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This year’s election for King County Executive provides voters a clear choice between the old way of partisan politics or the new way of BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO GET THINGS DONE – that’s my commitment to you. As the Executive Director of an arts, science and education foundation, as well as years of service in leadership roles at 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.

I am a BUDGET REFORMER, NOT A CAREER POLITICIAN. I do NOT believe the answer to budget problems is a higher fee or new tax. I’ll use my leadership experience in the private and non-profit sectors to cut wasteful spending and balance the budget.

I’LL WORK for the PEOPLE of King County to:

• HELP SMALL BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS. Small businesses are the engine of our economy. I’ll fight for tax incentives for small businesses to create new jobs, encourage businesses to locate here, and keep existing businesses from leaving.

• EASE CONGESTION THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. Traffic gridlock is killing jobs. I’ll appoint a leader to coordinate our transportation policy so our multiple agencies work together to cut costs and increase efficiency.

• PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. I’ll work cooperatively with environmental, labor and business groups toward goals that serve our entire community.

I am proud to be ENDORSED BY DEMOCRATS: Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, State Auditor Brian Sonntag and former Congressman Don Bonker, AND REPUBLICANS: Attorney General Rob McKenna, former Governor Dan Evans and former Secretary of State Ralph Munro. If you want positive change, and strong, independent leadership, I humbly ask for your support. Working together we can again make King County the best place to live and work. Thank you for your vote!

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Dow Constantine: Real Reform – and Results to Prove It
Dow Constantine is a no-nonsense reformer who knows how to lead on tough issues. Dow was the first candidate for King County Executive to offer a plan to reform King County and cut county benefit costs, praised by The Seattle Times as “a dose of economic reality.”

Instead of sound bites, Dow leads by example: passing a countywide hiring freeze, slashing administrative costs, and implementing performance measures. His budget plan identifies $75 million in savings, streamlining bureaucracy and cutting overhead. Dow will balance the budget and protect core services, from parks to public safety, without new taxes. His proposal was hailed by the Times as “the most detailed blueprint to date for balancing the 2010 budget.”

A Vision for All of King County: Dow represents suburban, rural, and urban neighborhoods. Dow rejects tired political divisions that pit communities against each other.

A Champion for Jobs: The son of teachers and grandson of a sawmill worker, Dow will cut red tape for small businesses, fight for new careers in clean energy and biotechnology, and protect manufacturing jobs.

Proven Transportation Leadership: Dow helped lead the successful effort to expand light rail across King County. He proposed hundreds of millions in Sound Transit savings, and shifting funds from ferry expansion proposals to save Metro bus service.

Genuine Environmental Commitment: Dow helped stop a multinational mining company from despoiling Puget Sound, and led with action on climate change, preserving open space, and saving parks from threats of closure.

Dow Constantine offers plain-spoken, honest leadership, committed to reform that is true to our fundamental values.

Select Endorsements: Firefighters; Paramedics; Sierra Club; Conservation Voters; County Democrats; business leaders; NARAL Pro-Choice; Planned Parenthood Votes; County Labor Council; Senator Maria Cantwell; Senator Patty Murray.

Highest Rated: Municipal League
As your Sheriff, I had to cut 87 deputies and critical personnel last year because of the county budget crisis. And more cuts are scheduled for this year. That’s why I need your vote and your help now to fight for the protection you deserve.

As the top law enforcement officer of Washington State’s largest county, I oversee an organization of over 1000 employees and a $150 million budget in a county that spans over 2,100 square miles. This includes providing police services to 12 cities, Metro Transit, Sound Transit, the Muckleshoot Tribe, the United States Forest Service, and the King County International Airport.

It is my job to sound the alarm when police services drop below the level you elected me to uphold. The budget may be in crisis, but I will not stand by silently while deputies are cut and county programs such as the foot ferries and high priced bureaucrats take valuable resources we should be using to protect you. I need you to pay attention to budget talks this year – and join me in telling your County Councilmembers that we cannot cut this Sheriff’s budget any further.

It has been my honor to serve you. Together, let’s ensure that King County remains a safe place to live.

Sue Rahr spent 30 years rising through the Sheriff’s office ranks – from patrol deputy to head of the Gang Unit to Chief of Field Operations. Sue was appointed Sheriff to finish the term of now-Congressman Dave Reichert, and faced the voters in 2005, winning with a 77% majority. She was elected the first female sheriff in King County’s 155 year history. She is the only woman on the National Sheriff’s Association Executive Board and frequently speaks on behalf of urban sheriffs.
Graham Albertini

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Occupation: Certified Residential Appraiser, Former Appraisal Manager, College Instructor.

Education: B.A. University of Washington. UW Certificate in Organizational Communication

I have the experience and the backbone to be the “Taxpayers’ Advocate” - as your next King County Assessor. My qualifications and experience are ideal to lead the Assessor’s Office. I have been a full-time appraisal professional since the age of 22. At age 26 I was promoted to manage a large appraisal department in Bellevue. I am one of fewer than 700 people nationwide certified to teach the Appraisal Standards course that all licensed appraisers must pass, and have trained many new appraisers - including some who now work in the Assessor’s Office. In addition to working as an appraiser, I serve as an instructor at North Seattle Community College and the Rockwell Institute, instructing my students that high standards are not negotiable.

I know what it takes to stand up for your interests. As a former Washington Mutual employee I was appalled at the sub-standard property appraisals they were using to make bad loans. I publicly exposed their disreputable appraisal practices. The collapse of the banking giant is a potent reminder that lax appraisal standards can have disastrous effects. I fought for fiscal prudence to protect borrowers and shareholders, and, as King County Assessor I’ll fight just as hard to protect your interests as property owners.

As your Assessor, I will • Work to ensure homeowners are taxed on a realistic assessment of their home, not on the peak value from the boom years • Maintain professionalism and ethics within our nationally recognized assessor’s department • Be a prudent manager of your resources • Bring fresh ideas from the private sector.

King County taxpayers need an Assessor who is competent and fair. I proved with WaMu that I will stand up for what is right. I’m ready to serve as your Assessor. I ask for your vote.

Gene Lux has been a resident of King County since 1942. After graduating from Cleveland High School and working in the home building industry, Gene took many correspondence courses and attended extension courses at U.W. Gene has served 12 years on the Group Health Coop Board, now serves as the senior caucus representative on the Washington Senior Lobby Board in Olympia.

Gene has been a general contractor and residential property developer since the 1950s. In the early 1970s and 80s Gene served 13 years in the Washington House of Representatives with two appointments to the Washington State Senate.

Gene has served on the Washington State Health Care Authority, Public Employee Benefits Board and on the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Board.

As a fire Commissioner for Fire District #20 in the unincorporated area of Skyway he is very aware of how critical the Dept. of Assessments affects the district budget.

Gene has served on the board of the King County Fire Commissioners Association as well as the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association.

Gene has lived in the West Hill area for 30 years and serves as a board member on the West Hill Community Council.

Your support is appreciated.
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The work of the Assessor’s Office has a direct effect on the property taxes you pay. Your next assessor needs to have a record of solid management skills, integrity, and dealing with taxpayers in a fair and open manner.

I fit the bill. I’m Lloyd Hara, and I’m asking for your vote.

I’ve spent my career working for you – as a national award-winning Seattle City Treasurer and King County Auditor, an Army officer, regional FEMA Director, and currently as a watchdog – not a lapdog – on the Port Commission.

I’ve successfully run complex public agencies dealing in financial matters, managing hundreds of employees, and holding myself and the agencies to the highest public accountability standards. I’m a proven manager, not just a number cruncher.

Here’s what I’ll do: Fight to get seniors greater property tax relief -- Ensure your property is fairly and equitably assessed at current values -- Reform the Assessor’s office to be more accessible, so taxpayers get questions answered -- Order a performance audit to find out what’s right, what’s wrong, and then fix it.

Times are tough for our neighbors who have lost wages, life savings, even their homes. Plunging real estate values have spurred a record number of property tax appeals. This is no time for unnecessary risks – King County needs a proven manager with a record of fairness and integrity. I’d appreciate your vote.

I am endorsed by over 700 civic leaders, organizations, former officials, and prominent citizens, including Speaker Frank Chopp, former Auburn Mayor Chuck Booth, King County Democrats, Bull Moose Republicans, Aerospace Machinists Local 751, Builders United in Legislative Development, Seattle Councilmember Richard Conlin, Inlandboatmen’s Union, Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee, Sea-Tac Fire Fighters, State Representatives Eric Pettigrew, Judy Clibborn, Dave Upthegrove, State Sen. Claudia Kauffman, and Carpenters and Joiners Local 1797.

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Education: University of Washington, BA Sociology; International Association of Assessing Officers, advanced classes including Assessment Administration

King County deserves an Assessor who will be ready to work from day one. That Assessor is Bob Rosenberger, a widely respected and experienced professional who knows what it takes to ensure that: • You pay only your fair share of taxes • Teachers, firefighters, nurses, and police keep providing needed services through fair and accurate distribution of levies • Senior citizens stay in their homes in the face of changing economic conditions.

Bob is the only candidate with 24 years of prime responsibility for appraising thousands of complex properties across the county – from the home you might own or rent all the way up to large commercial and industrial projects.

While the Assessor’s office has won awards for service and outreach, Bob will place more information on the web and improve communication with other agencies.

Bob Rosenberger understands the technical aspects of tax law. He understands real estate; he spent seven years in brokerage, and now invests in residential property. He knows the importance of reliable results.

Bob served as shop steward and has been a local leader in the International Association of Assessing Officers. He has attended five International Conferences as well as qualifying as an instructor.

In these hard times, Bob knows where to cut costs while improving outcomes. He will run a leaner and greener department to the benefit of the taxpayers.

Bob Rosenberger believes in current value appraising to assure accuracy and fairness. He will work to reduce exemptions that merely shift taxes onto the rest of us.

King County voters need an Assessor who won’t create more risk in an already risky economic environment. That is why Bob Rosenberger has the endorsements of former Assessor Ruthe Ridder, Senator Margarita Prentice, Senator Joe McDermott, Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, and other regional leaders.
I have the experience to make the tough decisions, to be fair and to operate with the highest integrity. I am a Certified Public Accountant that has conducted audits of public entities, as well as, government programs. I have been an officer and tax manager of a national real estate developer and management company. I have appealed property assessments in various jurisdictions. I am a Vietnam era Veteran. I was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. I have the toughness and management skills to head a department undergoing budget cuts.

A June 1, 2009 state audit criticizes the assessor’s office for not having adequate policies and procedures over personal property tax refunds. A spokesman at the Assessor’s office recently stated that he has only two people to deal with the 13,000+ tax appeals. He is quoted as saying “something has to change.” I understand effective internal controls and I will take action to insure that these problems are addressed.

Current and future budget cuts will require the Assessor to re-allocate resources. I will return to reassessing property every two years like many other counties do, saving both manpower and other expenses. My experience working as a CPA auditor will enable me to assess the problems and take corrective actions.

It is clear that government will be required to operate with less revenue. Taxpayers are hurting. The answer is not new taxes. The Assessor’s office will need to operate more efficiently and at a lower cost.

I offer King County Voters the opportunity to elect someone who has operated his own business. I know when times are tough you have to make adjustments on the way you operate. My private sector business experience has given me the management skills to provide the leadership needed. I ask for your vote.
King County
Council District No. 5  (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Julia Patterson
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Occupation: King County Councilmember
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A recognized, award winning leader in regional governance, Julia Patterson serves South King County with hard work, distinction and honor. Julia comes from four generations of Washingtonians, involved in and committed to our community. She has continued this tradition by raising her family here, serving us in the State Legislature, and now on the King County Council.

As Chair of the King County Council, Julia pioneered the creation and initial funding of the new Lake to Sound trail system; eventually connecting the communities of Des Moines, SeaTac, Tukwila, Kent and Renton.

As Chair of the King County Board of Health, Julia successfully passed into law nationally recognized legislation requiring that chain restaurants provide nutritional information on menus, and the elimination of trans fats from our foods.

As a member of the Sound Transit Board of Directors, Julia convincingly advocated for Light Rail’s extension to the airport, additional trips on the Sounder rail system, and a new station for Renton/Tukwila.

Chosen Public Official of the Year by the Kent Chamber of Commerce, Julia provides South County communities with a respected, knowledgeable voice on matters relating to transit, public health, transportation/trails, and efficient government.

Julia Patterson - A RECORD OF RESULTS.

King County
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Accessible . Accountable . Advocacy
Listening is the beginning of understanding. Whether meeting in neighborhoods or gathering in community libraries, I have brought government closer to South King County residents.

While fighting for improved parks and recreational facilities for all ages, I have worked to improve senior services for our community. As a founding board member (1974) of the Auburn-Federal Way Boys and Girls Club, a 12-year trustee on the original board of St. Francis Hospital, and as past president of Kiwanis, I listen and respond to the diverse voices in our community.

The position of councilmember is more than voting yes or no. While I have worked to improve our region through legislation, I believe my primary responsibility is to serve as your personal advocate.

As your councilmember, I will continue to work for increased efficiencies and cuts to non-essential services before impacting public safety or considering new revenues.

I appreciate your support, and I welcome your suggestions as we work to make King County Government more effective, more responsive, and more financially responsible in representing the needs of our region.
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Occupation: Prior to election I served the U.S. Department of Justice.
Education: I am a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, Order of Barristers

It has been an honor to represent you on the King County Council since 2005.

In my first term, I have opposed unnecessary tax increases and fought for fiscal responsibility and spending priorities. I am proud to have protected public safety, strengthened property rights, increased transparency in taxation and protected thousands of acres of open space.

There is still much to do. King County faces another $50 million deficit in 2010. Others want to raise your taxes to cover this deficit, but I oppose new taxes during this recession because our families are burdened enough. In this economy, King County needs to encourage economic growth that will provide local jobs, not reach for more taxes from you.

Over the next four years, I will strive to reform King County's finances, protect public safety services and improve our quality of life by finding solutions to local problems.

All eight mayors in District 9 have endorsed me and I am rated “Outstanding” by the King County Municipal League. In their endorsement, The Seattle Times describes me as “a cool head… with a sturdy commitment to public safety and a willingness to challenge council groupthink.”

I work for you and would appreciate your vote.

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I’ve lived in King County for 50 years, and am second generation Washingtonian. Richard Harison, my ancestor, was the first Attorney General for the state of New York appointed by George Washington. I believe, and I think Richard would agree, that The People have the responsibility to work with their government and at times question it. I serve on the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council a long-time voice in our community. I’m concerned for our environment; believe that private property rights must be a priority, and King County should be consistent in how it interprets and applies the codes. My work history includes conflict mediation; I train financial leaders across this great nation, and have the skill set to balance a budget. I volunteer, and have brought issues like Ravensdale Park to the attention of our current leaders. I engage in interfaith dialog, and am a leader in diversity initiatives. I didn’t grow up in an affluent family, and like Dr. King I believe that you have to work hard and put your dreams into action when you know you’re the right person for the job.

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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.
John Creighton

Occupation: Business lawyer specializing in corporate financings and cross-border transactions.

Education: JD, Columbia University; BA and MA, International Relations, Johns Hopkins University; Interlake High School, Bellevue

Re-elect John Creighton: Effective Leadership, Real Reform

An independent, progressive thinker, John Creighton has championed family wage jobs, public accountability and environmental sustainability as your Seattle Port Commissioner. Committed to improving competitiveness and trade, John has worked effectively on transportation and freight mobility issues important to the region.

John understands that one out of every three jobs in the region is based on international trade, yet the Port risks falling behind in its ability to drive economic development in King County. That's why he has worked hard to: • Increase the number of family wage jobs generated by Port operations. • Ensure that critical Port infrastructure is built, maintained and protected with the least burden to taxpayers. • Implement real reform of Port operations, including more accountable contracting, internal audits, stronger staff oversight, and better controls and procedures. • Strengthen the Port’s commitment to the environment. • Explore productive areas of cooperation with other ports and regional governments in the Northwest.

John is working effectively to bring new energy and leadership to the challenges facing the Port. That's why he has the support of a wide cross-section of our region's leaders, from business, labor, environmental, community and many other sectors, Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

“Creighton has demonstrated a clear vision for the future of our Port and we're confident he'll continue to lead on environmental issues on the Commission.” -- Washington Conservation Voters

“John sees the big picture and understands that keeping the Port competitive requires a responsible fiscal policy and a close eye on costs in the interests of both tenants and taxpayers. He has the leadership to deliver for working families, businesses and ultimately for the residents of King County.” -- Brad Tilden, President, Alaska Airlines

Please join them in supporting John Creighton for Seattle Port Commissioner!
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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
According to The Seattle Times, “The Port Commission needs people who are smart, who will do the work, and who have a broad view of the public’s interest and how the Port fits into it. We endorse Rob Holland.”

Also endorsed by Sierra Club, King County Democrats; King County Labor Council; Rep. Adam Smith; more than a dozen legislators, Mayors of Kent, SeaTac, Burien; firefighters; business leaders and hundreds more...

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David Doud will continue reforming the Port, ensure that the work of the Port is done ethically and fight to bring new jobs to King County. David is someone the voters can count on to make sure that Port contracts and leases benefit King County taxpayers.

The Port of Seattle links our state to the world’s economy – and it’s our best hope for creating jobs and getting our region out of this recession. David graduated from a top international business school, has worked here and abroad in business, and understands the importance of family wage jobs to our local economy.

Currently there are no Port Commissioners from outside Seattle, though the Port serves and derives taxes from all of King County. David’s county-wide endorsements demonstrate that he will represent the north, south and east reaches of the county as well as Seattle on the Commission. David has support from over a dozen mayors, including Bothell, Auburn, Bellevue, Enumclaw and Federal Way.

David Doud’s bipartisan endorsements include Democrats like former Governor Booth Gardner, former Seattle Mayors Charles Royer and Wes Uhlman, State Democratic Legislators Judy Clibborn, Deb Eddy, Mark Ericks, Larry Springer and civic leaders such as Ken Bunting and Nate Miles. Republican endorsements include Attorney General Rob McKenna, County Council members Kathy Lambert, Jane Hague, Reagan Dunn, and Peter von Reichbauer. Even Seahawks Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck supports him. Finally, David is endorsed by community leader Al Yuen, his other primary opponent.

Six unions who have labor contracts with the Port have raised over $120,000 to buy the Port Commission. David’s opponent is being supported by out-of-state labor organizations who want to control the Port. David is an independent voice, not someone in the back pocket of the union bosses. David Doud is running for the taxpayers of King County.
Tom Albro

Occupation: Small business owner, Municipal League Chair (former), and Civil Engineer.

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

Tom Albro has a wide spectrum of support in the region, from Washington Conservation Voters to the Eastside Business Alliance, from The Seattle Times to the Stranger. In addition, he has Allied Arts, the Board of Realtors, and is the only candidate for Port Commission to receive an “Outstanding” rating by the Municipal League.

In the primary, special interests bankrolled by out-of-state organized labor called themselves “Port Reform,” putting $120,000 in the bank to oppose candidates not partisan to them. But, they underestimated the public’s demand for impartiality and honest debate. Beware of their tactics in the General Election.

Tom won the primary by more than 30,000 votes. Tom Albro is an independent voice, not a career politician, nor a pawn of special interests.

Tom believes that rebuilding the public’s confidence in the Port is imperative, but its key role is being the engine that drives the region’s economy. He says: “Lots of other Ports want our business and our jobs – from Los Angeles to Vancouver to the Panama Canal: our job is to be more competitive and not be beaten by Ports with lower worker or environmental standards.”

Tom says, “I also have a strong, passionate commitment to reducing the Port’s environmental impacts by implementing smart operating practices, more innovation and wise stewardship.”

Local leaders from both sides of the aisle support Tom Albro: Gov. Dan Evans (former), Rep. Deb Eddy, Rep. Eric Pettigrew, Mayors Ava Frisinger (Issaquah), Grant Degginger (Bellevue), King County Council Member Peter von Reichbauer, and former Council Member Peter Steinbrueck (Seattle).

Tom knows how to move freight and people (owner of Seattle Monorail Services, former manager at UPS) and owned his first business before he was 30. He recently merged his local medical records business with a national firm, preserving the jobs locally.

Max Vekich

Occupation: Longshore Worker, former four term Democratic Legislator

Education: BA University of Puget Sound; Grays Harbor College, Student Body President

The old ways of doing business at the Port of Seattle are over. It’s time to move forward with experienced leadership committed to reform, job creation and environmental stewardship.

Instead of another insider, we need an advocate who will open doors to trade, improve accountability, and be a true partner for Puget Sound cleanup.

I’ve served eight years as a legislator chairing critical trade and economic development committees, worked on the docks as a longshoreman and marine trade representative, and spent a lifetime fighting for good jobs and open, transparent government.

On the Port Commission I’ll be a strong, principled voice for change, and bring needed legislative and coalition building skills to this critical position. I’ll be a voice for all the people of King County, not a select few:

Transparency and Accountability

The Port has been distracted by scandal and fraud—undermining public confidence. I bring the oversight experience to ensure the Port does what the public asks and pays for. I’ll fight for policies that increase transparency!

Environmental Leadership

I’ll work to implement new technologies that reduce ship emissions, work with truckers to ‘green’ their trucks, make the Port a lead agency in the Duwamish cleanup, and help reduce jet noise and emissions.

Protect and Expand Jobs

I’ll fight to preserve and create jobs at the Port and in the many Port-dependent businesses. I will focus on long term competitiveness and preserve Fisherman’s Terminal and our urban industrial areas to protect jobs.

I’m proudly endorsed by King County Democrats, Senator Maria Cantwell, Congressmen Jay Inslee and Adam Smith, over 35 current and former State Legislators, Rogelio Riojas of SEAR MAR, Port Commissioner John Creighton, King County Labor Council, Seattle/King County Building and Construction Trades Council, environmental leaders and many, many others.

I ask for your vote.
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I have lived in Algona since January of 2007. I moved to Algona because of its location and I was attracted to the small town image and feel as well as the sense of pride in the community I felt when I was searching for a new place to call home. I believe in being active and involved in my community and serve on the city’s planning commission. And while I enjoy being involved in the planning and development of the city as a planning commissioner, it would be a privilege to serve this community as a member of the City Council. I believe it is important to maintain a level of consistency in the development and growth of Algona that embraces and protects Algona’s community town image and small town appeal. What is important is protecting the quality of life for the residents of Algona.

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My Wife and I moved to Algona in 1991 and raised three beautiful daughters. We have enjoyed the past 18 years living in this wonderful community. I am excited about the City and its opportunities. We can preserve the relaxed atmosphere that we cherish while allowing for new business and neighborhood growth. We must insure adequate funding for streets, pedestrian walkways, parks, and transit opportunities. I’ve worked in the public sector for 23 years developing and organizing teams to accomplish significant tasks. I know the importance of working, listening, and cooperating with others to achieve goals. As an Algona City Council Member, I will be committed to: Inviting community input to shape Algona’s growth, Support youth programs, insure Police and Public Works personnel have resources to keep our families safe and to maintain our infrastructure, and support and sustain current and new businesses as Algona develops in the coming years.

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Lynda has lived in Algona over 50 years, raising her family here. She has been interested and active in community affairs and programs for all those years. Lynda is retired and has enjoyed being active in serving our community both as a councilmember and a Board member of the Community Center for the past six years. She is looking forward to the completion of more projects to benefit the citizens. Please vote for Lynda in November.

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I again ask the voters of Algona to support me for City Council. For those who don’t know me I have lived in Algona since 1977. My background includes four years of active duty military, a BA from the University of Maryland, 10 years of retail sales in Auburn and 15 years in real estate appraisal. I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility, particularly in view of the very limited income base of our town. In 1984 I introduced an ordinance establishing an industrial revenue bond corporation that served the city for several years, promoting business growth in our industrial zone. Our limited resource base also requires that we partner with our neighboring jurisdictions. I have served the city on several regional committees and boards and expect to do so again. I look forward to serving you.
You have a clear choice in this election to move forward or retreat into the past. Together we have made significant progress towards the Auburn our families want and deserve. During this time of crisis my 30 years of management and leadership have been crucial to maintaining the financial stability of the city. We still face challenges of possible floods, economic concerns, but we are facing them together.

We are making our neighborhoods safer, improving our streets, increasing Veterans’ services and establishing excellent parks, refurbishing older ones and adding new park programs. We are working together towards economic development to support and expand our business community in order to decrease citizen’s property tax burdens and create jobs.

You have shared your vision and concerns with me and together we have worked on strategies and solutions. I ask for your vote and support for the future of our families.

Virginia Haugen believes the focus of city government should be to provide basic services cost effectively. She has continuously defended taxpayers and local businesses against actions taken by the current mayor.

In the past 6 years the mayor of Auburn and the city council members, with the exception of Virginia Haugen, have spent the millions on a redevelopment plan that is not working. Rental agreements will keep the city in debt for another 12 years. Pete Lewis entered into an agreement to build a $24,000,000 annex to City Hall that the city cannot possibly afford.

Councilmember Haugen loves Auburn and will sacrifice salary to bring in legal and professional administrators in order to eliminate unnecessary spending.

Haugen stands up for the people she represents in Auburn. She is not intimidated by egotistical politicians and does not need money from special interests. Vote Haugen!

Gene has 12 years of experience as a member of the Auburn City Council he understands the procedures and the process of local government, including the problems a city faces dealing with mandates from the County, State and National levels. As a 50 year resident of Auburn he understands the needs and desires of the community. This is a time in which experience in procedure will be very important in dealing with keeping Auburn at the table not an item on the menu.

Gene has served on every standing committee and has been chair of the Municipal Services Committee for the past 6 years. He has served on the Governance board of the Valley Regional Fire Association since its inception. Being a council member means being committed to representing the citizens of Auburn where needed and when needed I stand ready to give 100% effort in fulfilling this office.

JOHN PARTRIDGE is a third generation resident and homeowner in Auburn. John has a long history of community service and has been a local business owner for 14 years. When approached to run for office, John was ready to serve. John has the leadership abilities, skills, and background to face the challenges of city government. John brings fresh perspectives, solid values, and common sense solutions to the council. He’s not bound by “that’s how we’ve always done it.” He has the citizens’ and business owners’ best interests in mind. John wants current and future generations to have the same sense of community, safety, and opportunities that his family experienced. He is an ear and a voice for all of Auburn. With Partridge it is business, not business as usual. A vote for Partridge is a vote for our future. Valley Professional Firefighters endorse John Partridge for city council position #2.
City of Auburn
Council Position No. 4 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Auburn City Councilmember & Financial Accounting Manager, The Boeing Company
Education: A.A. Green River Community College & B.S. in Accounting at City University

Qualified: I bring fiscal responsibility and experience to the Auburn City Council as Chair of the Finance Committee and Vice-Chair of the Planning & Community Development Committee. I have represented Auburn on local, regional and national committees. Especially now, during difficult economic times, I believe accountability and experience are imperative, but my compassion and dedication are also perfect complements for our city!

Involved: I volunteer for numerous community organizations and events. I believe it is my responsibility and honor to give back to my community. I was part of a team that completed the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk last year. It's amazing what can be accomplished when working together for a common cause. Let's continue working together to make Auburn the best place to call “home.”

My husband Kemon and I have been married for 12 years; and are proud parents of an 11 year-old daughter Alexis (Lucky).

Council Position No. 6 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Research Engineer, retired
Education: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Washington State University, MS Engineering, Santa Clara University

City Councilman Rich Wagner has lived in Auburn for 31 years. He is recognized as fair, intelligent and hard working. A retired technology manager, Rich has business knowledge and engineering skills. He knows how to change and improve the way things are done in government, especially during this time of economic uncertainty when expenditures and taxes must be minimized.


Rich and Kay have four grown children. His 97-year-old mother, Beth, lives in Auburn. He is a member of the Washington State University Engineering Board and the Backcountry Horsemen.

Municipal Court Judge (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Patrick Burns
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Occupation: Municipal Court Judge
Education: BA University of Washington; JD Seattle University School of Law

It will be an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the citizens of Auburn as their municipal court judge for another four years. Over the past twelve years, your municipal court has led the way in establishing innovative and effective programs to deal with offenders. Auburn’s court has the best programs of any community in the state for dealing with drug addicted and/or alcoholic criminals. In addition, our city operates the only mental health court in the Puget Sound region outside of Seattle. The results have benefited our community greatly. Offenders who have been through treatment are less than 20% likely to reoffend in Auburn compared to those who don’t receive treatment. A decade ago, of all the cities in the state, Auburn’s crime rate per thousand was the 4th highest. Last year Auburn was rated 26th. Thank you for your continued support.
City of Des Moines
Council Position No. 1 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Oncology Specialty Sales Representative for Abbott
Education: Masters of Business Administration from City University of Seattle

I have a simple plan to bring back the spirit of the waterland. First, we must improve the public safety and public image of the city. As an 8 year resident of Des Moines, I have been forced to contend with increasing drug related crime in my neighborhood. The only way to improve the safety and well being of our neighborhoods is to hire more police officers and place more emphasis on community awareness.

Secondly, we must improve zoning restrictions near Marine View Drive in order to encourage new development. Lastly, the city needs to reduce frivolous expenditures and reallocate funding towards activities that will improve quality of life and attract new businesses to our community.

As your new council representative I will fight all of these issues and represent the best interest of our community. I will not stand by and watch our city deteriorate and neither should you!

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Occupation: Manager, Information Technology Quality Assurance
Education: Bachelor of Science with Financial Emphasis – Central Washington University

I am a forty year resident of Des Moines, an experienced elected representative and have a history of bringing community and government together to solve challenging issues. My background is in Business, Finance and Technology.

As a city councilmember, I will give priority to key government services ensuring community safety and stability. Additionally, my focus will be on the city’s revitalization and redevelopment. I will partner with citizens, community groups and businesses, to understand their concerns and communicate their input during the decision making process. We must move forward together in a way that will improve the city’s business climate while being sensitive to the needs and desires of its citizens.

I am proud to call Des Moines my home. I look forward to working together to redevelop and revitalize this wonderful Waterland city.

Council Position No. 3 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Consultant, Photographer, Parent
Education: B.A. Liberal Arts - The Evergreen State College

I am an 18 year Des Moines resident and parent of four. During that time I have served as local representative to King County Civil Rights Commission, volunteer at Des Moines Elementary school, and member Highline Advisory Council on Cultural Competency and Academic Achievement. Many of you know me through my small photography business.

Now, I am asking your support to serve as councilmember on our city council. As a councilmember I will work to represent and be accountable to all the people of Des Moines. I will focus on public safety, health, economic sustainability and broadened outreach to the diverse population that makes our city special.

Even in these tough times we can encourage business development that is smart, compatible, and appropriate for our city. Improving economic viability will bring us closer to a sustainable budget that can support services our citizens deserve.

Thank you for your vote.

Carmen L. Scott
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Occupation: Relocation Assistance
Education: Some college, continuing education

In eight years on the council, I have worked to meet the needs of our citizens, and I will continue to work to make Des Moines the kind of city we all want. Des Moines is on the edge of great things - - projects that will help create a tax base that can support the services people want - including police, parks, and services for kids and families. We’ve faced tough times in the last few years, but we’ve kept our city working. Now we must concentrate on reducing the heavy tax burden on residents. That means taking advantage of opportunities in Pacific Ridge, the business park, and downtown. Now is not the time to turn your back on our city. Together, we can give Des Moines a vibrant downtown core, safe streets, and a responsive government.

I need your vote on November 3rd to make it happen.
City of Des Moines
Council Position No. 5 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Community Association Manager

I’ve lived in the Des Moines area for over 16 years and have loved all that this small town offers its residents, but I think we can do more. I have been a vocal advocate for kids and families in the Highline District serving in many capacities with Washington State PTA. In my career as a community manager, I have a strong understanding of multifamily housing regulations, land use laws, and what happens when short sighted developers don’t have a vision for the future of their housing projects.

I’m running to serve our city to represent the working families who want to see safe neighborhoods in which to raise our kids, a strong and thriving parks and recreation department that allows us to enjoy quality programs in our own back yards and a vibrant downtown corridor allowing us to shop, eat and enjoy a night out without leaving Des Moines.

Council Position No. 7 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Dave Kaplan
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Occupation: Executive Director, Washington Self-Insurers Association; Des Moines City Councilmember
Education: BA in Political Science, University of Washington; MBA, George Washington University

Des Moines is at a crossroads. We can continue on a path toward a sound financial footing, based on thoughtful economic development, or we can backslide into an uncertain future. We have begun to take the steps necessary for a thriving, vibrant community, while maintaining the storied history and the natural beauty that make Des Moines home.

Whether it was streamlining the permitting process, fighting for more police, protecting our streams and shoreline, pushing for needed road and bridge repairs, or working toward a sustainable budget, I’m the councilmember who has taken the lead. I don’t believe in governing by gut instinct or emotion. Sound, thoughtful and reasoned analysis and debate are my style.

Four years ago I promised that I would work hard, apply common sense, and make independent decisions with integrity. I hope I’ve earned your trust. I ask again for your vote.

Susan White
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Occupation: Realtor
Education: Two years, Business and Marketing, Arapahoe Junior College

We’re in a time of economic uncertainty. It’s time to focus on essential government services. I’m asking you to re-elect me so I can continue to get value for our tax dollars by focusing on essential government services such as public safety, street repair, business development and our parks.

In other words, I will continue to work for a Des Moines City Council that is efficient, transparent and accountable to taxpayers.

In the past eight years, I’ve worked with the state to preserve Des Moines’ historical buildings and was a forceful advocate for constructing new school buildings. I currently chair the South King County Economic Development Initiative working to bring businesses to South King County.

I’m endorsed by the King County Association of Realtors, County Councilmember Julia Patterson, Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Dave Upthegrove, and our local firefighters.

Thank you for your past support. I ask for your vote.
Linda Kochmar considers it a privilege and an honor to have represented the citizens of Federal Way on the City Council for the past twelve years. She served as Deputy Mayor twice and has worked hard to improve public safety, traffic congestion, and quality of life in the community. She has worked diligently to maintain the budget with no new taxes and is proud of the City Hall as well as the new Community Center. She has served on numerous city and regional committees, including serving as Chair of the Suburban Cities Public Issues Committee, working on a wide range of topics that include planning, parks, finance, human services, and public safety. Her qualifications are extensive and include a BA degree and national certification as a Risk Manager. She has listened to your concerns, she cares, and she hopes to continue to fight for what matters to you.

My name is Sonia Sciscente and I vote for change.

As a 20 year Federal Way Resident I have been a Spouse and Mother with family values that has witnessed the change that the city of Federal Way has had. Our city is growing and I am aware and concerned about the minor things that can become a major problem in the future. As your City Council Member, I will; focus on providing additional resources to our law enforcement so they will be able to effectively fight crime, and supporting programs that improve the quality of life for children and families. In addition I will support local business owners and foster the arts. My values will be my compass helping us all to move forward with the issues that are so important to everyone. With your votes we can make a difference. My name is Sonia Sciscente welcome to the change.

After 18+ years in Federal Way, our community has evolved into a diverse group of homeowners, renters, and small/medium sized businesses.

In the current economic times we need leadership that truly understands how to be a small businesses advocate, fiscally responsible, and the importance of an effective law enforcement presence that will support our public safety.

With a family of six I know the importance of having to find creative ways to tighten our budgets and make some tough, but not always popular decisions. One such decision is to consider term limits for our local council positions. Without fresh leadership, we will continue to get special interest projects that the majority of our citizens didn’t approve or want.

In order for us to build a stronger community for the future, we are going to have to work together in order to make some real changes in Federal Way.

Rated “Outstanding” by King County Municipal League

Serving you as Councilmember is a great privilege. My top priority is providing greatest value for your tax dollars, along with continuing to improve public safety and transportation. Significant progress is being made; our crime rate is lower than almost any comparable Washington city. I am dedicated to preserving the livability of our neighborhoods, protecting the natural environment and creating jobs.

Building on efforts I initiated as Mayor, I will continue to work closely with existing businesses, and to promote greatly needed downtown economic development. My leadership regionally provides an important voice for Federal Way in funding and policy decisions. As Rotary Community Services Chair, and board member for Boys and Girls Club and Advancing Leadership, I’m in touch with community needs.

Let’s all work together toward a shared vision. With your support, I will continue to represent you with integrity and dedication.
City of Federal Way
Council Position No. 6 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Attorney at Law
Education: I have a law degree and a bachelor’s degree in political science.

As your next council member, I will be a visionary for our city. My goals are to improve the quality of life for city residents, maintain a well funded police and emergency response team, develop a pedestrian friendly city center and inspiring performing arts venue, and create economic opportunities by promoting industry utilizing the strengths of our diverse community.

With 15 years’ legal experience representing families in crisis and protecting human rights, I am proud to be an advocate for our community. My years as an attorney, Human Services Commissioner, youth mentor and community volunteer, have prepared me for the responsibilities of city council.

I strongly believe in stimulating our city’s development by simplifying and accelerating the city’s permit process. I support establishing well-lit pedestrian crosswalks. I champion “seniors only” activity hours at our community center.

We, the people, are Federal Way. Together, we can accomplish any goal!

Diana Noble-Gulliford
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Education: Banking and Real Estate

Federal Way residents have been hit hard in the current recession. We need to establish viable new jobs through a permanent economic base right here in this city.

As a resident of Federal Way for 39 years and actively involved in community affairs, I am intimately acquainted with the problems this City faces and the inner workings of City government. I have served on the Federal Way Planning Commission, Community Council, and Historical Society, and worked with community leaders to bring St. Francis Hospital to Federal Way. I helped to establish the Hylebos Wetlands Park, and was instrumental in the publication of the historical book about Federal Way.

With your vote, I will be able to ‘hit the ground running’ on the City Council as I work toward a more livable city through the creation of jobs, greater citizen safety through crime prevention, and the preservation of our neighborhoods.

Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Prosecuting Attorney and Judge Pro Tempore
Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law. B.A. Political Science, University of Washington

Rebecca C. Robertson is the only qualified candidate running for Federal Way Municipal Court. For far too long, this court has been under a dark cloud. Change is needed. Rebecca has the experience, commitment, and professionalism to make this court one of the best in Washington.

Rebecca is rated “Well Qualified” by the King County Bar Association and is Endorsed by The Federal Way Mirror, The Tacoma News Tribune, the Women’s Political Caucus, judges, attorneys, and law enforcement. Rebecca is the Chair of the Washington State Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section and is the only candidate who has participated in the ratings process.

As a Judge Pro Tempore and a Prosecuting Attorney, Rebecca has handled thousands of criminal cases. She knows the law, has compassion for crime victims, and has a reputation for honesty and integrity. Rebecca will restore fairness, justice, and respectability to Federal Way Municipal Court.

Michael Morgan
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Occupation: Federal Way Municipal Court’s Presiding Judge
Education: Vanderbilt University (B.A.), Notre Dame Law School and Seattle University Law School (J.D.)

Federal Way citizens deserve local, fair, efficient and compassionate justice.

I live in Federal Way and am deeply involved in our community. My opponent chooses to remain in Seattle and is uninvolved with our community.

I am a fair judge that has never had a decision overturned on appeal. My opponent is often removed from cases because of affidavits that declare she is prejudiced.

I am also a decisive judge that saved taxpayer money by eliminating case backlogs and cutting expenses while still increasing services to at-risk youth, victims, and the poor. My opponent has no court management experience and has campaigned on old and since resolved issues at the court.

Democrats, Republicans, Judges, lawyers, community leaders, past Governors, and Senator Gorton support my re-election since I have reformed the court and have over twice as much experience as my opponent. I would appreciate your vote.
City of Federal Way
Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Municipal Court Judge
Education: B.A., Public Administration, University of Puget Sound (1980); J.D. Seattle University School of Law (1984)

We need Judge Dave Larson as our judge. The City Council unanimously appointed him as judge because of his well-established leadership, calm reason, and vision. Dave has lived in Federal Way for 42 years. His long-standing distinguished community involvement, his proven integrity, and his proven leadership skills make him the right choice at the right time for our Court’s future success.

Judge Larson has earned a statewide reputation as an excellent judge, is broadly endorsed, and is the only candidate to achieve the highest possible Bar rating of “Exceptionally Well Qualified.” Dave’s the recommended candidate of the National Women’s Political Caucus because of his leadership in domestic violence prevention. His efforts are called “inspiring” by the Chair of the Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission and “innovative and needed” by a national expert in domestic violence.

With your vote, Judge Larson will provide the vision and leadership our Court needs.

Renee Walls
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Occupation: Prosecuting Attorney
Education: Juris Doctor, Lewis and Clark College, B.A. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Confidence in our judicial system is dependent upon the judges we elect. It is time for a fresh start. Renee Walls is the only candidate for this position with nearly a decade of criminal law experience. Renee began her career as a prosecuting attorney protecting the safety of the citizens of Federal Way. As a prosecutor and Judge Pro Tempore, Renee has handled thousands of criminal law cases and has proven herself worthy of our trust and confidence.

Renee is respected, trusted, and endorsed by judges, police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, victim advocates, interpreters, and court clerks. Her experience, integrity, and fairness make her the ideal choice for Municipal Court Judge. Renee will not stand by, but will assure that justice and honor is restored to Federal Way Municipal Court. Renee Walls has served Federal Way with pride and looks forward to doing so again as our Municipal Court Judge.
City of Kent
Mayor (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Mayor of Kent
Education: BA degree, Western Washington University; business administration post-graduate work, University of Puget Sound

As Kent Mayor, I delivered on my promise to work with you to build a quality livable city for our diverse population. I initiated 17 neighborhood councils to improve communication and service. We have new businesses and safer neighborhoods and parks. With increased police patrols, burglaries dropped 30% and vehicle crimes dropped 47%. We built Town Square Plaza and ShoWare Center without increasing taxes. I’ve secured millions for railroad/street grade separations and Green River levees.

With your support, I will continue to reduce spending to manage the budget through the recession while maintaining your priorities.

Suzette Cooke’s 34 years of serving Kent residents include four as mayor, six as state representative, eleven as Kent Chamber of Commerce executive director, six as Kent Senior Center director, 26 years owning a Kent business, and charter president of Kent-Sunrise Rotary.


Jim Berrios
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Occupation: Owner, Golden Steer restaurant; former Director of Operations for Denny’s
Education: Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA

I am running for mayor because our city needs more principled leadership in challenging times.

Kent’s budget is in crisis. As mayor, my top priority will be getting the budget under control by prioritizing critical services and cutting administrative overhead. The current administration has increased annual spending on mayor’s office staff by $1 million. That’s not acceptable, especially in times like these.

I will lead by example – my first act will be cutting the mayor’s office budget and giving back 10% of my salary to the city.

As School Board President, I helped guide the district through similar challenges. By bringing parents, teachers, and students together, we came up with a plan to ensure our kids get a great education despite budget cuts.

As a small business owner, I know what it takes to run a business and balance a budget. I’ll take those lessons with me to city hall.

Council Position No. 2 (nonpartisan office • short and full term)

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Occupation: Attorney
Education: Law Degree. B.S. degree, Public Policy and B.A. degree, Political Science.

As a lifetime Kent-area resident, I am invested in our community’s future. Just as families are hurting and forced to do more with less in these tough economic times, our city should do the same. Now more than ever, strong leadership is essential. I will work to maintain critical city services while creating a sustainable city budget to ensure that future generations enjoy the same opportunities I have had.

The key to strengthening our city is to keep and create jobs. As the daughter of small business owners, I understand the stresses entrepreneurs face as well as the vital role they play in our community. I will support our local businesses while making our community an inviting destination for new companies. To do this, we must ensure that businesses enjoy solid infrastructure, strong public safety, an educated work force, and a user-friendly permit system.

Thank you for your support.
City of Kent
Council Position No. 4 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Small Business Owner - Medical Billing Service

I am a lifetime resident of the City of Kent and feel strongly that I have a personal responsibility to be involved in my community. I am a long time member of the Land Use and Planning Board and currently serve as Chair. I am serving my second term as President of the Kent Arts Commission. I have also served on a variety of committees including the Transportation Master Plan and Short Platt Committee. I have been a member of the PTA since 2001. I am a small business owner and have been in business in Kent for the past 14 years.

I feel that this combination makes me uniquely qualified to serve as a City of Kent Council Member. My experience will allow me to jump right in and make informed decisions from day one.

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Occupation: Information Technology Manager
Education: B.A., Geography, University of Washington

Dennis R. Higgins has the experience Kent needs on the City Council. An award-winning volunteer and leader in PTA, Dennis has volunteered with the school district to plan facilities, review budgets and boundaries, and on levy-election campaigns.

Dennis is the Client Services Manager of the King County GIS Center, where he implements solutions addressing all aspects of local government, including transportation, zoning, public safety, emergency management, public health and human services. His job is to help citizens and governments make better decisions using maps, data and research.

Dennis wants to help develop Kent’s economy, and work to preserve and enhance public safety and the environment. His information technology background and experience as a commuter will help him craft cost-saving and innovative solutions to Kent’s problems.

Dennis, his wife Karyn, and their three daughters have lived on Kent’s East Hill for 15 years. He is endorsed by Kent Police and Firefighters.

City of Kent
Council Position No. 6 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Executive Director, Communities in Schools of Kent
Education: BA degree, Public Policy and Community Leadership

Re-Elect Elizabeth Albertson to Kent City Council
Elizabeth Albertson is known in the Kent community as a trusted “go to” person when something needs done. Elizabeth is a proven problem-solver who knows how to work WITH people to achieve results.

Elizabeth realizes that making tough decisions isn’t easy, but with her experience on the Council during tough economic times, Elizabeth understands a strong economy creates healthy communities. She supports bringing new and innovative clean industry to Kent.

As your Councilmember, Elizabeth will continue to keep our neighborhoods safe and livable, maintain necessary services for residents like fire and police protection, provide quality transportation options and clean water to drink. While making sure our most vulnerable citizens are not left behind.

Elizabeth will work on OUR issues. Elizabeth cares about OUR community.

Re-Elect Elizabeth Albertson—Your Kent Firefighters support Elizabeth.
I would be honored to have your vote.

Geoff Koepp
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Occupation: Financial Planner
Education: B.A. degree in business

Serving on the city council is a responsibility and an honor. You have a clear choice between two resumes in this election. Geoff has dedication and follow-through. He will attend council meetings and fulfill his commitment to participate. That is the difference.

The issues facing our city are great: economic hard times, Green River flooding challenges, and traffic congestion. Geoff’s experience as both a project and financial planner has prepared him to be your advocate for common sense solutions.

Geoff has created strong community relationships through involvement with Junior Achievement, chambers of commerce, the board of his homeowners association and on the Long Term Care Advisory Council. He believes our neighborhood councils are the key to building a livable city and will work to strengthen their role to achieve our shared goals.

Vote for substance over talk. Vote for commitment over absence. Vote for a change. Elect Koepp.
City of Kent
Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1  (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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- Occupation: Judge
- Education: Seattle University

Courts exist to do justice, to guarantee liberty, to maintain the rule of law, and to provide for equal protection and due process of law. To this end, judges need to be fair and impartial, competent, and honor the judicial office as a public trust striving to enhance and maintain public confidence in our legal system.

I am running unopposed this term. As your presiding judge, I am committed to improving the quality of access to justice and services at the Kent municipal court. The court has a statewide reputation for excellence due in large part to the quality and commitment of the judges and staff. I look forward to another four years serving this community. Thank you for your vote.

Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2  (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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I am running for re-election to Kent Municipal Court Judge Position 2. I have served as a judicial officer for the Kent Municipal Court since 1994. It has been an honor to serve you as one of your judges.

I graduated from the University of Evansville, Indiana in 1976 with a BS in Law Enforcement. In 1981, after completing my service in the U.S. Air Force, I graduated with honors from Gonzaga University School of Law. I have 25 years judicial experience as a Magistrate, Judge Pro-Tem, Court Commissioner and Judge. I am dedicated to the improvement of the judiciary in Washington. I have been honored by my peers by being elected President of the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges Association for the year 2009 - 2010 and serve on the faculty of the Washington State Judicial College.

I would appreciate your consideration and your vote. Thank you.
City of Milton
Mayor (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Realtor

As Mayor for the past six years, I have worked with the council, staff and citizens to accomplish many projects including the Interurban Trail, Veteran’s Memorial and City Festivals that promote community. We have also secured financing for major street and sidewalk projects that will enhance our community. Through watchful, conservative financial practices, our City is positioned to weather the financial downturn without diminishing services to our citizens. Even though I have worked diligently to promote the City in our Puget Sound Region by serving on numerous committees and successfully lobbying at the State Legislature to pass legislation that benefits Milton, building and protecting our community values and quality of life is my passion and the focus of decisions made daily. I look forward to promoting and protecting our rich quality of life in the next four years. I ask for your vote.

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Occupation: Retired Bank Vice President, managing large computer center operations
Education: Fife High School, American Institute of Banking, Certificate of Data Processing, and many short courses.

Professional Qualifications: My banking career as manager of computer operations included staff of up to 200 people, with budgets up to $20 million.
Personal Information: Milton homeowner since 1952.
Community Involvement: Seven years on the Fife School Board, including President, 10 years Milton Planning Commission, 12 ½ years Milton Councilmember, and 9 ½ years Milton Mayor. Past President of Pierce County Cities and Towns Association, Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health, Pierce County Cooperative Power Association, Rainier Communications Commission, Secretary and Vice President of the Association of Washington Cities, Vice Chair of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District and Pierce County Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board.
Personal Views: Future Milton Development should respect the residents and not force people from their homes by rezoning. Public services should be maintained at a high level. Taxes and fees to Citizens should be kept as low as practical to support services.

Terry Borek
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Occupation: Concrete Contractor
Education: Graduated Fife High School; 2-years, Green River CC; Attended Construction – Business Training Seminars throughout U.S.

Personal Information: Raised in Milton and raised my family in Milton.
Community Involvement: 8 years on City Council; Coached several years at the Surprise Lake Middle school and at Fife High School along with running a non-profit organization for youth basketball which took teams all over the country. Donated my company’s time to help with the VFW Memorial, the Skate Park and planning for future projects.
Personal Views: A firm supporter of Public Safety I feel there is nothing more important than the welfare of our community. As a history buff, I believe in the constitution and its amendments for general government guidelines.

Debra Perry

No statement submitted.
Bart L. Taylor

No statement submitted.

Bryan W. Ott

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Occupation: Employed with Westway Group in Terminal Operations; Port of Seattle

Education: Following High school, enlisted in the Military, attended numerous Military training schools, achieving specific qualifications

I have been on various committees for the Auburn School district. Currently Vice President of the Milton Police Foundation. I served in the military for 12 years, having several men under my command. Lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the American Legion; having helped raise money for the many charities and events they sponsor. My wife Jeanne and I have four children and nine grandchildren.

As a 5th generation Washington State resident, I am very impassioned about our community and way of life in Milton. I want to contribute to this community in a way that will make a difference. I believe Milton should retain its small town feel while continuing to have its conveniences. The safety and well being of the residents is important to me. If elected I will work hard to honor the privilege you have allowed me.

Todd Morton

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Occupation: Sales Representative

Education: High School Diploma

A City of Milton resident for 10 years, I take pride in the community I live in. For the last year I have been an active member in the Parks Board and Civil Service Commission as an opportunity for me to have a voice within our community. My wife and I have raised our 3 children in Milton and know they will continue to prosper in what fine schools we have. We do hope as they grow into adults they will remain citizens of Milton and be proud to call it their hometown.

My focus as a city council member will be to take into consideration what has made our city so appealing to the families who reside here and strive to uphold what is best for our community and its citizens. As a small business owner of 22 years, I will continue to support small businesses and their interests.
Barbara C. Lourdes

No statement submitted.

John C. Jones

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Occupation: Manufacturing Engineering Planner


Community Involvement: City of Pacific Civil Service 4 years second year as Chairperson, 2 years on the Park Board (Secretary) and 2 years on the Planning Commission presently Chairperson. 12 year member of my Lodge’s Building Management Board, 12 years on Lodge’s Scholarship Committee 4 years as Chairperson.

Personal View: I believe City Government needs clear goals regarding community development and the needs of its citizens. Citizen involvement is critical in setting and achieving those goals. That is why I am involved and why I am seeking your support in taking this next step. Your vote is critical in the success of our community and I ask for your initial trust in me with your vote. Let us move forward together towards a better tomorrow.

Leanne Guier

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Occupation: Active member Plumber Pipefitter Union Local 32, currently Piping Detailer

Education: Graduate North Central High School Spokane, WA 5 year pipefitter apprenticeship certification

Leanne Guier has a strong belief in government working with and for the people. Before being appointed to the vacant seat on the Pacific city council she was already working to improve the lives of the citizens of Pacific. She has been a member of two active community groups, involved in activities from tree plantings, park clean up projects, planning Pacific Days, to overseeing Pacific’s centennial celebration earlier this summer. During Pacific’s flood she used her CERT training to act as volunteer coordinator. Leanne has a vision of the city continuing to work closely with community groups. Being a member of the council, the local Lion’s club, and past president of Pacific Partnerships she helps all work together in harmony for the betterment of the community.

If the past is any indication of the future, we can all expect Leanne to continue working to improve life in Pacific.
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Occupation: struggling single parent
Education: currently an undergraduate student-BA in Business Administration-major in finance

As a 4 ½ year resident of the city of Pacific I have watched this city grow incrementally and I want to be a part of working on solutions to keep the small town feel while allowing for responsible managed growth. What I have to offer is enthusiasm, keen intellect diplomat’s attitude to doing things and the firm belief that we can always do more to make our great city the best place to live in this state. As a single father I’ve made a commitment to do the absolute best for my daughter that I can and I today make that same commitment to do the absolute best job I can as your next elected city councilman and I would be honored and humbled to be able to count on your vote. May the peace of the lord be with our great city for infinite years to come.

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Occupation: Deputy Director, Washington Association of County Officials
Education: Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from WSU; Bachelors Degree in Political Science from WSU

As your Councilmember, my priorities will be: Public Safety – because if we are not safe in our community, little else matters; Transportation – because a city of 5,000 should not have rush hour; and Quality of Life – because our City is a community where people matter and come together to help each other, and we need to keep it that way.

I started my family and founded a business in Pacific. I serve on the Pacific Planning Commission. I have years of experience as a consultant to economic developers, law enforcement, cities, counties, and small businesses. I am dedicated to our community and committed to serve. Government isn’t the answer to every problem; however, what we ask of our city needs to be done well, and that is my job as your Councilmember.

With the endorsement of the Mayor and the current Position 5 Councilmember, I ask for your vote.

Tren Walker

No statement submitted.
Randy Corman

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Occupation: Aircraft Safety and Certification Manager
Education: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, UC Davis

Randy Corman, Renton’s most senior councilmember, brings a wealth of experience to the job. As 2009 council president he is working closely with council and mayor to keep our community thriving even in a global downturn. Randy has always been a leader in redevelopment efforts such as the Landing, IKEA center, downtown Renaissance and auto-mall, and these improvements have helped Renton stay afloat in difficult times. Randy is careful with our money; he set aside funds in good years which we are tapping now to maintain services.

Randy has served on every council committee, been elected council president three times, and serves on regional transportation teams. He also manages safety and government approval of aircraft for Boeing, and works directly with governments throughout the world. He and his wife Cathy have five children, two of them married, all living in Renton. He communicates daily with the public at www.randycorman.com.

Jim Flynn

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Occupation: Retired Electrician, E Commerce
Education: Apprenticeship Electrical JATC, Basic and Advanced Electronics ICS-Intext Seattle WA

Flynn will offer his unique perspective as your representative to The City of Renton. He worked his entire career as part of a problem solving team. His experience has given him firsthand knowledge of the intricacies of a municipal service provider for highway, aviation and marine transportation systems. A skilled tradesman, Master Electrician and businessman he always demonstrates an active willingness to share his knowledge and experience with others.

Jim and his wife Lynette have lived in the same house for twenty-eight years where they raised three children, and are proud City of Renton residents. Flynn likes working with people. He feels that there are better solutions to the city’s temporary financial crisis.

Flynn’s endorsements include: • KCDC • Sen Margarita Prentice • IAM-751 • IBEW-46 • UA- 32 • 11th & 47th LD Dem Org. You can learn more about Flynn’s campaign at: http://www.voteflynn.com.

Rich Zwicker

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Occupation: Renton City Councilmember; Renton Technical College Trustee; Attorney General’s Office
Education: Renton Technical College, 1989 and 2009

As your councilmember, Rich has proven he has Renton’s best interests at heart. A lifelong Renton resident and dedicated community leader, Rich brings experience and enthusiasm to his work on the Renton City Council.

A fixture at community events, Rich brings his leadership and community passion directly to Renton residents as he focuses on public safety, neighborhoods, efficient government, responsible growth and equal rights for all.

Rich’s ability to work with others has forged dynamic partnerships enhancing Renton’s position as a regional power through his service on many regional committees.

Rich is endorsed by Mayor Denis Law, the entire Renton City Council, along with Renton’s Police and Firefighters. He has also received broad bi-partisan support and endorsements from many civic and community leaders and citizens.

Rated “Outstanding” by the Municipal League, Rich will continue to give you effective leadership on the Council.

Rich appreciates your support and vote this November.
City of Renton
Council Position No. 6 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: General Contracting President

Renton is a great community but these are challenging times. As a council member in the next few years there will be tough decisions made on city service priorities. I have been involved in making those decisions and will continue to work for our citizen’s benefit.

After joining the Council in 2000, I am proud to say that we are making real progress on critical issues such as economic development, neighborhood planning and transportation. One of the great achievements of this type of work is creating successful partnerships between the city and the communities. My priorities include continued engagement of the community to enhance our neighborhoods through planning and community services, revitalization of the Renton Highlands, economic development and transportation.

As an experienced councilmember, I have served as the Chair of the Community Services Committee and Vice-Chair of Planning and Development where I have worked hard to solve tough issues.

The City of Renton is facing important changes and I am excited about the opportunity to return and serve you. We have made great accomplishments and with your support, I will continue to bring a common sense approach to Renton.

Municipal Court Judge (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Renton Municipal Court Presiding Judge

It has been ten years since I was appointed to the Renton Municipal Court bench. I am as excited about moving into this next term as I was when I was initially appointed in 1998. The Renton Municipal Court is a place where members of our community and visitors come to resolve a variety of civil and criminal matters. It is our continuing goal to provide a court where individuals can expect quality customer service, an opportunity to be heard, and a fair and impartial judge deciding their individual case. To assist me in accomplishing this goal, the court is staffed with professional employees who share my dedication to excellence. Working together with these fine dedicated public servants we move into this next term with great enthusiasm. Thank you for your continued support. I am humbled and honored to serve as your city judge.
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Occupation: Retired
Education: College Degree in Mathematics

I was a substitute teacher in Federal Way for 3+ years. I have seen and experienced what is going on in schools. As a board member I will be a change agent. I will stir up the mud to get the water to flow again. I will visit schools on a regular basis to inspect. I will sit in on classroom instruction to observe teachers. I will give the kids my phone number and ask them to call me in confidence if they are having problems with school or teachers. No other school board member does this. I will write articles for the Mirror and tell the public what is happening, I will expose the stifling politics. I will make board meetings exciting events that the public will want to attend and not the boring meetings that they are now. We can change this. Visit www.bpirkle.com . Please vote.

Ed Barney

Some would have you believe that our district fails to meet the needs of our students. And yet, student performance continues to improve in our District. We have a ways to go and we must continue to build on our successes.

It is the paramount duty of the state to fully fund education; basic education, special education, transportation, etc. The District and the Board continue to fight for equal and ample funding from our legislature.

Our levy dollars are to be used for educational enhancements and extra curricular activities. More and more of these levy dollars are being spent on basic education. We must hold the legislature accountable for education and all unfunded mandates.

We cannot continue to loose Fine Arts, sports and extra curricular programs. They add variety to education. They teach time management, create good study habits, and provide leadership opportunities.

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Occupation: Regional Director, Early Childhood
Education: Master of Arts, Education

I am the married mother of three children enrolled in the district’s most rigorous academic programs. My experience includes being a Para educator, middle school teacher, and managing non-profit programs in collaboration with public schools. I also have a Master’s degree in Education.

Whether it is ensuring my own children receive the best education or supporting the engagement of parents in their children’s academic success; children, families, and education are my priority in serving the community. As a parent advocate, I have helped families address complex school issues and our district engage parents in their children’s education.

As a member of the Federal Way School Board, I strive to ensure achievement of our district’s mission to educate all students in academic knowledge, skills and ability. I am dedicated to make certain our district is maintaining high academic standards, enlisting highly qualified educators, and actively engaging parents at all grade levels.

Are we interested in improving academic achievement? What is the plan to do this? I believe the answer starts with the basics. We need to be teaching basics. Our students need to know at least what our grandparents had learned by the time they had left school. This does not require more money. It requires an emphasis on rigor, not volume of homework. All our students should know their multiplication tables, how to diagram a sentence, write a concise paragraph and be able to place the Korean Conflict in history.

The school producing students that have some of this knowledge is the Federal Way Public Academy. This school has a waiting list (many parents in the district are not aware it exists) and yet there are no plans to duplicate the school.

Solutions to education involve parental choice and responsibility. I will work to get parents more good choices!

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Occupation: Educator
Education: BS Mathematics, Georgia State University

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Federal Way School District No. 210
Director District No. 5 (nonpartisan office • unexpired 2-year term)

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I firmly believe that the future of this country rests firmly in our ability to equip our children with a 21st century international education. I am excited about the opportunity to help in this endeavor.

Occupation: Small Business Owner
Education: College Graduate: BS Business Administration

Highline School District No. 401
Director District No. 2 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Our community is a beautiful place to live and I feel privileged to be able to call the Highline area my home. As a parent and community advocate, I have been working to better the lives of our children, and that is why I have decided to run for Highline School Board.

I envision a school district that works toward creating a world-class education system and provides our children with the tools needed to be successful in the 21st century. My priorities on the Highline School Board will include: * Academic success for all children regardless of their ethnic and social background * Bridge the gap between early learning and the school system. We should be converting that potential into reality * Educational leadership at the school level.

I am endorsed by Tom Slattery, Sili Savusa, and Rep. Dave Upthegrove, Susan Goding.

Occupation: Child Care Resources, Family Services Coordinator/Supervisor.
Education: Associates Degree and currently working on my Bachelor’s in Education.

Director District No. 3 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Susan Goding
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I am running for reelection for another 4 years on the School Board. My son attended Hilltop, Chinook and Tyee. I have seen a change for the better in these schools as the District has focused on increased academic rigor and community partnerships. I will continue to advocate for a budget that prioritizes student centered, individualized, rigorous academics. I believe that technology can be used to change how students are taught. I support maximizing the use of the web and email to improve communication between students, parents and teachers. Education needs to change with the times and I believe Highline has begun to make those changes. I plan to make the most of my next four years on the School Board helping to make Highline one of the top-notch school districts in the country delivering a 21st century education that enables all students to achieve their dreams and potential.

Occupation: Process Lab Specialist, King County Wastewater
Education: B.S., Soil Environment, University of California College of Natural Resources, Berkeley, CA
Renton School District No. 403
Director District No. 2 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Albert Talley Sr.

No statement submitted.

Director District No. 5 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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Occupation: Research Scientist at the University of Washington, researching alternative energy.

Education: B.S. (Physics, Electrical Engineering) - PLU; M.S. (Aeronautics/Astronautics Engineering) and Ph.D. (Plasma Physics) - UW.

As a research scientist, my primary reason for running for this position is to improve math and science education in Renton schools. I strongly favor the traditional, direct instruction of math over discovery learning (new math). If elected I will lead the effort to ensure Renton schools adopt the traditional approach. We must do more to ensure our children can compete in a high tech global economy. A strong math and science education is vital to accomplishing this.

I believe a strong education is the greatest gift we can give our children and our community as a whole. I have a long term, vested interest in Renton schools as the first of my three children starts kindergarten next year, beginning our family’s 17 year journey through Renton schools.

Our children and our community can no longer afford the status quo. It is time for a change!

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Occupation: Renton School Board Director

Pam Teal was appointed to the Renton School Board in February, 2009, to fill a vacancy. She is now running for a full term of her own.

Pam is truly a leader in Renton education circles. She has been volunteering for the past 13 years in numerous PTA leadership roles, including Renton Council President. Pam currently chairs the Education Committee for the Renton Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Renton Community Foundation’s Board of Directors.

She is a firm believer in public education, seeing it as the foundation of our community. She has two sons who have attended Renton schools, one now in college and one a student at Hazen.

Pam believes that parent/teacher/community partnerships are critical for the success of our students. Pam asks for your vote so she can continue her role on the Renton School Board.
Janice Nelson

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**Occupation:** Senior Employment Consultant/Program Specialist, Trillium Employment Services, Auburn

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communications, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

Janice is currently in her third term as President of the Auburn School Board. She was appointed in May, 1997, elected in November, 1997, and re-elected in 2001 and 2005. Since 1995, she has been working at Trillium, promoting inclusive community and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Janice has lived in Auburn since 1992 with her daughter, Rebecca, a 2009 graduate of Auburn High School. She has been an active member of Soroptimist International of Auburn since 1998, and has co-chaired the Uniquely Auburn Celebration since its inception in 1995. She is a former member of the Auburn Downtown Association Board and the White River Museum Board. As an Auburn School Board Director, she is passionate in her commitment to the youth of Auburn. She looks forward to continuing her service to the Auburn School District and community.

Lisa Connors

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**Occupation:** Administrative Assistant for a private company, 20 years business experience

**Education:** I am currently attending the University of Washington receiving my Bachelor’s Degree in Political Values.

As the only board member with children in the district, I am your voice. My priority is to provide an outstanding education for all students. Our students have unique backgrounds and deserve an education that understands their diverse needs. In these fiscally challenging times, my experience has helped me weigh financial decisions with student driven needs. It is crucial to keep district resources in the classroom. By providing highly qualified teachers and a broad range of opportunities, we give our students the ability to achieve their goals.

I currently serve on the Legislative, Student Achievement, and Board Policy sub-committees and am actively involved in PTA. I also serve on the Auburn Youth Resources board. My education and community service as well as my business experience makes me a highly qualified candidate for this position. I am passionate about continuing the work I began this year. We must do better!

Clarissa Ruston

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**Occupation:** Recreation Coordinator

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University; Graduate, Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound

I have had the opportunity to create positive and meaningful experiences for our community as a recreation coordinator for the City of Auburn for over 17 years and service on the Auburn School Board will allow me to ensure that our children have the best educational experience in our schools and that teachers are afforded the best tools to make that happen.

I have been actively involved in the district for many years and currently serve as co-chair of the Auburn Citizen’s for Schools; on the board of Communities in Schools of Auburn and the White River Valley Museum. I served on the district’s 2004-05 Citizen’s Ad Hoc Committee and the 2008 Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee.

I am a graduate of the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound and a Washington State PTA outstanding service award recipient. My husband and I have two children in the Auburn School District.
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**Occupation:** Office Manager  
**Education:** Associate Degree, Bellevue College

I am honored to have served the Tahoma School District as a Director for six years. With a professional background in accounting and finance, I am dedicated to representing our community by making decisions that are educationally sound and fiscally responsible. As a Tahoma parent in the classroom for 14 years, I understand the increasing demands on students, families and educators. I am committed to keeping kids safe in a quality environment while helping them achieve their academic goals and preparing them for a successful future. Together, we can meet the educational needs of every student with a curriculum that stresses basics yet challenges them with high-level problem solving. Preparing our students for lifelong learning requires employing and retaining quality educators. Collaboration—of teachers, parents, administration, support staff, community groups and the school board—creates the synergy that ensures continuous improvement of the district. I appreciate your vote and support.

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**Occupation:** Parent, Math Teacher, Art Docent, Soccer Coach, Girl Scout Leader  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science & Master of Science in Secondary Math Education

As a parent of 2 children, an experienced math educator, and the Lake Wilderness Art Docent program co-chairperson, I bring a unique and necessary perspective to the Tahoma School Board. I have spent my entire adult life committed to the education and development of children, including 7+ years teaching secondary and college level math. Recently, my community volunteer efforts were recognized with the PTSA Golden Acorn award.

I would consider it a privilege to represent and serve you as a school board member. I will ensure the district’s focus remains on meeting the educational needs of the entire spectrum of our district’s students. I will maintain the high standards that our children need to compete today and prepare for tomorrow. I am committed to building a strong representative school board, drawn not just from business, but also including an educator’s perspective to balance what is both fiscally and educationally valuable.

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**Occupation:** Director, Training Development - The Boeing Company  
**Education:** Executive Masters Degree - Business Administration, University of Denver; Bachelor of Science - Aviation Technology, Purdue University

I intend to take the corporate executive, leadership and financial management skills I have acquired during my professional career and apply them for the benefit of all students in the Tahoma School District. I support providing a positive educational experience for students of all abilities and backgrounds, regardless of their financial means, special needs and/or gifts. Students, as our future leaders should be given access to the latest technology and be assured that their teachers and administrators have the right tools and support to provide the quality education that each student deserves.

As Director – Training Development for the Boeing Company, my responsibilities include directing the development and deployment of all curriculum and courseware used in flight training programs. As an airline Captain, I also held an executive position with United Airlines, managing multi-million dollar operations, complex budgets and building efficient teams.
Kent School District No. 415
Director District No. 4 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

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It has been an honor to serve as your board member for the last 14 years. Throughout that time, our school district has seen tremendous growth and rich diversity changes. We have successfully addressed challenges such as improving instruction, revising curriculum to ensure that it is up-to-date, maintaining and constructing efficient facilities, and providing programs which meet needs of all students and bridge the achievement gap.

Given continual challenges relative to state funding, it is critical we bring together expertise from parents, community, and staff. I look forward to continuing to serve you as we build on the excellent partnerships we have with PTAs, the cities of Covington and Kent, and local service clubs. My goals for the next four years include continuing to ensure the best use of your tax dollars, and working closer with our legislature to fully fund Basic Education and to raise teacher pay, especially for new teachers. I ask for your support—working together we will make sure our kids are well prepared for their future.

Bill has worked for Boeing for 21 years. He and his wife Debbie have four children who are Kent School District graduates and one that is a sophomore at Kentwood.

Director District No. 5 (nonpartisan office • 4-year term)

Tim Clark
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Occupation: Kent City Councilmember; Adjunct Faculty Highline CC; Retired Public School Teacher
Education: Seattle University, BA; Pepperdine University, MA; CWU Principal’s Certificate

I lived my dream as a classroom teacher for thirty years, teaching social studies the last half of my career at Kentridge HS. I served on various district committees from teacher/administration relations to levy and school renovation issues. As a public official, I understand the complexities of budgets, facility needs and policy making. My two grandsons attend Kent schools.

I believe: • We need to hire and retain staff with high standards who can relate to our diverse population. • Technology plays a key role in preparing for the future. • Real student achievement requires innovation, skill development, and appropriate benchmarks to assure success. • Athletics and the arts play a critical role in education where diversity is admired and achievement is rewarded.

My experience will contribute to developing good schools, strong leadership, and fiscal management of resources so that the next generation will stay in school and be successful.

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Occupation: Director, Geopolitical Analysis - Energy & Environment, Boeing Commercial Airplanes
Education: B.A., Political Science, Wheaton College, Illinois

The Kent School District (KSD) and its school communities are amazing places where students, families and education professionals come together to pursue the KSD mission to “Successfully Prepare All Students for Their Future.” My family has benefited from those pursuits as Scenic Hill Elementary, Kent Junior High, Mattson Junior High and Kent-Meridian High schools helped prepare our daughter and son for their futures. Along the way, we have been active supporters and champions as leaders in our schools’ PTA, LIT, and athletics and activities support organizations. I have served as a community leader representing Boeing’s relationship with KSD and participation in the Business Education advisory committee, and I currently serve as the community co-chair for the district’s Alliance for Diversity & Equity. In the process, we have encountered and actively participated in addressing three disturbing KSD characteristics related to preparing all students: (1) growing inequities in programs and facilities between school communities; (2) continuing lack of staff diversity that reflects student populations; and (3) absence of candid, transparent and respectful KSD processes and communication for community involvement to address the inequity and diversity issues. If elected to the KSD Board, these will be my priorities.
Vote for Pat Dillon Fire Commissioner Position 1

My Opponent:
Opposes the public to participate at public meetings
When given a choice between a white male, a person of color and a woman (All equally qualified) for a commissioner vacancy, on President Obama’s Inauguration Day, voted against diversity.
Under his direction there are no people of color in the fire department command positions.
Pat Dillon will promote diversity in command positions and recruitment of fire department personnel.
Pat Dillon has worked with the Civil Rights Movement, Farm Workers, the Urban League for diversity awareness.
With over 120 different languages spoken and over 40% are people of color in our district, I will be honored to serve as the first Native American fire commissioner for Fire District 37.
I have been in fire protection for 23 years.
I will bring Change to Fire District 37.

Vote for Pat Dillon

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Occupation: Manager, A-1 Fire Equipment, Fire Sprinkler Engineer, Electrical Administrator
Education: Queen Anne H.S., Seattle, North Seattle Community College, National Fire Protection Association

Involved: Community Emergency Response Team trained. Volunteering nearly 1200 hours in Kent Fire Department Emergency Management supporting citizen outreach, volunteer organization, and emergency communication. I have gained an understanding of what it takes to deliver emergency services to our community.
Experienced: Appointed to fill a Board vacancy, I currently serve as one of your Fire Commissioners. A Fire Commissioner is your link to the Department, working with leadership to spend your taxes wisely.
Committed: To represent you better, I have attended educational seminars for Fire Commissioners. Representing you, I have attended 100% of Board meetings.
Future: Growth will continue in our District. With growth comes the need to develop and implement creative opportunities, ensuring the outstanding services we receive from our Fire Department continue into the future.

Please help maintain committed consistency on your Board by retaining Allan Barrie as your Fire Commissioner.
Endorsement: Kent Firefighters, IAFF Local 1747

Vote for Allan Barrie

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Occupation: Operations manager, international transportation
Education: University of Puget Sound, B.A. Business Administration

I am a 24 year resident of Covington and Fire Protection District No. 37. As our community has grown, so has the need for fire and life safety services within our community. Financing these services is an evergrowing issue. I believe that there are options and opportunities to be creative that will allow Fire Protection District No. 37 to fund fire and life safety services. This will enable the fire department to keep up with the population growth of our district for years to come without placing a financial burden on our citizens. If re-elected it will be my goal to continue the quest to insure that these services continue to meet the standards of the department and the growth and expectations of our community.

Endorsement: Kent Firefighters, IAFF Local 1747
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It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of this Fire District as one of three Fire Commissioners for the past twelve years. Your Fire Department provides a high level of Fire & Emergency Medical services to our community. The ability of your Fire Department to provide this level of service has resulted from the efforts of developing and carrying out a comprehensive plan over the next several years for delivering this service to you.

Because you have consistently supported our work, this community receives one of the highest levels on Emergency services available in the area.

With your continued support and vote of confidence, I will continue to work to improve our Fire District’s ability to deliver emergency services to our community and promote “The Saving of Lives and the Protection of Property” for the citizens of Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety.

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My opponent has resigned his position as incumbent Fire Commissioner for KCFD #43.

Fire Experience:
Since 1979 I have been a Civilian Fire Inspector with Renton Fire Department working as an Inspector, Fire Investigator, and Public Educator. I am the owner of Western Fire Code Educators and have also instructed for the International Code Council and Washington State Fire Officer Development Academy.

Budgetary Experience:
For 10 years, I served as Chair for Region 4 Life Safety Council (a Division of the Washington State Patrol). I was responsible for preparing and managing the Council’s operational budget and fiscal reporting to the State of Washington.

Commitment:
During this time of economic struggle and change for KCFD #43, I am qualified to take a leadership role on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Our goal should be to continue to provide the best possible fire service utilizing responsible budgeting practices.
Dan Bjurstrom

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**Occupation:** Firefighter  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from UW, Legal Degree from UW School of Law

As your Fire Commissioner, I am committed to providing exceptional emergency services to our community in a financially responsible manner.  
I do this with the knowledge that my family and yours may depend on our fire department to protect our homes and loved ones.

During my service as your Fire Commissioner, it has been my responsibility to make sure that our Fire Department is ready to serve. This means that our equipment is properly maintained, our personnel are well trained, and our tax dollars are spent in a way we can be proud of.

To achieve these goals, I draw on my experience as a career firefighter, business owner, attorney, and member of our community for 25 years. This background allows me to provide a positive knowledgeable voice on our Board of Fire Commissioners. With your support, I will continue to provide the leadership and accountability our community deserves.

Joanne Seng

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**Occupation:** Retired Educator  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Washington State University; Graduate Studies, Central Washington University

I have lived within Fire District #44 for over 30 years. I taught in Public Schools (Elementary and Community College) and since retiring have made a commitment to serve the community I call home. I currently serve as a Board of Director for: Puget Sound ESD #121; Communities in Schools of Auburn; State Board of C.I.S.; ACAP Early Childhood Center; and Fire Commissioner for Mountain View Fire and Rescue #44. I am also a member of Kiwanis of the Valley and Messiah Lutheran Church.

Our Fire District #44 has received the 2009 Best of Auburn Award for Safety Equipment and Supplies from the U.S. Commerce Association. I pledge to ensure we continue to be the Best through effective and responsible fiscal decisions and the finest possible fire protection service for all of our citizens. It will be a privilege to continue to represent this District as your Fire Commissioner.

Frederick Heistuman

No statement submitted.
South King Fire and Rescue
Commissioner Position No. 2 (nonpartisan office • 6-year term)

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I am running for re-election to the Position 2 as Commissioner at South King Fire and Rescue. I have actively worked to see that ALL interests are represented by policy makers administering of YOUR fire department. Fire and Life Safety are among the most important services provided by your government. It needs to continue to be done in the most efficient manner with ALL concerns being voiced, ALL questions being asked, and answered. The services provided by Your Fire Department, are made up of good budgeting, good policies, and Good Leadership. I am not afraid to voice Your Concerns in a Leadership Role at South King Fire and Rescue.

I have represented the entire community in which I live and serve. I have been a Business Leader, planning commissioner, emergency management volunteer, Ham radio operator, and soccer coach. Please Re-Elect Mark Freitas.

Commissioner Position No. 3 (nonpartisan office • 6-year term)

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Occupation: Retired Professional Fire Fighter

I retired from my position as Captain with the Federal Way Fire Department (South King Fire and Rescue) after 32 years of service in 2000. I began my fire service career as a firefighter/dispatcher and was one of the first paid firefighters hired by the Federal Way Fire Department. I have been a dispatcher, firefighter, lieutenant, captain, training officer and acting battalion chief. I was fire commissioner for South King Fire and Rescue from 2000 through 2006.

I am running for the position of Fire Commissioner because I believe my knowledge and experience will help the board make decisions which will maintain South King Fire and Rescue’s position as one of the best departments in the state. It is important for the department to maintain its high standard and to improve service for the future.

The challenge we face in the future includes the need for expanding services in the midst of uncertain funding. We must find a way to get better within the limits our taxpayers set for us.

Endorsed by:
30th District Democrats
South King Fire Professional Firefighters

J. Roger Hershey
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Occupation: I am a retired Boeing engineer.

Education: I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington.

Since 1972 I have served as a volunteer firefighter/fire investigator (27 years) and fire commissioner (12 years) with Federal Way Fire/South King Fire and Rescue. I serve on many fire department committees including the merger of Des Moines Fire into Federal Way Fire which became South King Fire and Rescue. I serve on the finance committee of the fire district and our strong financial condition enabled us to achieve a AA+ bond rating, allowing us to refinance Des Moines Fire capital improvement bonds, saving the citizens more than $320,000. I served as president of the King County Fire Commissioners Association and represent them on King County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. Our residents now have two Medic One Paramedic units in our fire district.

My background and experience uniquely qualify me to make informed decisions providing direction to the department and effective use of taxpayer funding for our community.
I am a candidate for re-election as Commissioner of King County Water District #111, because I believe that it is important to be a contributing member of the community. I have resided in Kent for 44 years while raising three beautiful children with my wife, Irene. I am a retired junior high school principal from the Kent School District. I am a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Meridian and served as president and board member for eight two year terms. I currently serve on the Kent Food Bank Board of Directors and chair the annual Kent Food Bank Fund Raising Breakfast which has raised in excess of $95,000 over the past six years. In addition, I am serving my second three year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts and served as President of that association in 2007.

As a former business owner, I understand that an organization must be operated in a fiscally responsible manner while achieving customer’s needs. Districts should be operated with the same diligence and attention to detail that private owners devote to their own businesses. I have been in customer service management for over 30 years. My “common sense” approach to running an organization, working fairly with people and solving problems will add to my strength as a board member.

The district is challenged with preparing now for future demands on the District’s water supply by evaluating the benefits and costs of new supply options in order to be prepared when new demands arise. Forecasting needs, developing supply partnerships and managing controllable costs are essential for success, as measured by the reliable delivery of reasonably priced, safe water for all.

I look forward to serving as your Commissioner.
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**Education:** B.A. Evergreen State College, Paralegal Highline Community College

Kathleen is running for re-election for the Highline Water District. She is a voice of experience for the Highline Water District. Kathleen served as a Normandy Park City councilmember for 12 years prior to her 12 years of service as your water commissioner. She has the experience and knowledge to continue serving as your commissioner.

Kathleen has been elected to serve as a board member on the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts. She was instrumental in getting the water/wastewater utilities in the state of Washington to adopt and sign the Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network agreement, WAWARN.

Her involvement with the WAWARN members has given Highline Water District ratepayers an even greater voice when it comes to emergency response. Kathleen will continue her work on the Seattle Operating Board and the Washington Water Utility Council.

Please re-elect Kathleen Quong-Vermeire as your commissioner for the Highline Water District.

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**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education:** AA, AAS Quality Control

I am very proud to be a Commissioner at Highline Water District. Most of us take for granted that when we turn on a tap we can be sure that good, clean, safe water will come spilling out. This doesn’t happen by magic. It takes a hard working management team and a well seasoned staff to give you that dependability. Highline Water District is very fortunate to have personnel working tirelessly to ensure you have just such a supply of water. I have never dealt with a more professional, hard working and dedicated staff. Highline Water has just been given a AAA bond rating, the best in the world, which means it is a very very sound operation. Thank you for allowing me to be your Commissioner.
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Occupation: Transportation Manager
Education: AA Green River Community College

As a current commissioner for Cedar River Water & Sewer District, I bring 29 plus years of experience in the water and sewer industry. Over the years, I’ve had to face the challenge of expanding services, while keeping rates as economical for customers in the District. I’ve worked with District management and staff, as well as engineering and legal consultants to make our district as cost efficient as possible. I’ve also worked with the public to meet any of their needs and concerns. Through the work of the Board and the District, I’ve helped maintain spotless State audits. During the last term, I had an active part in the planning and decision making for the construction of the new office and maintenance facilities, which bring CRWSD into the 21st century. With your continued support, I look forward to working for you as commissioner. Thank you for your vote.

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Occupation: Financial Accountant at The Boeing Company
Education: MBA in Accounting at University of Phoenix, BA in Accounting at Seattle University

Maintaining quality service is very important to our community especially during these hard economic times. As an effective leader, I will work diligently to ensure that our District provides the highest quality drinking water, collection, and wastewater treatment at the lowest possible cost. I will help protect our natural resources and make sure the growth of our community does not affect the ability to provide clean water and sewer service.

With 20 years of accounting experience at The Boeing Company, I am qualified to serve as your Commissioner. Living in Renton since 2001, I am a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and love the rural aspects of the area.

I want to be your voice in providing affordable clean water and sewer service and look forward to representing you at the board of director’s meetings. Please vote Melanie Jantzen for Cedar River Water and Sewer District Commissioner Position No. 3.
Karen L. Webster

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**Occupation:** Former owner/Vice President of Northwest Document Services, Inc.

**Education:** Associate of Arts Degree, Water/Wastewater Technology major

As an incumbent Commissioner for Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, I have been committed to the success of the district for the past 24 years.

Our Board, along with management, is proactive in getting to know our legislators in Olympia, meeting with them annually to communicate our priorities and seek support on important legislation that affects our ratepayers. Thanks to the efforts of Districts like ours, proposed legislation imposing a 6 percent utility tax on our ratepayers was defeated this year.

Our District maintains some of the lowest water and sewer rates in our region through diligent budget controls and cost savings mechanisms. My continued commitment to you is to ensure responsible leadership, effective management, and skilled personnel in order to continue delivering reliable, high quality, safe and cost effective water and sewer services.

It is my privilege to serve you and I appreciate your vote.

Connie J. Sullivan

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**Occupation:** Teacher 30 years, retired

**Education:** BA in Education

Personal: Widowed, three grown sons, member St. Stephen Catholic Church, former Kent Education Representative, and PTA Representative

After being appointed to fill the Soos Creek Commissioner Position of my late husband, Phil Sullivan, I was elected to fill the remaining two years of his term. During those two years I served one year as President of the Board, and have attended conferences and classes to improve my knowledge of the present water and sewer issues that affect the ratepayers of our District.

I am looking forward to continuing my work with the Commissioners and with our knowledgeable and dedicated staff in order to provide the best and most cost efficient solutions to the new and changing requirements of the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District.

Alice R. Marshall

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Alice has 29 yrs experience in the water and sewer field as a Soos Creek Water & Sewer District employee for more than 25 yrs and currently as Administration Supervisor for King Co Water Dist 111. She is committed to preserving a tradition of excellent customer service while balancing the needs of the District.

Alice’s experience has prepared her to bring to the Board a well rounded knowledge of the District, its policies, history, and future needs. As a commissioner, she will be a valuable asset and will continue to support and initiate policies that make the District strong. Alice will bring a fresh perspective to the Board and is ready to tackle future challenges on behalf of Soos Creek.

Lifelong western Washington residents, Alice and husband Jim have lived in the Soos Creek area for 17 years. Alice looks forward to representing the community and serving as your Commissioner.
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Occupation: System Administrator
Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Computing Systems, Networking Specialty

I would like to continue effectively serving you as Lakehaven Commissioner. As a lifelong Federal Way area resident; my heart belongs to our community! I represent the people of Lakehaven in order to ensure we all continue to have excellent quality drinking water, effective waste management, and affordable prices. We enjoy some of the best utility rates in the area and our customer service is second to none. My pledge is to continue working with the board to maintain those high standards.

As a former business owner and now a computing professional, I bring 25 years of business management and large enterprise computing systems experience to the Board of Commissioners. I look forward to continuing my efforts in applying sound judgment and working effectively with our board. I ask for your vote to retain me as your Commissioner. Please vote for Leonard Englund.

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Occupation: General Manager, Southwest Suburban Sewer District

As Commissioner, my 24 years in the wastewater industry with the past 19 years in utility management, coupled with my stewardship for the environment, will benefit the ratepayers of Lakehaven Utility District.

In my position as General Manager for a large sewer district operating two wastewater treatment plants, we have been able to maintain the second lowest rates in King County, while expanding and improving the treatment plants and sewer system. I have experience working with local and state level elected officials. My experience as a certified operator and district manager with an education focused on utility management provides a solid background for long term planning, solid financing and balancing a multi-million dollar budget.

I commit to the continued provision of high quality drinking water and the proper treatment of wastewater while assuring low rates.

I look forward to serving you as Commissioner and would very much appreciate your vote.

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Occupation: Retired
Education: BA, MS, PhD Marine Sciences

As a Lakehaven Utility District Board Commissioner I represent you to assure that the District operates efficiently and effectively. My responsibility is to see that you as a customer continue to receive quality water and sewer service at a reasonable cost. As a Commissioner I am committed to ensuring that the district continues to have staff and systems to maintain uninterrupted high level of service.

My 20 years of experience managing organizations that delivered high quality service to customers provides an excellent background for representing you on the board. My education includes a Master’s and PhD Degree in Marine Science.

I ask for your support and vote in re-electing me as a Commissioner for Lakehaven Utility District.

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Occupation: Retired Engineer
Education: BS & MBA

I want to continue as your Commissioner because I am making a difference. I was appointed to the Lakehaven Board in July of 2006 after a thorough review process. My family and I moved to Federal Way in 1980 and we have been a customer of Lakehaven ever since. I owned and operated an environmental engineering firm for over 23 years and still retain my registration as a Professional Engineer.

Commissioners are responsible to provide adequate supplies of clean, safe drinking water and environmentally responsible wastewater systems, now and into the future. We must also provide the best service possible for the rates charged. We must maintain our existing facilities to comply with all present regulations and we should seek to be in the forefront of emerging environmental regulations. Please allow me to continue to make a positive difference.
It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commissioner. I will continue to represent you, with the goal of keeping the quality of service high and your sewer rate one of the lowest in the state.

During my service as Commissioner, the District has increased capacity, upgraded aging infrastructure, modernized mapping and information services and utilized available technology enhancing our services to you. We were recently recognized by the Dept. of Ecology with an award acknowledging our exemplary performance.

I currently serve as President of the Midway Board of Commissioners and on several committees of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts. I am also a member of the VFW, Chamber of Commerce, Water Pollution Control Federation, and American Water Works Association.

I am committed to serving you with the best environmentally friendly service and competitive rates. Thank you for your support.

Shane Young is running for Midway Sewer District Commissioner to help make positive changes in our community. He has lived in south King County for the past 25 years and currently serves as Office Manager of King County Water District 125.

Shane Young has worked with special purpose Districts for the past 8 years in a variety of roles. He is currently certified in National Incident Management Systems and Department of Health’s Water Distributions Management. He also actively attends the Washington Association of Sewer and Water District conferences on an annual basis.

Shane looks forward to contributing at Midway Sewer District by working to keep low cost sewer rates while replacing aging infrastructure. The overall goal is to see local citizens getting the best quality service at an affordable rate.
Public Hospital District No. 1
Commissioner District No. 2 (nonpartisan office • 6-year term)

Carolyn V. Parnell

Occupation: Educator & Author

YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION, through various Councils and Boards such as the Renton Youth and Family Service, Secretary of your Hospital District Commission, etc. resulted in Carolyn Parnell’s nomination for Renton’s Citizen of the Year. Along with Commissioner Mike Miller, Carolyn believes Access to Quality Health Care is a Right for everyone… Establishing 12 neighborhood clinics while expanding Emergency and Urgent Care reflect their commitment to Accessible Healthcare.

CAROLYN’S COMPASSION AND COMPETENCE DEFINE HER CHARACTER AND SUCCESS. As Secretary of the Hospital Commission, she partnered with Commissioner Mike Miller to champion a new Birth Center, LEVEL III TRAUMA (ER), Joint Center, Breast Center, and GoldenCare for seniors. Carolyn’s devotion to people has translated into Valley Medical being the only Hospital recognized as Washington’s Best 100 Places to Work - while ranking #35 among all hospitals nationally!

Through Carolyn’s practical oversight and common sense the District received citations for merit from the State Auditor for 7 straight years…An unprecedented distinction among all Public Hospital Districts! RE-ELECT CAROLYN PARNELL – The candidate that has collaborated successfully with Commissioner Miller and others to get results!

Commissioner Position No. 4 (nonpartisan office • 6-year term)

Mike Miller

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Occupation: Senior V.P. Valley Bank
Education: B.S. Washington State University in Business Administration

Valley Medical Center continues to provide quality medical care, advanced emergency services and state of the art medical technology including Robotic Assisted Surgery, World Class Joint Replacement and Children’s Health Care because of the work of dedicated citizens like Commissioner Mike Miller.

His experience and oversight as Vice President of the Hospital Board is obvious. A new Birth Center, expanded Level III Trauma ER in a new seven story tower and 12 neighborhood clinics are all evidence that Mike Miller is willing to make bold decisions and gets things done!

An active leader and experienced businessman, Mike remains committed to clinical quality, cost containment and responsible stewardship of resources.

And that is why Mike is supported by Renton Mayor Denis Law, Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke, Covington Mayor Margaret Harto and County Councilperson Julia Patterson. He is endorsed by hundreds of nurses and every major medical group at Valley, three current hospital board members, all nine retired board members and the Volunteers in Action at Valley. He has the bi-partisan support of Senator Margarita Prentice and former Senator Steve Johnson, Fire Chiefs Jim Schneider and Lee Wheeler (retired), the Renton Chamber of Commerce, and Firefighters Local 1747. Please Re-Elect Mike Miller.

Aaron Heide

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Occupation: Dr. Heide’s an outstanding neurologist, who founded Valley’s stroke center.

Education: Born and raised in King County, Heide is a graduate of U.W. Medical School

As a physician, I’ve devoted my life to helping patients get the best health care possible. Now, I’d like to serve you on the Valley Medical Center Commission. I would be the only medical professional on the Board, and I could help ensure quality care.

Protecting Taxpayers
As a taxpayer, I will put a stop to the unnecessary tax increases and wasteful spending.

Holding Government Accountable
Valley Medical Center provides excellent medical care, but behind the scenes, there are problems. In 2007, Valley was forced to pay the largest fines in state history for two illegal campaigns to raise taxes and expand their taxing area. Taxes have shot up by 600% and money is being wasted daily.

My opponent sat on the Commission and approved all this activity. It’s time to make Valley administration healthy again.

Born and Raised in King County
My wife and I live in Kent with our beautiful daughter. I want to bring positive changes to Valley; good staff morale can promote better patient health. If we are open with the community, we can restore trust.

• Check out www.heideforvalley.com for more about our campaign.
If you want open and honest governance, I would appreciate your vote.
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Occupation: Journalist
Education: WSU, BA; Highline and Tacoma community colleges.

Mount Rainier Pool is a gem. It provides swimming lessons for our children, low-impact exercise for our seniors and safe recreation for families. But it is a gem that must be polished to realize its greatest value. When voters approve Proposition 1, we’re going to need commissioners who understand the need to market the pool to maximize its use and therefore reduce the need for public subsidy.

As a former Redondo Community Club president and activist for more than 30 years, and as a leader in the Woodmont and Redondo annexation campaign, I know the value of working WITH people and doing so on tight budgets. I pledge to bring those same organizing skills and commitment to “doing more with less” to the Board of Pool Commissioners.

I respectfully ask for your vote and a YES vote for Proposition 1.

Eric Kasnick
Des Moines, WA 98198

The Mt. Rainier public pool is a valuable asset, one that, if we allow its removal, we will likely not see another. It is a community center appreciated by a great many in the area, and staffed with good people. Our youth, disabled, veterans, families, singles, athletes and our elderly seasoned citizens all benefit by having it here. It provides so much for us all, Swim lessons, water exercises, therapy, swimming for fun or fitness for everyone. Support it, and avail yourself to what it offers. I’m running for a board position because I want to help see to its proper care. Thank you for your attention. Eric.

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Occupation: Diagnostic Ultrasound
Education: Seattle University

I have been involved with Mt. Rainier Pool since it opened in 1975. I have seen Mt. Rainier Pool change lives due to its devoted staff and diversified programming. We, as a community, have an obligation to our citizens to provide fun, safe, educational and healthy experiences. To maximize the pools potential, we need commissioners who are passionate about maximizing Mt. Rainier’s tradition of quality programming as well as maintaining the facilities structure while minimizing the need for public subsidy.

I respectfully ask you to vote YES on Proposition 1.
Marty Martinson
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Background: BS-Civil Eng WSU, MBA UW, retired (Director of Facilities), community volunteer.

Our community is rich in assets, one of which being an indoor swimming facility. Since retiring, I have used it regularly, as have others (e.g., learning to swim, swimming competitively or just trying to stay healthy). The need is there.

But an entity, be it public or private, must be able to financially stand on its own. Proposition 1 will bring into focus its value, affordability and accountability to the community it serves.

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Occupation: retired Human Resource Manager; currently part-time, self-employed as Consultant—Employee Relocation.

Education: BA from Western Washington University and an MBA from Oregon State University.

The Mt. Rainier Pool has quietly provided value to many within our community for many years. Through its aquatics programs, many groups have been served—youth and adult swimming lessons and competitions, exercise programs for all ages and abilities, and year round recreation for all. With the approval of Proposition 1, we will need commissioners who understand these valuable attributes and provide fresh energy and perspective to maximize their value.

With my 25 years of leadership experience as a manager with a Fortune 500 company and volunteer work in my community, I bring a package of skills and experiences to solve problems, managing tight budgets, analyzing situations and leading effective changes. I will bring these attributes to the Pool Commissioner position. I ask for your vote of YES for Proposition 1 and your vote for me as Commissioner.
When the King County Charter was first enacted, the mechanics of moving seamlessly to a new form of government was a major concern. Article 9 of the Charter, entitled “Transitory Provisions,” by its own terms is “related to the transition from the existing form of government to the form of government established by this charter.” In 1992, the County government merged with Metro and Charter section 350.20.30 was added to deal with the merger process. As Charter government has been in place for almost 40 years and the Metro merger is complete, these provisions are virtually all obsolete.

Removing obsolete material from the Charter makes the document clearer and more understandable to the public as well as less expensive to print and distribute. Citizens, including historians and other researchers, will retain archival access to the deleted material. The 2007-2008 Charter Review Commission, on which we each served, supported this amendment without dissent. We urge voters to support this essentially housekeeping measure.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Bryan Glynn, Doreen Cato, Lois North
When it comes to a “constitution” such as the King County Charter, flexibility, including the freedom to adapt to changing times and circumstances, is critical. This is especially true with respect to tools used to monitor and control expenditures. Charter Section 475 addresses the fiscal control issue by means of a system of quarterly allotments and other devices. These devices were crafted to work with a budget control system that no longer exists. This Charter Amendment frees up present and future elected officials to enact by ordinance systems of fiscal control that are responsive to contemporary needs and which build upon modern budget monitoring methods without unnecessary Charter restraints.

Both Executive and Council staffs agree that allotments are cumbersome, outdated and add nothing to effective fiscal control. Moreover, the recently convened King County Financial Policies Advisory Task Force recommended that the allotment provision be removed from the Charter. The 2007-2008 Charter Review Commission, on which we each served, concurred without dissent. We urge voters to support this needed fiscal reform.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Bryan Glynn, Doreen Cato, Mike Lowry
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**Statement for**

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For the foregoing reasons, we urge you to vote yes to amend Section 800 so as to ensure that appointees to future Charter Review Commissions are confirmed by a majority vote of the County Council, and that the findings and recommendations of future Commissions are considered in an open public meeting.

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**Statement against**

No statement submitted.

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**STATEMENT PREPARED BY:** Sarah Rinlaub, Tara-Jo Heinecke, Lois North
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The Open Space Preservation Act is unanimously supported by the County Council, Executive, environmental groups and community leaders. Check the website for a complete list. It provides strong protection to our most cherished green spaces through a defined public process and leaves a legacy for future generations to enjoy.

www.openspaceamendment.org

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Statement against

No statement submitted.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Terry Lavender, Bob Ferguson, Reagan Dunn
Proposed No. 2009-0259.2  Sponsors Ferguson

AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 990 of the King County Charter; repeal of Section 350.20.30 of the King County Charter, regarding the county’s prior transition to a metropolitan government; and repeal of Section 900 of the King County Charter, Section 910 of the King County Charter, Section 920 of the King County Charter, Section 920.10 of the King County Charter, Section 920.10.10 of the King County Charter, Section 920.10.20 of the King County Charter, Section 920.10.30 of the King County Charter, Section 920.10.40 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.20 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.30 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.40 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.50 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.60 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.70 of the King County Charter, Section 920.20.80 of the King County Charter, Section 920.30 of the King County Charter, Section 930 of the King County Charter, Section 940 of the King County Charter, Section 950 of the King County Charter, Section 960 of the King County Charter, Section 970 of the King County Charter, Section 970.10 of the King County Charter, Section 970.20 of the King County Charter, Section 970.30 of the King County Charter, Section 970.40 of the King County Charter, Section 970.50 of the King County Charter, Section 970.60 of the King County Charter and Section 980 of the King County Charter, regarding the county’s prior transition to home rule charter form of government; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2009 general election.

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment to the King County Charter, amending Section 990 of the King County Charter and repealing Section 350.20.30, Section 900, Section 910, Section 920, Section 920.10, Section 920.10.10, Section 920.10.20, Section 920.10.30, Section 920.10.40, Section 920.20, Section 920.20.10, Section 920.20.20, Section 920.20.30, Section 920.20.40, Section 920.20.50, Section 920.20.60, Section 920.20.70, Section 920.20.80, Section 920.30, Section 930, Section 940, Section 950, Section 960, Section 970, Section 970.10, Section 970.30, Section 970.40, Section 970.50, and Section 980 of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

Section 990. Transition.

(Except as otherwise provided or required by the provisions of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued by ordinance.) All boards and commissions whose functions have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall terminate on the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are appointed or until their duties are transferred, altered or abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All boards and commissions whose functions have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued by ordinance.) All ordinances, resolutions and other official actions of the board of county Commissioners (which) that are in effect on the May 1, 1969, effective date of this charter and (which) that are inconsistent with this charter shall continue in effect until they are amended, repealed or superseded in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All rights, claims, actions, orders, obligations, proceedings and contracts existing on the effective date of this charter shall not be affected by the adoption of this charter.

Section 350.20.30 repealed. Section 350.20.30 of the King County Charter, “Metropolitan Services Department Transitory Provisions,” is hereby repealed.

Section 900 repealed. Section 900 of the King County Charter, “Effective Date and Elections,” is hereby repealed.

Section 910 repealed. Section 910 of the King County Charter, “Councilman Districts,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920 repealed. Section 920 of the King County Charter, “Administrative Offices and Executive Department,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.10 repealed. Section 920.10 of the King County Charter, “Administrative Offices,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.10.10 repealed. Section 920.10.10 of the King County Charter, “Office of Budgets and Accounts,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.10.20 repealed. Section 920.10.20 of the King County Charter, “Office of Personnel,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.10.30 repealed. Section 920.10.30 of the King County Charter, “Office of Systems Services,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.10.40 repealed. Section 920.10.40 of the King County Charter, “Office of Property and Purchasing,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20 repealed. Section 920.20 of the King County Charter, “Executive Departments,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.10 repealed. Section 920.20.10 of the King County Charter, “Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.20 repealed. Section 920.20.20 of the King County Charter, “Department of Public Safety,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.30 repealed. Section 920.20.30 of the King County Charter, “Department of Public Health,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.40 repealed. Section 920.20.40 of the King County Charter, “Department of Records and Elections,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.50 repealed. Section 920.20.50, “Department of Finance,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.60 repealed. Section 920.20.60 of the King County Charter, “Department of Parks,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.70 repealed. Section 920.20.70 of the King County Charter, “Department of Planning,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.20.80 repealed. Section 920.20.80 of the King County Charter, “Department of Building,” is hereby repealed.

Section 920.30 repealed. Section 920.30 of the King County Charter, “Modification of Administrative Offices and Executive Departments,” is hereby repealed.

Section 930 repealed. Section 930 of the King County Charter, “County Commissioners,” is hereby repealed.

Section 940 repealed. Section 940 of the King County Charter, “County Assessor,” is hereby repealed.

Section 950 repealed. Section 950 of the King County Charter, “Commencement and Terms of Office,” is hereby repealed.

Section 960 repealed. Section 960 of the King County Charter, “Compensation,” is hereby repealed.

Section 970 repealed. Section 970, “The Personnel System,” is hereby repealed.

Section 970.10 repealed. Section 970.10, “Personnel Board Members,” is hereby repealed.

Section 970.30 repealed. Section 970.30 of the King County Charter, “Elected County Officers,” is hereby repealed.

Section 970.40 repealed. Section 970.40, “County Employees,” is hereby repealed.

Section 970.50 repealed. Section 970.50 of the King County Charter, “Sheriff’s Civil Service System,” is hereby repealed.

Section 980 repealed. Section 980 of the King County Charter, “Board of Appeals,” is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney for the proposition listed below:

Shall the King County Charter be amended to remove no longer relevant transitional language relating to the county’s prior transition to a home rule charter and metropolitan form of government?

Ordinance 16484 was introduced on 4/13/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson

Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Dunn
AN ORDINANCE proposing to repeal Section 475 of the King County Charter pertaining to work programs and allotments, and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2009 general election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment to the King County Charter repealing Section 475, as set forth herein:

Section 475 repealed. Section 475 of the King County Charter, “Work Programs and Allotments,” is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

Shall the King County Charter be amended to repeal Section 475, “Work Programs and Allotments”?

SECTION 3. The repeal of Section 475 of the King County Charter is not intended to affect existing legislation or to limit the power of the council to adopt legislation regarding the matters that were addressed in Section 475.

Ordinance 16546 was introduced on 4/20/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/8/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0
development rights, without increasing current restrictions on the use of those properties or requiring the county to purchase additional properties.

E. An effective means of providing enhanced protection is to require approval by a county council supermajority of at least seven affirmative votes (out of nine councilmembers) before the county may transfer or relinquish its interest in those properties or authorize their expanded use beyond what was permissible when the county acquired them, except in specified circumstances, and before properties are added to, or removed from, the inventory of protected properties.

SECTION 2. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, the addition of a new Section 897 to the King County Charter to read as follows:

Section 897. High Conservation Value Properties.

The county council may, by a minimum of seven affirmative votes, adopt an ordinance establishing an inventory of those high conservation value properties that are to be preserved under the terms of this section. Such an ordinance may be adopted before, on, or after the effective date of this section. The inventory shall include only properties in which the county has a real property interest. The inventory may not be modified by the addition or removal of a property except by an ordinance adopted by a minimum of seven affirmative votes and including specific findings of fact supporting the modification. An ordinance removing a property from the inventory shall include findings of fact that one or more of the following factors exist: (1) the property no longer provides the open space values initially contemplated, for specific reasons set forth in the ordinance; (2) maintaining the property in public ownership is no longer practical, for specific reasons set forth in the ordinance; or (3) open space values will be enhanced by substituting the property interest for another property interest. At least twenty-eight days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance modifying the inventory, except an emergency ordinance, and prior to its adoption, the county council shall hold a public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Before the county council adopts an ordinance modifying the inventory, the chair or other designee of the county council shall make a reasonable effort to consult with the county executive about the modification. Seven affirmative votes are required to override the veto of an ordinance establishing or modifying the inventory following the effective date of this section.

The county shall not convey or relinquish its interest in an inventoried property or authorize an inventoried property to be converted to a use that was not permissible when the county acquired its interest, as evidenced by deed, easement, covenant, contract or funding source requirements, except that this section shall not prevent: the conveyance of the county’s interest in an inventoried property to another government or to a non-profit nature conservancy corporation or association as defined in RCW 84.34.250, as currently adopted or hereafter amended; the conveyance of the county’s interest in an inventoried property under the lawful threat or exercise of eminent domain; the grant of an easement, license, franchise or use agreement for utilities or other activities compatible with use restrictions in place when the county acquired its interest; or the use of an inventoried property for habitat restoration, flood control, low-impact public amenities or regionally significant public facilities developed for purposes related to the conservation values of the property, road or utility projects or emergency projects necessary to protect public health, welfare or safety. This section shall not affect any contractual obligations entered into as part of the county’s acquisition of an interest in an inventoried property.

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MOUNT RAINIER POOL SAVES LIVES… AND MORE
Nine Americans drown every day… three of them are children. Childhood obesity has tripled since 1980 and lack of low-impact exercise threatens our seniors.

The No. 1 way to remedy this? Teach our kids to swim and get seniors in the pool.

For 40 years at our Mount Rainier Pool, we’ve been doing that… and more. We: • Teach lifesaving and CPR. • Provide safe, year-round recreation where community members of all ages, genders and races can participate in healthy, life-improving activity. • Give senior citizens and the infirm access to low-impact aquatic exercise that extends their lives… just ask 104-year-old Faith Callahan. • Give our high school swimmers – annually amongst the best in the state – opportunities to compete and further their educations; and • Train world-class athletes… like Ariana Kukors, who just shattered a world’s record in Rome, and two-time Olympic gold medalist Megan (Quann) Jendrick.

All this is lost if the pool closes on Dec. 31. By voting yes, we can continue our proud tradition for just 20¢ per $1,000 in property value. For the average homeowner, that's $56 a year… about a dollar a week.

VOTE “YES!” SAVE OUR POOL

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Kenneth Spencer, Gene Achziger, Schell Ross

Explanatory Statement

The Mt. Rainier Pool is located in the City of Des Moines. Current funding and operating agreements for the pool expire on December 31, 2009. Due to budget constraints, a new source of funds is needed to continue pool operations. In response, several alternatives were considered culminating in the Des Moines City Council passing a resolution to place the question of a metropolitan park district on the ballot. If this proposition is approved, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District would be created to acquire, maintain, operate, and/or to provide money for capital improvements or construction for the Mt. Rainier Pool or other pool facility. The District would include all of the area currently within the boundaries of the City of Des Moines and be governed by five commissioners, who will be elected from among the residents of Des Moines.

The Des Moines Pool Park District would be a municipal corporation with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the power to levy an annual tax on all taxable property within the district in an amount not to exceed $0.20 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The District would also have the power to issue debt, either as general obligation bonds or revenue bonds, and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Kenneth Spencer, Gene Achziger, Schell Ross

Statement against

No statement submitted.
Rebuttal of statement against

You deserve the right to elect the leader of your city. At all levels of government, from President, to Governor and King County Executive, we have the opportunity to elect the executives of our government. We cherish this right to elect citizens to represent us in these important positions. But that doesn’t happen here in the City of Federal Way. In a city this size it just isn’t right that our mayor is decided out of the public view by essentially a simple majority of the city council—4 people! Our current system lacks the kind of transparency and direct accountability that any city of this size desperately needs.

It is time for our city government to be truly open, accountable and transparent. We deserve the kind of leadership that brings back checks and balances. The Strong Mayor form of government has worked for over 200 years. And by the way, it works in the neighboring cities of Auburn, Kent, and Renton. Please vote yes to bring accountability and leadership to Federal Way--so that this will be a city that is truly Of, By, and For the People. We deserve nothing less.

Rebuttal of statement for

You elect your President, Governor, and legislators. The City Manager is hired at the discretion of the Council—and not accountable to you. You deserve the right to elect the leader of your City.

COSTS: The costs stated are fictional—to scare you. We paid for a City Manager and TWO Assistant City Managers last year.

Vote YES to LOWER COSTS, and INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY!

Vote YES to elect your Mayor.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Roy Parke, Clara McCarthur, Diana Howell

Explanatory Statement

If approved by the voters, this measure would abandon the current Council/Manager form of government and adopt the Mayor/Council form of government. This change would transfer the administrative responsibilities from the City Manager, hired by the City Council, to an elected Mayor. The position of City Manager would be eliminated and the elected Mayor would become a full time position. The elected Mayor would preside over City Council meetings and be recognized as the head of the City for ceremonial purposes.

The reorganization to Mayor/Council form of government would require an election in February 2010.
The 2004-05 Citizen’s Ad Hoc Committee recommended the school district examine all of its facilities and develop a master plan to upgrade facilities. In the fall of 2008 a steering committee reviewed over 2,700 items and recommended a plan to upgrade district facilities. The resulting proposition will address the essential needs of our schools and other district facilities: provide improved ADA access; improvements to building exteriors and interiors, roofing and structural; provide energy conservation measures with improvements to heating and ventilation systems and lighting systems and controls; as well as improvements to playgrounds, fields and athletic facilities. These critical improvements will upgrade the deficiencies in our schools and provide a safe and healthy learning environment and facilities for our children and the community. These improvements are vital for all students. Your support of this proposition will begin implementing the recommendations to ensure quality facilities now and in the future.

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of $46,400,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 (the “District”) for collection in the school years 2009-2010 through 2015-2016. In accordance with Resolution No. 1115, these taxes would be deposited in the District’s Capital Projects Fund to pay part of the cost of modernizing educational facilities at Alpac, Chinook, Dick Scobee, Evergreen Heights, Gildo Rey, Hazelwood, Ilalko, Lea Hill, Lake View, Pioneer, Terminal Park and Washington Elementary Schools; Cascade, Mt. Baker, Olympic and Rainier Middle Schools; Auburn, Auburn Riverside and West Auburn High Schools; Auburn Memorial Stadium, Auburn Pool, Administrative Annex, Administrative Building, Support Services and Transportation Centers. Improvements include, but not limited to, interior and exterior improvements, roofing, site, structural, mechanical and electrical work, modernization, construction of additions and acquisition of equipment. If authorized by the voters, property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be $1.20 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010, $1.00 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, $1.14 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, $0.37 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, $0.40 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014 and $0.39 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2015.

Official Ballot Title

Auburn School District No. 408
Proposition No. 1
Capital Improvements Levy

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1115 concerning a capital improvements levy. The proposition authorizes facility improvements that include site work, building modernizations, structural work, roofing, mechanical and electrical work, additions, acquisition of equipment, and other capital improvements; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

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As provided in Resolution No. 1115. Should this proposition be approved?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

Statement for

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Statement against

No statement submitted.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Ryan Anderson, Clarissa Ruston
Statement for

“Citizens for Annexation to Kent” is a broad-based citizen group promoting a “Yes” vote. The Kent City Council voted unanimously to invite residents to join the city. This annexation is supported by the King County Council.

- As Kent residents’ public safety will be increased by establishing a 4th city patrol district with response time significantly shorter for all police services. Kent will hire over 20 new police positions.
- Panther Lake residents will have greater community access in Kent. Locally elected officials and staff can respond more quickly to needs of neighbors - offices are close by - parks and recreation will be administered locally.
- Kent will provide more direct service to the Panther Lake area. King County is unable to provide urban services. They recently announced mothballing the three county parks in the area. Further cutbacks in all county services will occur because of growing county fiscal deficits.

It is estimated that property taxes will essentially be the same or perhaps slightly lower. We believe that annexation to the City of Kent is in the best interests of citizens, businesses, homeowner associations, and all community groups. www.annex2kent.com

Rebuttal of statement against

The opposition statements about water are false, losing our fire station is false, having to pay for past bonds is false. The statement about hiring no additional police persons is false. The statement about fireworks is false. Kent is a growing city, becoming more diverse and interesting everyday. For less money annually, we’ll receive improved safety and service, plus the ability to vote for local leaders and enjoy a sense of community we all deserve.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Marvin Eckfeldt, Marci Wainhouse

Statement against

Panther Lake taxpayers will pay for two water departments Soos Creek and Kent Water, it’s funded from the general funds of Kent.

We’ll have to pay all the past bonds issued by Kent.

We’ll lose our fire station, we paid for.

Kent requires all existing buildings, schools, churches, homes, barns and garages over 7,000 feet, fire alarm & fire sprinkler installed.

Kent has budgeted for a Fire Benefit Charge (fee) will cost thousands billed every year for every building, school, church, apartments and home.

The Kent identified 400 existing apartment buildings that need to upgraded with monitored fire alarm systems. Costs are thousands per building.

I’m a person of color, it’s shocking Kent disbanded its Diversity Committee. Our community diversity must be reflected in our government officials.

Kent has only one department head that is a person of color. Kent has no persons of color in any elected position
Kent Fire and Police Departments have no persons of color in command positions

No additional fire fighters or police will be added to protect us.

No neighborhood 4th of July fireworks allowed.

We’ll have no representation in Kent

NO TO ANNEXATION   NO TO KENT   NO WAY!
VOTE NO TO ANNEXATION  notokentnoway@clearwire.net

Rebuttal of statement for

Panther Lake taxpayers will pay for the 75 million dollar ShoWare Center. It’s used less than 10% of the time, it’s heat and lights on 100% of the time. Kent will not allow homeless families into the ShoWare Center on freezing nights.

The ShoWare Center hosts a Lingerie Football League team. Women’s rights groups say it’s degrading to women, Kent says it’s entertainment.

NO TO ANNEXATION   NO TO KENT   NO WAY!
VOTE NO TO ANNEXATION

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Patrick J. Dillon
We moved!

As a response to possible flooding associated with needed repairs at the Howard Hanson Dam, King County Elections has temporarily relocated all operations to a new location in Tukwila, near Boeing Field.

The new facility offers accessible voting during all elections.

King County Elections

- 9010 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila, 98108
- Open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 206-296-VOTE (8683)
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, November 3, or be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before election day.

Track your ballot online!

Voters can use the King County Elections’ Web site to track their ballot’s progress online, as it is processed.

Learn more at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.
Voting in the November 3 General Election

24-hour ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without postage at one of the ballot drop boxes located throughout the county by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

King County locations

Auburn Library
1102 Auburn Wy S, 98002

Library Connection@Crossroads
(Crossroads Shopping Center)
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

Earlington Business Center
919 SW Grady Wy, Renton 98057

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

White Center Library
11220 16th Ave SW, Seattle 98146

Woodinville Library
17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle location

King County Administration Building
500 4th Ave, 98104

Seattle Neighborhood Service Centers

Ballard
5604 22nd Ave NW, 98107

Central
2301 S Jackson, 98144

Delridge
5405 Delridge Wy SW, 98106

Lake City
12525 28th Ave NE, 98125

Southeast
3815 S Othello St, 98118

University
4534 University Wy NE, 98105

Accessible voting centers

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

King County Elections-- New location!
9010 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila, 98108
Weekdays, October 14 – November 2:
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, 98009
Seattle, Union Station 401 S Jackson St, Seattle, 98104
Friday, October 30: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 31: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday, November 2: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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, November 3, 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 October 23, 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 after 8 p.m. on election night and will be updated once a day in the days that follow until all ballots have been counted. Final certification of results will occur on November 24.