Slough Environmental Center and served for three years as an Associate Supervisor on the King Conservation District.

Having worked for the Berlin State Parliament, led local delegations to China, and served as an advisor to a trade-oriented bank, David knows first-hand how to attract foreign customers to our Port and bring family wage jobs to our community.

Currently all the port Commissioners reside within Seattle while David lives on the Eastside and works throughout the region. It is time to have a Commission that represents all of King County.

• Investment Properties broker • MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management • Wrote for Seattle Times and published book, Berlin 2000 • Active with Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and the Performing Arts Center Eastside • Member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties

While other candidates are attempting to make the Port Commission into a partisan position, David is supported by both Republicans and Democrats. From environmental and business leaders to many suburban mayors and city council members, they all agree -- David is the most qualified candidate to serve us on the Port.
As a Seattle Port Commissioner, Al Yuen will bring strong business experience in the operation of our port and trade in both the local and international markets.

Growth in our Greater Seattle–King County area has come at a high cost to our environment. Noise pollution, traffic congestion, crowded facilities and major delays are just a few problems we are now facing. We need to look for alternatives to relieve these problems NOW. Seattle Port’s infrastructure projects must improve our efficiency without damaging our environment, creating jobs for the skill and apprentice programs for those who need the skill at our port facilities, port facility should be a profitable entity and reduce our taxpayer’s burden, be accountable and exercise fiscal discipline.

He has visited many port facilities in the Pacific Rim countries. He met with port managers and planners and studied their high tech port management systems. He will use this knowledge to help our port to be a world leader in port operations. As an American with an Asian heritage, he has the cultural understanding needed to develop international trade.

Born in San Francisco, a resident of King County for more than 40 years, Al Yuen holds a BA in Law Administration, Masters in Business and a Real Estate Broker specializing as a commercial/business broker and business consultant. Former Transportation Commissioner and Waterfront Development Advisory Board Member for the City of Bellevue, Past President of Seattle Sister City to Taiwan and Mexico for over 15 years.

His experience from blue-collar workers to business owners, from small business issues to the complexities of international relations will bring to the Seattle Port Commission a viewpoint and understanding of port management and trade that is needed. Al is a strong advocate on jobs and environmental protection in our region.
Juan Paraiso
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Occupation: Retired
Education: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Juan Paraiso had worked at the Port of Seattle for seven years as a Senior Electrical Engineer. He can bring effective leadership to the Seattle Port Commission. He has a good understanding about the recent state audit on projects and contract works at the port. He will work to reform the way Port of Seattle does project and contract works to make it a high performance organization. The current work organization is top heavy and inefficient.

In order to get a competitive edge over other west coast ports, Port of Seattle has to lead efforts on improving freight-related traffic problems and improve ability to move goods from port to consumer quickly. Juan will work on policies for implementing sound environmental protection and phased elimination of taxpayers’ subsidy to the Port.

Thank you for voting Juan Paraiso for Seattle Port Commissioner.

Max Vekich
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Occupation: Supercargo/Marine Clerk, Longshore Union; former four term Democratic Legislator
Education: BA University of Puget Sound, 1976; Grays Harbor College, Student Body President, 1974

Max Vekich: Uniquely Qualified
Max Vekich is a respected former legislator who chaired the House Commerce and Labor and Trade and Economic Development Committees—Max will bring needed legislative skills and relevant policy expertise to the Port Commission.

A career longshore worker and marine trade expert, Max is the only candidate in this position with hands-on port experience and a track record of legislative action to expand trade and jobs in our region.

Protect and Expand Jobs
Max’s top priority is preserving and creating jobs at the Port and in the hundreds of businesses that rely on it. By preserving Fisherman’s Terminal and our urban industrial areas, Max will help protect options for future job creation.

Transparency and Accountability
The Port has been distracted by scandal and fraud—undermining public confidence. Max will fight for policies that increase transparency and curb insider influence. Max will bring the Port back to the people of King County.

Conservation Leadership
Max will protect environmental quality through encouraging ship plug-in technology, helping truckers overhaul their vehicles to reduce pollution, and implement technology reducing jet noise and emissions.

The following individuals and organizations all agree – OUR Port Needs Max!
Congressman Jay Inslee, Superintendent Randy Dorn, 37th District Democrats, ILWU Local 52, Teamsters Local 174, Inland Boatmen’s Union, Sailors’ Union of the Pacific, and Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.
The above statements are submitted by the candidates, who are solely responsible for the contents therein.

**Tom Albro**

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**Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Municipal League Chair (former), and Civil Engineer.

**Education:** University of Washington, BS Civil Engineering; American Marshall Memorial Fellow; Leadership Tomorrow.

Our regional economy depends on the Port of Seattle and its SeaTac airport, Fisherman’s Terminal (base of the Alaska fishing fleet), and seaport cargo facilities. The Port connects us to the world, creates jobs here, and anchors our maritime/manufacturing/industrial base.

We need more jobs now. We need to make sure the Port is still creating jobs when our children and grandchildren will need them. We need to be ecologically sound and economically vital or we all lose. We need leadership that is running the Port’s business for all of us - and not just the insiders.

We need Tom Albro on the Port Commission. Tom is a proven reformer, regional leader, green job creator, and civil engineer. He is tough, independent, and dedicated to public service.

Tom Albro is not an insider - he will lead the Port in serving all of us. Tom will: • Grow our job base by improving the Port’s competitiveness and protecting its industrial land uses.

*Complete needed reforms and hold management accountable* by demanding honest, open governance of the Port. • Reduce environmental impact with smart operating practices, innovation and wise stewardship.

From studying civil engineering at the UW, to being a Teamster and learning project management at United Parcel Service, to owning and operating several businesses over the last two decades, **Tom Albro has proven his ability to succeed.** He’s a civic leader, having chaired the Municipal League of King County, the Regional Governance Project, and a citizen committee to improve bus service. He has been a Marshall Fellow, studying public service in Europe, and active in St. Therese School in the Madrona neighborhood.

Please join us and folks like Governor Dan Evans, Deb Eddy, Dick Ford, and Peter Steinbrueck and vote for Tom. We need him at the Port.

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**Robert Walker**

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**Occupation:** Information Technology – Operations Engineer

**Education:** B.A. – The Evergreen State College

The last time I ran for this office, which pays only $6,000 per year, my opponents spent close to $500,000 on their full-time campaigns. I paid the $60 filing fee, and spent nothing else. For all of the expensive campaigning, voters ultimately lost. The decades-long incumbent left office in disgrace amid divisive scandals and a disastrous performance audit.

Although both property tax bills and the costs of administering the Port are on the rise, the Port of Seattle’s business has practically fallen off a cliff. Last year, cargo volumes dropped over 8%, a higher rate of decline than any West Coast port. I wish this wasn’t a consistent story, but it unfortunately is; the Port of Seattle has underperformed other West Coast ports for many years.

Complicating matters, the Port of Seattle has too many businesses to effectively focus its investments. With the cushion of a property tax subsidy, it simply hasn’t been forced to do so. Most people know that the Port runs the airport, seaport, and cruise terminal, but it also manages four conference centers, six office and commercial developments, a system of nineteen parks, and a police department nearly as large as the entire City of Renton (population 80,708) force. That’s just the tip of the iceberg! Clearly, there are opportunities for both operational improvements and divestitures.

Even worse, owing to its large and predictable tax base, other government agencies have started treating the Port of Seattle like an ATM. The Port of Seattle has been asked to contribute toward viaduct replacement after already paying for other state highway projects. It even paid millions toward Sound Transit light rail! Obviously, this trend needs to stop.

Once again, I am not accepting campaign contributions. While I don’t want your money, I would be honored to have your vote!
CITY OF SEATTLE MAYOR
The Mayor of the City of Seattle is the chief executive officer of the City and is charged with the enforcement of City and state law, of City contracts, and the maintenance of order. The Mayor directs and controls all subordinate officers of the City, unless otherwise provided for by the City Charter.

Departments in the City of Seattle include two major utilities, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light, administrative departments, such as the Department of Finance and the Department of Fleets and Facilities; public safety departments, such as the Police and Fire Departments; and social service providers, such as the Department of Housing and the Department of Human Services. All of these operate under the Mayor’s direction and control. In addition, the Mayor’s office is responsible for applying for federal funds and preparing the entire City budget.

The Mayor appoints, subject to the approval of the City Council, most of the heads of departments. He or she also appoints some of the members of several boards and commissions. The Mayor has the authority to veto ordinances passed by the City Council, but the Council may override such vetoes by a two-thirds majority vote.

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
The Seattle City Council is the City’s elected legislature. The nine members determine City policy through enactment of ordinances and the adoption of resolutions. The Council authorizes public improvements and expenditures, provides for public safety and health, adopts regulations, levies taxes, controls the finances and property of the City and performs many related legislative tasks. All ordinances enacted by the Council are subject to Mayoral veto, which may be overridden by a vote of six councilmembers.

The Seattle City Charter provides that councilmembers are elected at-large to four-year terms through City-wide, non-partisan elections, held in odd-numbered years. The City Charter provides that candidates for City Council must be United States citizens and registered to vote in the City of Seattle. Three Council positions will be on the primary ballot in August 2009: positions 4, 6 and 8.

WORKING FOR A CANDIDATE OR BALLOT ISSUE
If you wish to become active in a candidate or ballot issue campaign, you can contact the committee listed with each candidate statement and each ballot issue argument.

Go to the SEEC web site, www.seattle.gov/elections, to find contact information for candidates and issues on the City of Seattle ballot in 2009.

MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
Candidate and ballot issue committees collect campaign contributions to give voters the necessary information to make informed choices. Therefore, another method of participating in the election process is to contribute to committees organized to promote candidates or to promote or oppose ballot issues. The following are some key City and State regulations that apply to campaign contributions:

- Candidate and ballot issue committees may accept monetary and in-kind contributions (monetary contributions of $60 or more must be by check or money order).
- No campaign may accept currency contributions of more than $60. Monetary contributions that total more than $60 and are made by a single contributor must be made by written instrument.
- Seattle City office candidates (Mayor, City Council, City Attorney) may accept no more than $700 (in monetary and/or in-kind contributions) from each contributor, over a four year period. The four year period for the candidates whose names will appear on the 2009 Primary election ballot began on May 1, 2006 and will end on April 30, 2010.
- Ballot issue committees may not accept contributions of more than $5,000 during the last 21 days before the election on the ballot measure.
- Campaigns are required to report employer and occupation information for each individual who contributes more than $100.
- Individuals must provide their employer’s name, city and state as well as their occupation. A contributor who is self-employed must provide the campaign with the name under which he or she does business.
The Seattle City Council passed Ordinance Number 122752 concerning imposing a 20-cent fee on disposable shopping bags. A sufficient number of voters signed a petition to refer the ordinance to a public vote.

This ordinance would require grocery, drug and convenience stores to collect the fee for every disposable shopping bag provided to customers. Stores with annual gross sales of under $1,000,000 could keep all the fees they collected, to cover their costs. Other stores could keep 25% of the fees they collected, and would send the remainder to the City to support garbage reduction and recycling programs. The stores would get a business-tax deduction for the fees they collected.

Should this ordinance be:
Approved?
Rejected?

SEND A MESSAGE TO BIG OIL: HANDS OFF SEATTLE!

The American Chemical Council, funded by Exxon/Mobil and other major polluters spent more than $250,000 on paid signatures to force this referendum. Now they are spending even more on a misleading campaign to protect industry profits at the expense of Puget Sound wildlife and Seattle's right to make our own laws.

Let's send the message that our elections and environment are not for sale: APPROVE Referendum 1

APPROVE REFERENDUM 1: A COMMON SENSE SOLUTION TO A REAL PROBLEM

Every year, the average Seattle resident uses more than 500 single-use bags—more than 360 million citywide.

These bags are costly to recycle, and many end up clogging landfills, choking waterways, and threatening the health of marine life in the Sound. In the Pacific Ocean a floating soup of plastic pollution the size of Connecticut is integrating into the marine food chain—including fish we consume.

The law underlying Referendum 1 will curb the use of disposable bags—no wonder the industry is willing to mislead voters to protect their profits.

APPROVE REFERENDUM 1: A STEP FORWARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE, FOREIGN PETROLEUM DEPENDENCE

Curbing plastic bag use is a simple step toward reducing our dependence on foreign petroleum. Production and transport of paper bags also contributes to climate change.

Referendum 1 is an easy, convenient way to reduce climate emissions and make progress on other critical issues. Seattle's leadership has inspired several other cities like Edmonds, Washington, D.C., New York, and Philadelphia to consider or institute similar actions.

APPROVE REFERENDUM 1: AN OPTIONAL AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION

Area grocers, Central Co-op's Madison Market, PCC, business leaders, Sierra Club, People For Puget Sound, Surfrider Foundation, neighborhood and community leaders support Referendum 1 because it encourages re-use while protecting small businesses and lower income families. The City will use revenues from the fee to provide reusable bags for all Seattle households and many extra bags for those with low or fixed income.

You only pay the fee if you choose not to bring your own bags. Every day we use reusable bags for work, school, and sports. Tens of thousands in Seattle have already started using convenient reusable bags for shopping as well.

Some cities have chosen to ban plastic bags outright. Referendum 1 strikes a middle ground: preserve consumer choice but reflect the real cost of these bags through an optional fee.

APPROVE Referendum 1.

Rebuttal of statement against

The American Chemistry Council and their oil industry allies use these same tired arguments across the country, yet Washington, DC, San Francisco, L.A., even Edmonds recently passed laws to place fees or even ban plastic bags.

Seattle's green bag fee reflects a grassroots effort of thousands of Seattle citizens who packed public hearings and sent in emails, calls, and letters to City Hall in support of action.

Referendum 1 isn't a tax. Many of us won't even pay the fee. It's easy and free to bring your own bags, or if you wish to use disposable pay 20 cents to cover production and disposal costs.

In the 1980's and 90's, industry used similar arguments against curbside recycling. Two years ago they opposed the ban on Styrofoam food containers. Today they are spending hundreds of thousands to mislead us about Referendum 1.

Send a message to Big Oil: APPROVE Referendum 1.

Statement Submitted by: Marc Beaudreau, Board President, Central Coop's Madison Market; Brady Montz, Seattle Group Chair, Sierra Club; Kathy Nyland, Community Leader

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1. Ordinance Number 122752 and the referendum process

In 2008 the city council passed and the mayor signed Ordinance Number 122752. Among other things, this ordinance would amend the Seattle Municipal Code to require grocery, drug and convenience stores to charge their customers a 20-cent fee for every disposable shopping bag that they provided. The stated purpose of the fee is to regulate the generation of waste from disposable shopping bags by creating an economic incentive for customers to use reusable shopping bags.

Article IV Section 1 of the city charter provides for a referendum petition process. This process allows for a public vote on ordinances passed by the City Council before they become law. If the required number of Seattle voters (at least eight percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of mayor in the most recent City election) sign referendum petitions regarding an ordinance, the ordinance does not take effect and instead is placed on the ballot for City voters to approve or reject.

The required number of voters signed referendum petitions to have a public vote on Ordinance Number 122752.

2. The law as it presently exists


- Sets restrictions and standards about collecting and disposing of solid waste and recyclable material.
- Requires commercial and residential recycling.
- Prohibits food-service businesses from selling food in non-recyclable plastic containers.
- Controls litter and solid-waste dumping.
- Sets rates and charges for collecting solid waste.
- Establishes penalties for violations.

The current Code does not regulate disposable shopping bags or require stores to charge a fee for them.

Statement against

We are asking you to Vote No on Referendum 1 because we are tired of seeing the City of Seattle make the same mistakes over-and-over again.

By voting NO on Referendum 1, Seattle residents will send a message to Mayor Greg Nickels and the City Council that we don’t want any more failed programs run by unresponsive city bureaucrats. And that means saying NO to the so-called advance recovery fee – commonly called the “bag tax.”

Seattleites have been taking care of the environment for decades. It comes naturally to us. So why do we need a taxpayer funded program when most us already reuse and recycle our bags right now? And without a tax!

Well, we don’t. And here’s why:

- The 2,300 word City Ordinance (now Referendum 1) is filled with loopholes. For example, there are nine different kinds of paper and plastic bags that are exempt. And, somehow, big box stores like Target and Fred Meyer are given special treatment – if you buy groceries at one of these stores the tax does not apply!
- The ordinance indicates that Our Mayor and City Council will need to hire at least two permanent city employees to “carry out the purpose of the ordinance.”
- The fiscal note to the ordinance indicates that Our Mayor and City Council will need to spend over $1.4 million in the first two years of the program. $1 million just to “purchase and distribute” reusable shopping bags to Seattle residents.
- Similar to the hundreds-of-thousands spent for the SDOT consultant, the Mayor and the City Council will spend $150,000 for “public education activities” to tell us how to keep our cloth bags “clean.” [Page 5, Fiscal Note for Non-Capital Projects.]
- This ordinance will make hard lives even harder. The poor, seniors, disabled, those living on fixed incomes, and even food banks will be forced to use discretionary income for necessities.

So why do we need a taxpayer funded program when according to a city poll 91 percent of citizens already reuse and recycle our bags?

Don’t be fooled about Referendum 1. It is just another City Government program like the millions for the express bus service, the billions to extend the light rail; and, let’s not forget the millions spent on the snow storm fiasco.

Vote No on Referendum 1. Seattle deserves so much better.

Rebuttal of statement for

The question before voters is not whether protecting the environment from waste and litter is important – of course it is – but whether Referendum 1 is the right solution. Once voters see what’s really in Referendum 1, they’ll conclude it’s the wrong approach.

- It makes NO sense to spend taxpayer dollars on another city-run program that includes $1,000,000 to buy reusable bags and another $150,000 to tell us how to use them! It makes NO sense when 90% of us already reuse and recycle our bags.
- It’s NOT a step forward to pass a measure full of loopholes. Referendum 1 exempts grocery products purchased at big box stores like Target and Fred Meyer.
- It’s NOT optional to pay - we ALL PAY for two new city employees to run the program.

We’re tired of the Mayor and City Government making the same mistakes over-and-over again.

Reject Referendum 1.

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3. The effect of Ordinance 122752 if approved by the voters

Ordinance 122752 would amend the Solid Waste Code by adding new law regulating the distribution of disposable shopping bags by grocery stores, drug stores and convenience stores. The Ordinance defines “disposable shopping bag” to include bags of any material, such as paper or plastic, designed for one-time use to carry customer purchases from a store.

The term “disposable shopping bag” does not include:

- bags used by customers inside stores to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items, such as nails and bolts;
- bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, flowers or potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem;
- bags used to protect prepared foods or bakery goods;
- bags provided by pharmacists to contain prescription drugs;
- newspaper bags, door- hanger bags, laundry-dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags.

Among other things the Ordinance would:

- Require grocery stores, drug stores and convenience stores to charge customers a 20-cent fee for each disposable shopping bag that they provided to customers. Stores could not refund the fee to customers.
- Allow stores with less than $1,000,000 in annual gross sales to keep 100% of the fees they collected.
- Require stores with annual gross sales of more than $1,000,000 to pay the City 75% of the total fees they collected, and allow these stores to keep the remaining 25%.
- Establish penalties for late payment or underpayment of the fees by stores.
- Require that the fees paid to the City be deposited into the City’s Solid Waste Fund and used to support solid waste prevention and recycling programs.*
- Authorize the City’s Public Utilities Director to make reusable shopping bags available to the public free-of-charge if that would significantly reduce the costs associated with recycling and disposing of disposable shopping bags.
- Authorize the City’s Public Utilities Director to establish limitations on the fee’s application to sales of non-grocery merchandise at warehouse clubs and supercenters.
- Create two new paid city positions to help implement the fee.

The Ordinance would also amend the City’s Business License Tax Code (Municipal Code Chapter 5.45) so that stores required to collect the fee would get a business-tax deduction for the fees they collected, including the amount of the fees that they kept. The Ordinance also directs Seattle Public Utilities to develop a plan to implement the fee; among other things, the plan would include conducting a public education program, developing a proposal for minimizing the fee’s impact on low-income customers and food banks, developing business record-keeping and reporting requirements, and evaluating the costs and benefits of extending the fee to all retail businesses.

*The fiscal note prepared by City staff for Ordinance 122752 estimates potential fee revenue of $3,370,000 in the first year-and-

4. The effect of this referendum vote

If a majority of voters casting ballots in this referendum vote to approve Ordinance 122752, then it will become law and the changes that it would make to the City’s Municipal Code will take effect. If a majority of voters casting ballots in this referendum vote to reject the Ordinance, then it will not become law, and the Municipal Code provisions governing solid waste will remain as they are.

Complete Text of City of Seattle Referendum No. 1

ORDINANCE 122752 was passed by the City Council and ordered referred by petition.
Date passed: July 28, 2008
Vote: 6-1

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City of Seattle’s solid waste system, establishing an advanced recovery fee (a green fee) for disposable shopping bags, providing a deduction for the green fee from the City’s business license tax, creating two new positions, and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapters 21.36, 21.40, and 5.45.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature in RCW 70.95.010(8)
(a) established waste reduction as the first priority for the collection, handling, and management of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature in RCW 70.95.010(4)
found that it is “necessary to change manufacturing and purchasing practices and waste generation behaviors to reduce the amount of waste that becomes a governmental responsibility”; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature in RCW 70.95.010(6)
(c) found that it is the responsibility of city governments “to assume primary responsibility for solid waste management and to develop and implement aggressive and effective waste reduction and source separation strategies”; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City Council adopted, the Mayor concurring, Resolution 30990, which reaffirmed the City’s 60% recycling goal and set a longer-term goal of 70% recycling along with targets for waste reduction; and
WHEREAS, Resolution 30990 called for studies on how to reduce Seattlites' use of hard-to-recycle materials, many of them plastics, and specifically required Seattle Public Utilities ("SPU") to propose strategies, including bans, to discourage the use of disposable plastic shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, SPU has completed the first of those studies, finding that the production, use and recycling or disposal of both plastic and paper disposable shopping bags have significant adverse impacts on the environment; and

WHEREAS, costs associated with the use and disposal of disposable shopping bags in Seattle creates burdens on the City's solid waste disposal system; and

WHEREAS, to discourage and decrease the use of disposable shopping bags in the city, it is necessary to regulate such use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the people that regulation include the imposition of a fee to discourage the use of disposable shopping bags, to reduce the cost of solid waste disposal by the city, to protect the environment, and to recover the costs of regulation; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has become a national leader among cities in green house gas reduction and seeks to further that effort through waste reduction and increased recycling; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.40 is amended by adding new Section 21.40.075 to read as follows:

SMC 21.40.075 Advanced recovery fee (green fee) for disposable shopping bags

A. Effective January 1, 2009, all grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores, each as defined in subsection J, shall charge and collect a twenty cents ($0.20) advanced recovery fee, a Green Fee, for each disposable shopping bag provided to customers. It shall be a violation of this section for any store that is subject to the requirements of this section to pay or otherwise reimburse a customer for any portion of the Green Fee.

B. All grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores shall indicate on the customer transaction receipt the number of disposable shopping bags provided and the total amount of the Green Fee charged.

C. The Director of Seattle Public Utilities may establish by Administrative Rule, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.12.020, limitations on the application of the Green Fee for sales of non-grocery merchandise at warehouse clubs and supercenters.

D. On a quarterly basis and as otherwise may be required by the Director, all stores required to collect Green Fees under this section shall report and remit the City's portion of the Green Fees collected to the Director, as provided below, and may retain the remaining portion to offset administrative and other costs incurred in implementing the Green Fee required by this section.

1. Grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores with annual gross sales of less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) may retain one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount collected.

2. Grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores with annual gross sales of one million dollars ($1,000,000) or more shall remit seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount collected to the City.

3. Payments and receipts shall be reported on forms prescribed by the Director. The form shall be signed by a responsible officer or agent of the store. The individual signing the form shall swear or affirm that the information in the form is true and complete.

E. City revenue generated from the Green Fee on disposable shopping bags shall be deposited in the Solid Waste Fund and used to support solid waste prevention and recycling programs.

F. The Director shall develop and maintain a database of all grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores required to collect the Green Fee and shall collect and deposit payments into the Solid Waste Fund.

G. If payment of any amounts due under this section are not received by the Director on or before the due date, the Director shall add a penalty calculated in the same manner as the penalty imposed under Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.55.110 A, as it now exists or as it may be amended. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deem any fees required under this chapter to be a tax.

H. If the Director determines that any amounts due under this section have been substantially underpaid, as defined in Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.55.110 B, there shall be added a penalty calculated in the same manner as the penalty imposed under Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.55.110 B, as it now exists or as it may be amended. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deem any fees required under this chapter to be a tax.

I. Any fee required by this section that is not paid within ninety (90) days after the due date shall be subject to interest and calculated in the same manner as the interest imposed under Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.55.090 B, as it now exists or as it may be amended. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deem any fees required under this chapter to be a tax.

J. For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

1. "Advanced Recovery Fee" or "Green Fee" means a charge or regulatory fee levied against the distribution, purchase, or use of a product in order to discourage its use, thereby reducing its presence in the waste stream and its ancillary environmental impacts, and to recover costs associated with the recycling or disposal of the product.

2. "Convenience stores" means all retail stores falling under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 445120 (convenience stores) or NAICS code 447110 (gasoline stations with convenience stores).

3. "Director" means the Director of Executive Administration or any officer, agent or employee of the City designated to act on the Director's behalf.

4. "Disposable shopping bag" means a bag of any material, commonly kraft paper or plastic film, designed for one-time use to carry customer purchases from a store. "Disposable shopping bag" does not include: bags used by customers inside stores to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items, such as nails and bolts; bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not, flowers or potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem; bags used to protect prepared foods or bakery goods; bags provided by pharmacists to contain prescription drugs; or newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry-dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags.

5. "Drug stores" means all retail stores falling under NAICS code 446110 (pharmacies and drug stores) or NAICS code 446191 (food and health supplement stores).

6. "Grocery stores" means all food stores falling under
NAICS code 445110 (supermarkets and other grocery), or NAICS code 452910 (warehouse clubs and supercenters).

Section 2. The purpose of the Green Fee established by this ordinance is to regulate the generation of waste from disposable shopping bags by creating an economic incentive for customers to use reusable shopping bags. To further promote the use of reusable shopping bags and reduce the quantity of disposable shopping bags entering the City’s waste stream, the Director of Seattle Public Utilities is authorized to make available to the public free-of-charge reusable shopping bags to the extent the director determines that such a program will significantly reduce the costs associated with the recycling and disposal of disposable shopping bags.

Section 3. Section 5.45.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

5.45.100 Deductions.
In computing the license fee or tax, the following may be deducted from the measure of tax:

X. Amounts collected by grocery stores, drug stores, and convenience stores from customers to pay the Green Fee imposed under SMC 21.40.075, including that portion of the fee that the store is entitled to retain to offset costs incurred to implement and administer the Green Fee.

Section 4. Section 21.36.922 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

SMC 21.36.922 Civil infractions.
A. The violation of or failure to comply with any section of this subtitle (chapter) identified in this section is designated as a civil infraction and shall be processed as contemplated by RCW Chapter 7.80.
B. The violation of or failure to comply with any of the following sections shall be a civil infraction and subject as a Class 1 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120 to a maximum monetary penalty and default amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00), not including statutory assessments:
SMC Section 21.36.420 (Unlawful dumping of solid waste)
SMC Section 21.40.075 (Advanced recovery fee (green fee) for disposable shopping bags)

Section 5. To carry out the purposes of this ordinance, the following new positions are created in the Department of Executive Administration.

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The Director is authorized to fill these positions subject to civil service and personnel rules and laws.

Section 6. To assist implementation of the green fee, SPU shall include the actions in Attachment A in its 2008 and 2009 work plans.
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My roots are in the community as an activist, a neighbor, a parent, and a lawyer. And I am running for Mayor in order to return Seattle to the people.

As a community activist, I fought against the politicians who wanted to build more roads—and we won. As Executive Director of the Seattle Great City Initiative, I organized the Parks Levy over City Hall’s opposition—and it passed.

As your Mayor, I will stop the $4 billion dollar tunnel that politicians are trying to force on us. This tunnel is too expensive, and will bury our city under a mountain of debt for generations to come.

Consider this:

• The tunnel is projected to cost more than $4 billion.
• City Hall refuses to release the finance plan until AFTER the election.

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My name is James Donaldson, and I want to be your mayor. Do you remember the time when you felt proud of Seattle? Do you remember when we worked together to overcome challenges, inspire innovation, set aside partisan bickering and special interests to do what just makes sense, while managing for inevitable change?

I moved to Seattle more than 30 years ago, still living in the same house I bought when recruited by the Sonics after graduating from WSU. I made a personal and business commitment to this city years ago, and am here for the duration.

I will lower the cost of our city government bureaucracy while expanding needed services. Our taxpayers spend over $70,000,000.00 for 700 city employees making $100,000+ in salary. By reducing bureaucratic overhead wherever possible, we can put garbage cans back into busy parks, reopen our libraries, fully staff our police and public safety teams, provide emergency shelter and much more.

• It’s anticipated that $930 million will come from increased property taxes, special taxes and permanent increases in utility rates.
• Even though it’s a State Highway, the legislature passed a special law making City of Seattle taxpayers responsible for ALL cost overruns—which could run into the billions of dollars.
• The proposed tunnel has no on-ramps or off-ramps downtown. Sixty percent of viaduct traffic starts or ends downtown and won’t be served by the tunnel.

As your Mayor, I will make the city’s priorities your priorities:

1) TEACHING. Seattle is one of the smartest cities in the world. Our economy depends on education and innovation. Yet we have a school system that is in distress. I will work to focus city resources to turn the school system around. Parents deserve to know who to hold accountable for the success or failure of our school system. I will be accountable.

2) TECHNOLOGY. Seattle needs to do a better job using technology. We need to upgrade our Internet infrastructure and use it to engage the world economy and the public. We’re in a Web 2.0 world and yet City Hall seems to be stuck in Windows 95.

3) TRANSIT. Improve local transit by expanding light rail, investing in frequent and reliable bus service, and increasing biking and walking choices. As your Mayor, I will work to banish the phrase “overcrowded buses” from our vocabulary.

It’s time to say NO to the tunnel and YES to listening to the people. I would appreciate your vote on August 18th. Together we can build a Seattle we can believe in.

I will work with schools, corporations, communities and families to make school cool, not just increasing student outcomes, but keeping kids in school so they can be astronauts, scientists, engineers—anything but a gangster. I will build up schools because education isn’t just the School District’s job, it’s my job.

I will transform transportation, prioritizing pedestrian safety with more crosswalks and signage; reduce sidewalk obstructions; and lobby for harsher penalties for drivers hitting pedestrians. I will provide free and reduced-cost bicycles for kids and the poor; give tax breaks to parking garage owners who install bike racks and offer lower parking rates to drivers of electric and hybrid cars. I will simplify signage for street parking. And I will rebuild the frayed relationships with regional and national government so that our major roads actually get funded and built, regenerating our economy.

I will protect our environment by repaving government parking lots with permeable surfaces, add solar panels to buildings, and create an infrastructure to recharge electric vehicles. Modeling SAM’s Sculpture Park, I will create partnerships to make parkland out of waste land.

I will merge City Light and Seattle Public Utilities, reducing administration costs, consolidating equipment and combining billing. With crunched family budgets and failing local businesses, no city department is immune.

If we want our Seattle back, remember, it takes a big man to look out for the little guy. I am your man. And with your vote, I will be your mayor.
It’s an honor to serve as your mayor. We’ve accomplished a lot together, but there is still more work to do.

As a lifelong champion of working families, the environment, and progressive policies, I’m proud to be the only mayoral candidate endorsed by local unions, environmental groups, and Democratic organizations – and to be recognized by President Obama for my leadership on reducing global warming.

To keep Seattle vibrant, a mayor must make tough decisions, set clear priorities and do the right thing, even if it’s not always popular, to get results.

A RECORD OF RESULTS

Light Rail On Track
Light rail opened July 18, fulfilling a decades-long dream to bring mass transit to Seattle. I launched this effort 21 years ago, and have fought hard to make it a reality because light rail will transform our region, connect our neighborhoods, reduce traffic and pollution and make it easier to get around.

Better Roads, Buses & Bike Lanes
Under my leadership, the City has filled more than 400,000 potholes, and last year repaved more miles of roads than in any of the previous 20 years. And by forming an innovative partnership with Metro, I’ve expanded Seattle bus service and built more miles of bike lanes than any mayor of Seattle – ever.

Record-Low Crime
I’m proud that crime in Seattle has fallen to a 40-year low thanks to community policing reforms, my initiative to hire 150 more officers, and a nationally recognized program to prevent youth violence and make our neighborhoods safer.

Stronger Economy
We’re going through tough times but because I built up our rainy day fund, cut pay for myself and top officials and preserved local jobs, Seattle is faring better than many other places – and was recently ranked one of the most financially sound big cities in the nation.

Yes I’ve made some mistakes. There are a couple of weeks during last December’s snowstorms that I wish I could do over. But I learn from my mistakes and next time we will be better prepared.

I ask for your vote so we can continue to move Seattle forward together. I’ll continue working hard to ensure the city we all love today will remain a great place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

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Seattle residents want a change in City Hall because we know that our city government is broken, and we need a mayor we can trust. Seattle is quickly becoming unaffordable. Youth violence is on the rise in our neighborhoods. People don’t feel safe walking our downtown streets. I am running for Mayor of Seattle because City Hall doesn’t have a vision for preserving and enhancing our quality of life while keeping Seattle livable and safe. Whether it’s the failed snow storm response or the failure to take seriously our economic crisis, City Hall isn’t delivering for its citizens. I have the management experience, the vision, and the leadership skills to change the current culture at City Hall.

I was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, and my wife and I are raising our family in Wallingford. Currently, I am an executive at T-Mobile, where I help the company thrive by fostering innovation and driving efficiencies. In contrast, our current City Hall has created an environment where good people can’t innovate, citizens’ concerns are ignored, and inept management is tolerated and even promoted.

We won’t solve the issue of rising gang violence by disbanding the gang unit and disempowering neighborhoods. We won’t achieve a robust public transit system by diverting funds to special interest projects like the South Lake Union streetcar. And we won’t fix our broken government by demoting whistleblowers while promoting abusive managers.

During Hurricane Gustav a year ago, two million Americans were evacuated. I assembled a group of experts to turn on free service for prepaid phone customers who I knew would have trouble finding stores open to refill their accounts. For me, this wasn’t about profits; it was about delivering a basic service – helping people in times of emergency. We need this leadership at City Hall.

A strong leader has to be open, transparent and engaging with all of the stakeholders involved. Only after all have been heard, and their input acknowledged, can a leader make a bold decision and move forward quickly and efficiently.

These are the starkest differences between me and my opponents. I believe we can do better as a City. I believe you deserve better. If you believe a change is needed at City Hall then please join me in my effort to fix our broken government.

Thank you for voting Joe Mallahan for Seattle Mayor.
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New Energy. Real Change

As Mayor, I will bring new energy and real change to make Seattle shine as a beacon and example of true diversity and equity. My life experience as a community organizer, youth advocate, educator and entrepreneur exemplifies my commitment to problem solving.

How a city’s youth, families, schools, small businesses and most insecure residents are doing are the best indicators of its general health, not the number of new high rises.

We cannot take four more years of top down politics with neighborhood interests being ignored and haphazardly addressed in favor of special interests. I will investigate fraud and insider dealing that leaves communities disenfranchised such as in the case of Urban League/African American Museum.

Real solutions for youth violence:
• Reverse school closures and no new closures
• Create African American Peace Academy magnet curriculums at Garfield and Rainier Beach High schools to address black on black youth violence

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I love Seattle. I love our neighborhoods, our arts and culture, our parks, public spaces, and our spirit of innovation. I want to be your Mayor because we need leadership changes now. Unless we hit the reset button, we will continue to miss opportunities and fail to meet our potential as a vibrant city.

Seattle has lost its momentum. We have lost respect in Olympia, the region and across the state. And it’s hurting the city I love.

I don’t remember a time when Seattle was less influential. When the City asked for transportation stimulus money, Seattle got nothing. When the City asked for help in getting $30 million from the new Sonics owners, Seattle got nothing. Time and time again, Seattle comes away empty-handed.

Why? Because the “Seattle Way” has turned out to be a kind of hardball Chicago style politics. It has alienated too many of our friends, neighborhoods, community groups and people. We deserve better. Seattle needs a tested and trusted leader who works with people to get things done. A proven leader who knows the city, the issues and can put us back on track.

With positive partnerships we can tackle the problems we face. First, we must revitalize our economy and create good jobs. It is particularly important to help and support our small business community. The decision has been made to replace the Viaduct. I will work to see that the project is completed on time and on budget. To build a safer city, we must increase police in the neighborhoods and walking the streets. And I will never forget the safety net we must have to protect the neediest among us.

To achieve our goals, we must repair our relations with the state and region, empower our neighborhoods and restore trust in city government. If you want a new style of leadership that embraces cooperation and delivers results, I ask for your vote.

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The strength, beauty and economic power of Seattle live in our neighborhoods and our citizens.

As a native born and raised Seattle citizen, I am running for Mayor in order to restore these neglected resources to City Hall so that we create balance and common sense in public policy.

My business career has been spent developing and owning nursing homes, retirement homes, and other healthcare facilities and working in the food manufacturing industry. Since retiring, I’ve spent time advocating for children with developmental disabilities and for special education, and advocating for citizens’ rights in government affairs.

I am a descendant of a pioneering Washington family. My great-great grandfather was Washington’s third Governor – John Rogers. I inherited his Populist bent and it has inspired my community work and dedication to public service.

I am a trusted leader who has spearheaded some of the more difficult land use and development issues that face people in my neighborhood and in the Seattle community. I have been a consistent, public voice in Seattle for equity, diversity, neighborhoods, government transparency, and civic fiscal responsibility.

Now is the time for a new direction in city government. My governing philosophy is grounded in making the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Seattle the first priority. It does not benefit Seattle to continue growing and ignore the monetary, environmental and human cost of that growth.

The Viaduct public policy fiasco is one example of what is currently wrong at City Hall.

The voters of Seattle rejected a tunnel option – and yet the mega-expensive deep-bored tunnel is what our Mayor and City Council wants to build. Trucks going from Ballard to SODO will not be able to use the tunnel. This makes no sense on economic, freight mobility or transportation levels.

Transportation systems are supposed to work in concert with each other, easing movement between economic activities, people and industry, providing the capacity necessary to keep our city moving. Reducing capacity and constricting the free-flow of the city’s streets is curbs people’s mobility choices and makes inefficient use of their valuable time.

If elected, I will re-set Seattle priorities so that police and fire department budgets are sufficient to deliver superior protection; transportation solutions are efficient and common sense; public parks are the crown jewels of our city and your tax dollars are used wisely.

I ask for your vote.

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Over the course of this campaign, I’ve met thousands of Seattle residents who clearly love this city. The one thing I’ve heard over and over is we need new and fresh leadership in Seattle - leadership that listens to its citizens, is fiscally responsible and transparent, and that cares for all citizens and businesses.

As Seattle’s mayor, I want to usher a new era of action, where our elected officials genuinely listen to citizen concerns. By connecting with you and forming partnerships with all parts of our city and community, we can find innovative solutions to our problems. I have been successful because I create solutions by being a skilled listener, a strategic thinker and negotiator with an end result of forming successful partnerships.

I plan to enhance Seattle’s economy so that our businesses and neighborhoods thrive, especially in neighborhoods where business success has not been realized or has been disrupted by infrastructure improvements. I will create incentives for businesses to cluster in every part of the city - no part of our great city will be excluded or neglected under my leadership.

I will partner with other cities, counties and the state to pool health-care purchasing power for all of our employees. I will then offer those preferred rates to private companies with less than 20 employees and to Seattle residents seeking affordable healthcare.

Our children and public schools need our help. Together we can design an innovative education system where children attain the skills necessary to reach their full potential and pursue their dreams. I will bring together Seattle Public Schools with local neighborhoods, children-focused nonprofits, and other stakeholders to create quality learning environments that are accessible, fully utilized by the community and safe for children and families. When schools succeed, families win, businesses thrive and neighborhoods prosper.

I was opposed to the plan to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a tunnel. The people of Seattle voted “no” to the tunnel option and to rebuilding the existing structure. As mayor, I will make sure that any cost overruns are not borne by the citizens of Seattle but by the people who use the tunnel, those who advocated for it and whose property values will increase because of it.

Thank you for your vote. Please visit my website to learn more about my plans for transportation, youth violence, homelessness, public safety and crime, the environment and living affordability.
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Seattle needs a strong, proven leader who will unite people to solve problems. Sally Bagshaw is that leader.

Sally is a former public school mom and small business advocate. She recently retired as Chief Civil Deputy in the King County Prosecutor’s Office, where she led a division of nearly 100 lawyers and legal staff. Earlier in her career she was head of Metro’s Legal Department, served as Minority and Women’s Business Officer for the University of Washington and worked as an Assistant Attorney General at both the UW and WSU.

Throughout her career, Sally has: advocated for innovative criminal justice programs, supported strong public schools, protected open space and parks, and worked to end traffic gridlock.

Sally gets results. She will bring her record of positive management, dedication to her community and compassion for people to City Council to tackle the issues that concern us all.

....Stronger Economy....
Sally will help diversify and strengthen Seattle’s economy, encouraging growing industries like biotechnology and clean energy. She will make the city a better partner with business and labor to protect and increase family wage jobs.

....Vital Neighborhoods....
A longtime neighborhood leader, Sally will promote diverse, affordable and well-designed neighborhoods to support and preserve our quality of life.

....Excellent Schools....
Sally will coordinate with the Seattle Public Schools to utilize resources equitably. There’s no excuse for overcrowding some schools while displacing kids from their neighborhoods.

....Parks and Open Space Preservation....
Sally will follow through on city commitments to fund parks, protect streams and open spaces, and clean Puget Sound.

....Safe Streets....
Sally will push for more foot patrols to reduce crime, and work closely with former colleagues at the County to find better solutions than building a new Seattle jail.

....Protection of the Vulnerable....
Sally started an award winning legal clinic in King County for homeless women. She will fight to maintain strong human services.

More than 500 Endorsements. Sally has earned the broadest support of ANY candidate for council this year because she listens. Those who support Sally include: Seattle Firefighters and Washington Women’s Political Caucus, Alki Foundation, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28; elected officials, including Gary Locke, Tim Burgess, Jan Drago, Jamie Pedersen, Bob Ferguson, Dow Constantine, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Scott White, Reuven Carlyle, and Dan Satterberg; leaders of the API, African American and Latino communities, GLBT leaders, business, environmentalists, and unions. See the entire list at www.SallyBagshaw.com.

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Thomas Tobin was born and raised on Capitol Hill. He still lives on Capitol Hill with his wife and two children. He is a graduate of O’Dea High School and North Seattle Community College. As a United States Marine Corp Veteran and a business owner Thomas knows the meaning of Leadership, Teamwork, and Enthusiasm. Working with the public for over 30 years, he has a strong sense of Community, Justice, and Service.

Thomas believes that city government should be by and for the people, communities and neighborhoods. Businesses flourish when there is cooperation between government and its people. He believes city government should have strict accountability in all of its departments and it should be easily accessible. He believes transportation has made positive steps, but more needs to be done. He believes in cleaner streets, sidewalks, and parks. He also believes the more government we have, the less it actually services the people.

When Thomas takes position on the city council, his goal is to provide solutions and answers to the following questions that affect every taxpaying citizen:

• Why does city government keep spending time, money, and resources to probe into its own city departments?

• Why is there such a problem with city streets, sidewalks, and parks?

• Why doesn’t the city government publish a weekly summary of what is voted on or going to be voted on without a taxpayer having to dig for it (i.e. like the Seattle Times does for our U.S. Lawmakers)?

• Why does city government have so much internal strife?

By answering these and other pressing questions, we will keep Seattle the livable place we have come to expect for our children and ourselves.

Thomas’ concerns about government-citizen relations, accountability, accessibility, cleanliness and transportation, come from his heart. With energies focused on political and personal accountability and making certain public and elected officials are on the same page, Thomas is willing to ask these difficult questions and get real, straight forward answers for all of us.

Thomas has been here all of his life and plans to be here for the duration. He shares your view that Seattle is and will continue to be the greatest place to live if we provide the groundwork today. Thomas LOVES SEATTLE. Vote Tobin on Tuesday, The Loud Voice That Listens.
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Issues & Focus: • Encourage business development • eliminate youth violence • improve public-transportation system • reduce environmental impact • encourage affordable housing • promote educational and cultural partnerships • involve young adults in our government • make government more business-like and fiscally responsible. These are key to ensuring a healthy, happy, and prosperous community for generations to come.

A big part of accomplishing these goals will be working together to make sure that programs and projects are in line with these values, and by building a publicly measurable and specific roadmap for every goal.

I am running for Seattle City Council because I love Seattle and feel I can make a difference. Although I’ll be representing the interests of all Seattle citizens, I bring to the table a strong insight into the youth of our city. My wife Jameelah and I have had hands-on experience in empowering youth and young professionals for several years. Young entrepreneurs are changing our lives, and we need to inject their energy and special brilliance into every aspect of our community, including the political arena.

Experience: Leadership and service have been pillars in my life. At 14, I became an Eagle Scout. Since then, I have used my service and leadership skills to conduct post-traumatic stress syndrome workshops for Hurricane Katrina evacuees, to help impoverished schools in India and Sri Lanka, to organize tree-planting projects, and to coordinate a national team of teachers focused solely on empowering youth through workshops and service. Each accomplishment was achieved in parallel with my career, as all aspects of life — service, family, and career — are important to me.

Education: An MBA and a Masters in Engineering from the University of Washington.

Current Position: Worldwide Lean Manager for Amazon.com. Lean methodology is a scientific approach to eliminating waste that involves people across an organization. It is about empowering people to take responsibility, to drive positive change. It has added tremendous value to Amazon’s customers, and I look forward to bringing this knowledge and experience to City Hall.

Join the Team: I invite you to join me in creating a bold vision for our city. Let us hold ourselves accountable for realizing our goals. It will not always be easy; each of us have to be ready to stand up and take action, since real community transformation starts at the level of the individual.

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Hello, my name is Dorsol Plants and there is one word that best describes the reason I’m running for Seattle City Council, Communication. During my time serving our country in Iraq I saw firsthand how good communication saves lives, time, and money. Now in Seattle we face many unique and difficult challenges. These challenges range from unwalkable sidewalks in our neighborhoods, to a budget crisis, an ever-growing homeless population, and ill thought out infrastructure plans. All of these challenges we can overcome, but only if we are talking to each other. Its this type of communication I used on the battlefields in Iraq, and as a Case Manager to move homeless veterans off the streets and into housing. It’s the communication I’ve used to help meet the needs of victims of Domestic Violence as a volunteer with the Seattle Police, and to work to organize my neighborhood as Chair of my neighborhood association.

This is what I want to bring to your city council. This strong desire to not just hear, but to listen. The perspective of someone who doesn’t want to be just another politician, but to be your public servant. Someone who won’t just legislate, but who will advocate and fight for the things we need in Seattle. I believe strong in Seattle and what it stands for, and I believe we can truly make it better, but only if we work together. I would be honored to have your support for Seattle City Council, and look forward to working with anyone who wants to make Seattle great.
Last year, we saw at the national level what happens when people are ready for change. We can achieve that same progress here with my reform agenda for Seattle.

As I travel about the city, I hear people saying that we are headed in the wrong direction, that we could lose the qualities that have made Seattle such an exceptional place to live. Work doesn’t pay a living wage. We are stuck in traffic. Our streets are falling apart. We develop neighborhood plans, and the City ignores them. We are closing our schools and talking about building a new jail. Families are being forced to move out of Seattle because housing is too expensive. Homelessness continues to grow.

We can do better. We must do better. It is time for a new direction in City Hall.

Powerful interests want to continue to pour tax dollars into downtown projects while ignoring larger needs of our city. But we have the power of regular people in neighborhoods all over Seattle who care about the entire city and want more of a focus on basic services and common sense city government.

Here are my priorities:

- Build 5,000 additional affordable housing units above and beyond the goals of the housing levy and the homelessness plan, and require that when developers tear down affordable housing in our neighborhoods, they must replace it.

- Create a City initiative to increase living wage jobs.

- Develop a regional transportation plan that connects our neighborhoods with more bus routes, is less focused on downtown Seattle, and moves the most people at the least cost.

- Replace the expensive redo of Mercer Street with a less expensive alternative that improves traffic flow and redirect the dollars saved to rebuilding our neighborhood infrastructure.

- Protect neighborhood trees, watersheds, and open space.

For over a hundred years, Seattle has been known for its progressive tradition and the strong sense of community in our neighborhoods. We need to keep that character alive and well as we start this new century.

I have been endorsed by former City Councilmember Peter Stein-brueck, County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, State Representative Sharon Tomiko-Santos, and the 37th District Democrats. I will work with them and all of you to keep our progressive values, strengthen our neighborhoods, and refocus our priorities on essential city government services. I ask for your vote.

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Marty Kaplan for City Council: Putting Our Ideals Into Action

An architect with a passion for our neighborhoods, Planning Commission member advocating transportation solutions and smart urban design, neighborhood council leader, a 30 year small business owner and father committed to great local schools, Marty Kaplan offers a positive vision for needed change.

Marty Kaplan has a clear record of putting Seattle’s ideals into action.

Long before “green design” was a buzz word, Marty won awards for Seattle’s earliest sustainable building designs.

A lifelong advocate for light rail and transit, Marty has helped guide planning efforts to advance modern transportation choices that serve our neighborhoods.

Active in the first campaign to protect the Pike Place Market, Marty understands that when we invest in the values and diversity that make this a great city, we can protect and improve our quality of life. But we must act!

Collaborative and Decisive

Like many Seattle residents, Marty is frustrated by the petty politics of city hall and the failure to take thoughtful, decisive action on priority issues. Marty will bring fresh ideas, a collaborative style, and a focus on smart decision making to a council in need of change.

Marty shares our priorities:

Efficiency and Focus at City Hall

Marty understands the need to make Seattle government more efficient, responsive and focused.

Grow Seattle Jobs and Economy

Endorsed by businesses large and small, and advocates for protecting middle class jobs, Marty will cultivate a strong, diverse economy by focusing on job creation, promoting clean technologies and protecting traditional jobs in our industrial areas.

Protect our Environment and Neighborhoods

Neighborhood, public safety and environmental leaders endorse Marty for his commitment to making good on promises to invest in our parks and open space, schools, and safe streets.

Advance Transportation Solutions

Delay and obstruction on transportation projects cost time, money, and threaten our environment and quality of life. Marty will remove barriers to building a 21st century network that integrates smart, reliable choices, moving people and goods efficiently.

“Seattle can emerge stronger than ever from current economic challenges, but we need experienced and passionate leaders in City Hall committed to positive change by building consensus and taking action. With your vote I’ll help end the divisive politics and obstructionism that prevents us from reaching our potential.”

Early endorsements: State Sen Ed Murray, Alki Fndn, neighborhood leaders.

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Dear Voters,

I confess; I have a reputation. Some say I’m a thorn in the side of those spending public dollars because I want accountability. Sometimes that’s the Mayor or city staff, sometimes it’s an investor or developer, and sometimes it’s a corporation or a not-for-profit group. Too often millions are proposed or given to projects that promise results without someone asking exactly what they are.

That’s why Seattle must have a strong voice on the City Council for the common person: someone who not only asks questions but keeps asking until the facts come out; someone who actually wants to know, “Where is the evidence of those benefits?”

In the pursuit of true public benefits I will continue promoting public transportation through more reliable bus service; safer neighborhoods through more foot and bike police patrols; a healthier more sustainable environment through promoting sidewalks, bike lanes, green building codes and community gardens; a more socially just city by speaking out to protect our civil rights; providing more affordable housing for those most in need through longer term requirements for keeping them that way; and keeping our cultural institutions vibrant, from our public libraries and community centers to our major art institutions and neighborhood cultural districts.

I have pursued each of these objectives by insisting that our public dollars be spent not only wisely but equitably across the city and that we make decisions in an open, transparent manner.

Some folks say I’m the most sensible, practical, fiscally responsible, and yes, even the most progressive member on the Council. I don’t argue with them. But I do tell them and others what I think and what I have done. I’ve been doing that with Urban Politics (http://www.cityofseattle.net/council/licata/up00dex.htm), the longest running political e-newsletter in Seattle.

Because I have a record of accomplishments, an ability to work well with others and a vision for a prosperous and sustainable Seattle for everyone I have been endorsed by twelve of Seattle’s state legislators, County Councilmembers Bob Ferguson and Larry Gossett, former Governors Mike Lowry and Albert Rosellini, local unions representing the Teamsters, Service Employees and Carpenters, and the Sierra Club.

I would appreciate your vote too. Visit www.nicklicata2009.com and join me in making Seattle a city that can grow with grace and respect for all, and with fairness towards all.

Sincerely,

Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata
In the next 20 years, more than one million people will move to our region. Issues of urban density, environmental protection, mass transit, better education and affordable housing loom large. And the clock is ticking.

It's time for new vision and strong leadership that’s capable of addressing these pressing needs.

What does it say that three diverse organizations, with wide-ranging interests and memberships – Washington Conservation Voters, Alki Foundation of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Woman's Political Caucus — have endorsed my candidacy? They feel it's time for a new generation of pragmatic, proactive leadership.

I’m an open space/parks professional, a champion for walkable neighborhoods and public safety, an unyielding mass transit proponent and an unwavering advocate for creating more green jobs in Seattle.

For the past five years, I have been an entrepreneur and innovator within the King County government. When 80% of our Parks budget went away, I had to figure out how to keep 25,000 acres of parkland open. Those parks – from Cougar Mountain to the Burke Gilman - are still open today. By partnering with communities, we’re building $50 million worth of new park facilities and only spending $9 million of public money. And from Marymoor to White Center, we’re reclaiming these vital public spaces.

That's the kind of real action and decisive leadership I will bring to the City Council.

I am willing to put my experience to work to bring a new dose of innovation, inclusivity and decision-making to city government. Our City Council often seems mired in minutia and co-opted by the forces of “NO.”

I am impatient about our future. We need new energy and ideas to make Seattle great again. It's time for a change.


Jessie's family history goes back more than 100 years in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

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Neighborhood planning: helped establish the Central Area, Eastlake, Denny Triangle, Wallingford neighborhood plans
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I’m running for Seattle City Council because I believe it’s time to close the gap between what the people want and what the politicians are giving us.

Seattle is a beautiful city with wonderful neighborhoods, great diversity, and rich culture, but there are needs that are not being met.

The people want housing that’s affordable for families, schools that serve our children, and transportation that’s efficient and reliable.

The politicians want a $4 billion downtown deep-bore tunnel to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

The people don’t want a tunnel - only 30% of Seattle voters supported a tunnel in the 2007 election - but we are getting stuck with the bill. Property taxes, monthly electricity, sewer and water rates are all expected to permanently increase. Politicians even stuck Seattle taxpayers with paying for all cost overruns. All of this for a tunnel that will not serve the 60% of viaduct users that come and go to and from downtown.

I am the only candidate in this race who opposes the tunnel, and I will say no to what the politicians are giving us — because I’ve done it before.

As Chair of the Sierra Club, I stood up to the politicians when they wanted us to take 182 miles of new highways in order to get light rail. An inspiring thing happened. We rejected the politicians’ plan based on old ideas. Today, we’re laying the foundation for cost effective and sustainable transportation.

As CFO of a Seattle law firm for 10 years, I learned that we can create incentives that enable people to make smart personal choices that are also good for the community. Together, we can have smart policies that are good for the economy, nurture our communities, and protect our environment.

The future of Seattle I see is one where reality includes:

- No downtown deep-bore tunnel.
- Affordable housing, so teachers and firefighters can live in the communities they serve.
- Reliable transportation, where getting around only requires a bus pass, a light rail pass, or a bicycle.
- Great neighborhood schools, so every child can get a good education — no matter where they live.
- Job opportunities created through smart policies that foster an environment where businesses can thrive.

Please vote for me, Mike O’Brien, for Seattle City Council position 8.
I will represent all of us.

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Do you really think we are getting our money’s worth out of Seattle City Hall? I don’t.

We are making less money, paying more in taxes and utility rates, watching services be cut, and our local government is more concerned with hiring consultants to evaluate their performance than they are with our quality of life.

My story is Seattle’s story. The son of a hard working Dad and one of Seattle’s first feminists, Seattle City Councilwoman Jeanette Williams, I’ve decided to go into the family business: politics.

I have lived in Seattle all my life. I am madly, passionately in love with it. I am running for this office to be Seattle’s steward.

Stewardship is needed for the four cornerstones of our lives:

1. Stewardship of our Environment – This is where it all begins. We absolutely must preserve the incredible landscape Nature has provided us. I have shown my deep concern by my work on the Magnuson Park Committee.

2. Stewardship of our People – Neighborhood is king. Public process must be restored. Right now it’s a myth. In me, you will have a champion.

3. Stewardship of our Culture – As a lifelong musician, I’ve helped write the artistic description of our area. Both the high arts and the popular arts are resources just like our environment. They reflect what we cherish about Seattle and are to be nurtured.

4. Stewardship of our Economy – I have been a small businessman in this city most of my life. I know from experience that in these troubled economic times we have to tighten our belts. No more property tax increases – starting with this fall’s affordable housing levy. A cap on the B&O tax. What we need to do, as a community, a City Council, as the most powerful city in the state, the home of the most voters – is lead this state to an income tax.

It is time Seattle lead this effort towards true fiscal responsibility. How many schools, health clinics, police and fire stations do we have to close before we take a stand?

C’mon. We are Seattle. We are pioneers. We think progressively. We consume responsibly. We spend appropriately. Mediocrity is unacceptable. We need a hero.

Cast your vote for Rusty Williams.

Community Activities: Co-chair of Friends of Magnuson Park, Ceasefire, Rainier Valley School Book Drive Organizer, Rainier Valley Rotary Club, 46th District Democrats, Ceasefire; UW graduate

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We are in the toughest economic times in a generation. I am running because I believe the Seattle City Council can do more to turn around our economy while supporting the values we believe in as a city. If we are going to improve basic city services, our first priority needs to be getting this economy moving again. Our city needs to invest in strong public safety, new sidewalks, transit that connects to light rail, new parks and open spaces, human services and other basic infrastructure needs. However, our city is facing large deficits that leave us with little money to move this city forward. We can’t make those investments by taxing people out of Seattle. Infrastructure needs. However, our city is facing large deficits that leave us with little money to move this city forward.

We can’t make those investments by taxing people out of Seattle. Here’s what I will do:

- Create a new Small Business Division within the City’s Office of Economic Development to work with our small businesses to create jobs
- Protect our industrial base along our waterfront to protect those living wage jobs and preserve our fishing industry.
- Eliminate the employee head tax that encourages city businesses to locate elsewhere
- Ensure new infrastructure projects are on-time and on-budget
- Rework city bus service so it integrates with light rail and work with the new county administration to reduce costly Metro overhead and focus on service for riders
- Reduce the wastestream (such as petroleum products and harmful chemicals) from major construction projects to protect the environment
- Reduce Seattle stormwater runoff going directly into Puget Sound by 5% by leveraging new technology such as porous concrete

I believe I have the experience to get results on these issues. I am a Strategic Advisor in the Major Projects Division of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). I am especially proud that in the last three years, the City’s contracting with disadvantaged businesses increased by more than 40 percent.

I’ve helped our small businesses. I’ve made city government work smarter. I’ve championed our city’s kids. I believe I have the experience and commitment to results to be one of your next Seattle City Councilmembers.

I live in Seattle’s central district with my wife and son. I have been a board member for Northwest Children’s Fund and am a current member of the 37th District Democrats. I am committed to ensuring Seattle continues to be a world-class city. I would be honored to hold the seat of retiring City Councilmember Richard McIver. I ask for your vote.

David Miller

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Seattle’s needs are complex and we face tough new challenges. We can’t afford to hire single-issue candidates or rely on yesterday’s ideas to solve today’s problems.

The Broadest Support

Here is what Seattle leaders say about David Miller:

“An ardent environmentalist and successful entrepreneur, David will make Seattle a magnet for clean tech start-ups. Not a professional politician, David is smart, articulate, thoughtful, and persuasive -- just the traits that we need on Seattle City Council.”

- Denis Hayes, Environmental Leader, Founder of Earth Day

“David is thoughtful, pragmatic, and eager to tackle tough problems. His sensitivity to the diversity and needs of our neighborhoods, support for responsible growth, tenacity, and willingness to seek out innovative solutions make him uniquely qualified.”

- Linda Pruitt, Owner, The Cottage Company, Winner 2009 Built Green Washington Community Award

“David is a candidate of communities. He sees the big and little picture and he is exactly the man we need on the Council.”

-- Ivan Weiss, Immediate Past Chair, 34th District Democrats

Unmatched Business Expertise

David offers hands-on expertise in clean growth industries. He is the former CEO of a successful software company and has helped create more than 40 innovative new businesses as a volunteer instructor at UWB.

As Seattle’s economy recovers and diversifies, David will make sure the city is a partner—not a roadblock—to job creation.

A Commitment to Neighborhoods, Trees, and Parks

Former chair of the Maple Leaf Community Council, David served on the Seattle Police Department’s North Precinct Advisory Committee and the Parks & Green Spaces Levy Advisory Committee.

An advocate for protecting Seattle’s trees, David wrote and helped pass stronger tree and urban forest protections—addressing climate change and preserving green spaces.

David believes focusing density in existing urban centers encourages responsible growth and supports the uniqueness of our residential neighborhoods.

Additional endorsements include: County Councilmember Bob Ferguson; former City Councilmember Peter Steinbreuck; State Rep Scott White; 37th District Democrats; business leaders Bill Grinstein, Bruce Blume, Bruce Montgomery, Anne Levinson, and FlexCar co-founder Tracy Carroll; pedestrian advocate Lisa Quinn; affordable housing leader Sharon Lee; and neighborhood, community, and business leaders citywide.

Join the campaign and share your ideas at www.MillerForSeattle.org

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We’ve got serious business ahead of us: rising crime, increasing traffic congestion and a city that has become unaffordable for many of our working families. These issues have been looming over us for years but there has not been the leadership to take them head on and find real solutions. I have two girls in Seattle public schools and I want them to be safe getting to and from school and I want them to play in a clean Puget Sound. I am running for the Seattle City Council because there is no accountability or pragmatic vision for delivering basic public services at a reasonable cost. I have the experience, a common sense vision, and the leadership skills to change direction at City Hall.

I learned how good government can work from my dad, former Mayor Charley Royer. And while our city government has changed since he was in office, some core principles should remain: open and accessible government, public service you can count on, and basic services delivered consistently and economically. I believe we have strayed from those core principles, and I am running to restore that kind of leadership to city government.

With nearly 20-years of experience working with neighborhoods, trade, emergency preparedness, the environment, public safety and public health, I have the right experience and a record of accomplishment in both public and private sectors that will help me refocus the City Council on delivering results:

- Developing strategies and programs as manager of the city’s Neighborhood Action Team, to more effectively deal with mental health and public safety issues.
- Working with Seattle Police and Fire Departments to create successful strategies to reduce crime in targeted areas of the city.
- Implementing economic development strategies with business, neighborhood organizations and non-profits to protect our economy.
- Leading efforts as Vice President of a maritime industry trade organization to promote a sustainable Seattle and to protect trade-dependent jobs on our waterfront while, at the same time, reducing environmental impacts on Puget Sound.

I am proud to be the only candidate in this race to receive the endorsements of both the Washington Conservation Voters and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce’s Alki Foundation, as well as Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson, Rep. Scott White, Senator Ed Murray, and many more.

I would be honored to earn your support. Thank you for voting Jordan Royer for Seattle City Council.

Robert Rosencrantz

Robert Rosencrantz – The Responsible Choice for City Council

Robert Rosencrantz is a strong leader with a proven record of achievement. His qualifications include: executive director Northwest Association for Housing Affordability • two-term president Montlake Community Council • boardmember Friends of the Cedar River Watershed, Thornton Creek Alliance, Seattle Tilth • volunteer Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis • Church Council's Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness • volunteer AIDS Housing of Washington • Children’s Hospital Citizen’s Advisory Committee • producer of “American Heroes Spirit Day” honoring Purple Heart Awardees

Robert Rosencrantz – Stick to the basics and do them well

Robert gives his customers a fair deal and value for their money by following a simple but effective principle: stick to the basics and do them well. He’ll bring this track record to city government. Seattle must always deliver high-quality basic services: police and fire safety; well-maintained streets, sidewalks and bridges; parks and playgrounds; libraries and community centers; clean water and affordable utilities; neighborhood-friendly parking and traffic control. Robert Rosencrantz will once again make basic services the top priority. His approach: think long-term; pay-as-you-go not constant levies; lean government that is effective while consuming fewer resources.

Robert Rosencrantz – Rebuild Seattle’s job-growing economy

High-value jobs are critical to Seattle’s future. Three decades of business experience means Robert Rosencrantz will be a strong leader for our economy:

1. Supporting Seattle’s traditional maritime, industrial and neighborhood businesses
2. Making Seattle a magnet for clean energy research and development
3. Competing every day to bring high-paying jobs to our city and region

Robert Rosencrantz – Return power to the neighborhoods

Raised in Madrona, educated in South Seattle and the University District with business and civic interests across the city, Robert Rosencrantz knows our neighborhoods. He’ll return power to the community because it’s vital for each neighborhood to direct its growth consistent with its own vision. The bottom line: Robert Rosencrantz listens – to YOU.

We know Robert Rosencrantz – A friend, neighbor and leader we can trust

Alki Foundation • Democratic State House Speaker Frank Chopp • State Representatives Eileen Cody, Eric Pettigrew, Sharon Tomiko Santos, Bob Hasegawa and Velma Veloria (retired) • State Senators Joe McDermott and Steve Hobbs • Vivian McLean • Bob Watt • Judge Tim Bradbury (retired) • Ellen Ferguson • KC Councilmember Bob Ferguson • Reverend Samuel McKinney • Rabbi Jim Mirel • Ruth Woo • Peter Steinbrueck

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Seattle School District No.1
Director District No. 5 (nonpartisan office – 4-year term)

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Occupation: Writer, editor
Education: University of Washington, BA in Editorial Journalism

I have a broad background of involvement in Seattle Schools and I
know that cooperation with parents, teachers and community is crucial
to ensuring strong, engaging, successful educational programs that will
provide opportunities for all students to thrive. Constituent involvement
must be welcome.

The chaos of opening and closing schools in a rushed and poorly-
justified process has been destabilizing to our public education system.
We must do better as the District considers a new student assignment
plan–School Board members must insist on a fair and equitable pro-
cess.

I have served as Seattle Council PTSA President and on the board
of Schools First supporting successful levies, along with many other
oversight committees. I know the District and will invite your help.

After raising my two Garfield-grad daughters, I have the commitment,
experience, and common sense to build true collaborative efforts.

Please vote for me on August 18.

Andre Helmstetter
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Hello, I am Andre Helmstetter.

It is time for Seattle public schools to be the best they can possibly be.
After repeated support by Seattle voters we are simply not doing the
best that we can to keep all of our kids safe, interested and motivated
in class.

Our children deserve consistent, quality instruction. Our families
need predictable and equitable school programs, with assignments
that make sense.

We need a current parents perspective. I have served on the Squire
Park Community council and the TT Minor PTSA where the eldest of
my two children is a 3rd Grader.

I am a committed parent, an active member of the community, and a
strong supporter of education. I graduated from The Evergreen State
College, spent several years managing quality assurance teams, and
am a local business owner.

Now I ask for your vote for School Board District #5.

Mary E. Bass
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Education: B.A. Economics, UW;
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Mary Bass has served with distinction as the School Board Director
of District 5 for 8 years. The hallmark of her service has been a commit-
tment to public involvement. Mary Bass was the first Board member to
hold community meetings, improving access to information about District
operations. Mary Bass was the first to institute breaks at School Board
meetings so that Board members can engage attendees and answer
questions. Mary Bass was the first to institute Superintendent response
to concerns raised during public testimony.

Mary is an independent voice, demanding accountability. Mary pushed
the District to publicly acknowledge the budget crisis that developed just
months into her first term. Mary voted against budgets that were not
balanced or disproportionately affected vulnerable populations. Mary
opposed closures three times while providing creative costs-saving
solutions.

Sharon Tomiko Santos, Rep. Eric Pettigrew, and many educators.

Kay Smith-Blum
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Occupation: Butch Blum Inc., CEO
(former Neiman Marcus Executive)
Education: University of Texas,
Bachelors of Business Administration,
Marketing and Statistics major

We need to reframe the conversation. This is about an achievement
gap – a city not providing the appropriate education for all our children.
Since 1992, Kay Smith-Blum has created community-building strategies
that have generated thousands of volunteer hours and poured millions
dollars into our Seattle Public Schools. She knows we can bridge
the gap by engaging ALL stakeholders NOW.

We must hear the community’s voice PRIOR to policy proposals that
affect the client – our students. We must provide pre-school and from
kindergarten on: •Foreign language •Rigorous academics •Daily PE •Arts &
Music curriculum •Courses for fiscal literacy, citizenship, vocational &
entrepreneurial training, environmental and wellness training.

Kay and Butch Blum, are Capitol Hill residents, with 3 sons. Kay has
balanced multi-million dollar budgets and been a business owner for
28 years. She has served on the PTSA boards of Montlake, Lowell,
WMS and Garfield.
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Occupation: research scientist
Education: bachelor of science University of Washington

My family has a long history of commitment to Seattle Public Schools. My brothers, sisters and I are all products of Seattle Schools. I graduated from Cleveland and earned my BS from the University of Washington.

My wife is Tina Young, an educator at Seattle Central Community College. Our four children have always attended south end schools.

Professionally I’m a research scientist at the University of Washington developing HIV trial vaccines. I coach youth basketball and serve on the Building Leadership Team at Kimball Elementary.

I believe Seattle school kids deserve an equitable, quality public education. As director, I’d focus on respecting the rich diversity that all of our students possess; crafting a rigorous, accountable educational environment that prepares college students, skilled workers, and artisans.

I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Ruth Woo, Garry Owens, Kip Tokuda, George & Pat Robertson, Melinda Mann, Al Sugiyama

Betty Patu
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Occupation: Retiring after 32 years of working for Seattle Public Schools.
Education: Received her BA Educational Leadership and Masters in Education Administration from Antioch University in Seattle.

There are few who understand the challenges of today’s school classroom as well as Betty Patu does.

Betty’s accomplishments include creating rigorous academic programs for failing students and recruiting highly qualified University students to tutor struggling students.

She has worked tirelessly by providing countless interventions to thousands of youth in our schools and served as leadership on several community organizations. She successfully directed award-winning educational programs recognized to increase graduation rates, grow the number of college-bound students and reduce gang violence.

Many at-risk students now come back to school to complete their education and graduate with their diplomas thanks to Betty.

Community Service: Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition Board, Past President of Asian Counseling Referral Services, Vice President of Rainier Beach Foundation, Past Vice President, Rainier Beach Parent, Teachers, Students Association and Founder/President, Islanders Children & Youth Services.

Betty’s most personal accomplishment: all five of her children graduated from college.

Elect Charlie Mas to the School Board and he will do the job.

He will do the work of making policy - not just the work of writing, revising, and repealing policies, but also the work of enforcing policy.

He will do the work of reviewing the Superintendent’s decisions to confirm that they conform with District Policy, comply with state and federal law, and are consistent with the District’s guiding principles.

He will do the work of reviewing the Superintendent’s recommendations to confirm that they are data-based, founded on sound rationale, and reflect best practices.

He will do the work of holding the superintendent and staff accountable.

He will do the work of representing the public, advocating for the public perspective, and actively engaging the public in decisions. Charlie Mas is a longtime school activist with two children in Seattle Public Schools. Elect Charlie Mas; he will do the job.
Accessible voting for everyone

Voters with disabilities can cast a private and independent ballot at the following locations, dates and times.

**King County Elections** 919 SW Grady Wy, Renton, 98057
- Weekdays, July 29 – August 17: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 15:  10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 18:  7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Bellevue City Hall** 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, 98009

**Seattle, Union Station** 401 S. Jackson St, Seattle, 98104

**Five simple steps to vote on the accessible voting unit**

1. Based on your presented identification, Elections staff will verify your voter information and issue you a voter access card.

2. Insert your voter access card into the accessible voting unit.

3. Make your selections using the touch screen or key pad.

4. Verify your selections on the ballot summary and paper print out.

5. Cast your ballot.
Voting your primary ballot

In each race, the two candidates who receive the most votes will advance to the November General Election.

Why are the County positions nonpartisan?

In November 2008, King County voters overwhelmingly approved Charter Amendment No. 8, making all elected offices in King County nonpartisan.

This includes the Executive, Council, Assessor, Sheriff, and Director of Elections.

Instructions

Making selections
Use a dark pen to completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

⚠️ Do not cut, tear or damage ballot.

Making corrections
To make a correction, draw a line through the candidate’s name. You then have the option of making another choice.

Optional write-in
To vote for a write-in candidate, write the name and darken the oval.

Returning the ballot
Insert completed ballot into security envelope.

Insert security envelope containing completed ballot into return envelope. Sign the oath on the return envelope.
King County produces all election materials in both English and Chinese.

Federal law requires counties to provide language assistance if more than 10,000 or 5 percent of voting age citizens in a jurisdiction are members of a single-language minority group who do not speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process.

If you need language assistance or would like your ballot or voters’ pamphlet in Chinese, call 206-296-8683 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/election/chinese.aspx.

Alternative formats of this voters’ pamphlet are available upon request. Contact King County Elections at 206-296-8683, TTY 711, for more information.

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根據聯邦法律規定，如果在一個轄區內，在達到選舉年齡的公民人口內，有超過 10,000 人或百分之五是屬於某個單一語言少數族裔群體，而該群體的英文口語及理解能力不足以使其參與選舉程序的時候，聯邦法律要求該郡提供語言協助。


此選民手冊的其他版本可根據要求而提供。請致電 206-296-8683（聽覺障礙請致電 711），與金郡選舉處聯絡，以获得更多資訊。
King County produces all election materials in both English and Chinese. If you, or someone you know, needs language assistance, call King County Elections and request a ballot and voting material in Chinese.

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