Dear King County Voter:

Another graduation season just passed bringing the reminder of how fast change happens.

We’ve been voting by mail for four years in King County and each has been one of significant change. King County voters have done a great job adjusting to change and you may appreciate knowing that your elections department has as well. With over 1.17 million voters spread out over more than 2,000 voting districts, the challenge to implement change, while protecting the integrity of each vote has been, at times, a monumental endeavor.

In our quest to make elections processes more efficient and reduce costs, the world of technology has certainly provided a range of remarkable options. However, it’s been our impatient, questioning and innovative work force that has been the strong, beating heart of the most effective, forward-thinking changes. Thanks to them, we have achieved greater efficiency, resolved problems and improved our ability to meet expectations of King County voters. We are working to provide outstanding voter experiences, employing means that offer more choices each year. Multi-channel delivery, empowerment, simplified and streamlined options, and relevancy-- this is a vocabulary that is associated today with service. We have also benefitted from the help of many strategic partnerships, including vendors, other public agencies, and organizations. We are working together to make sure more citizens are engaged in voting with better understanding of the voting process.

Creative use of technology has streamlined ballot processing and improved customer service delivery in a variety of ways. We improved connections with voters through social media, webcams and web-based information and services. Sophisticated solutions have been designed by staff with the support of our technical team to update and improve candidate filing processes. Additionally, with support from the county’s technical services staff, Elections staff developed and launched a mobile-optimized website with easy access to the information voters wanted most. An external mapping application is another new service for voters. Efforts are currently underway for more efficient delivery and management of overseas and military ballots. The use of tablet computers and strategically designed line management techniques served to assure no voter waited in line longer than 30 minutes in King County last November and wait time to register to vote on our busiest day was reduced by 50 percent.

The application of Lean business processes, along with Agile Workforce programs and technology improvements have combined to increase ballot processing capacity and reduce temporary staffing by nearly 50 percent. In addition we are aggressively pursuing cross training of staff to broaden competency and provide the opportunity for employee growth and advancement.

There are many examples in place and in development that represent the creative work of election staff and our valued partners to enhance service to voters using technology. It is exciting and I believe expected. The stunning path of technology advancement in a single year signals a continuing wave of remarkable developments in election administration. We will be ready and waiting.

While technology has contributed to our continued success, we’ve also made improvements associated with the “tried and true” services of the past. For example, we have increased the number of ballot drop-off locations to even out distribution and provide greater convenience across the county.

My thanks to all of you who have helped make our elections among the most successful in the country. I again extend the invitation to visit our office and see the processes and people who are serving the voters of King County.

Sherril Huff

A letter from the Director, Sherril Huff
Reading the local voters’ pamphlet

Why are there measures and candidates in the local voters’ pamphlet that are not on my ballot?

The measures and races on your ballot reflect the districts in which you are registered to vote. The local voters’ pamphlet may cover multiple districts and include measures and races outside of your districts.

What is an explanatory statement?

An explanatory statement is prepared by each district’s attorney stating the effect of the ballot measure if passed into law.

How are committees in favor of or in opposition to a measure formed?

Districts choosing to participate in a local voters’ pamphlet are responsible for appointing committee members who agree to write statements.

The statements are a way to persuade voters to vote for or against a measure. King County Elections is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the statements.

What is the order of candidates in the local voters’ pamphlet?

Candidates in the local voters’ pamphlet appear in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Candidates are given word limits based upon the number of registered voters within each district.

King County Elections is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the candidate and measure statements.
About the Top 2 Primary

Washington uses a “Top 2” system for its primary election. A Top 2 primary allows voters to vote for any candidate running in each race. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election advance to the general election. A candidate must also receive at least 1% of the votes cast in that race to advance to the general election.

The Top 2 primary applies to partisan offices. It does not apply to elections for Precinct Committee Officers. While there are some slight variations, elections for nonpartisan office, such as city council or judge, are conducted in a similar manner to the Top 2 primary. Generally, the two candidates in a nonpartisan race who receive the most votes in the primary advance to the general election.

You may wonder why some offices did not appear on the primary ballot. When only one or two candidates file for a nonpartisan office, there is no primary and the candidates automatically advance to the general election. For partisan offices there is still a primary even if only one or two candidates file.

Learn more about the Top 2 primary at: www.sos.wa.gov/elections

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Mail or in-person:
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Voter Registration Annex*
King County Administration Building
500 4th Ave., Room 311
Seattle, WA 98104

The Voter Registration Annex is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Please note, this location only provides services associated with voter registration.
Register to vote

Requirements
To register to vote in Washington, you must be:
• A citizen of the United States
• A legal resident of Washington State
• At least 18 years old by Election Day
• Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections

How to register
• Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
• Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
• Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Voter Registration Annex.

Registration deadlines
While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the August 6, 2013, primary and special election:
• July 8 – Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information.
• July 29 – In person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current
Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Visit our Voter Registration Annex

King County Elections offers convenient, in-person service at the downtown Seattle annex for voter registration related matters only.

Services offered:
• Register to vote
• Change or update your address or name.
• Voter notification cards
• Information and assistance about non-traditional residential addresses/homeless voters, and mailing address vs. residential address
• Cancel a voter registration

Services not offered:
• Replacement ballots
• Accept voted ballots
• Accept voter registration challenges
• Signature challenge resolutions
• Accessible voting
• Maps or voter data files
• Candidate filings

For these services contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

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Returning your ballot

Through the mail
You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Ballots must be postmarked by August 6. Mailed ballots require first class postage.

24-hour drop boxes
Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box.

Burien City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, Burien 98166

Crossroads Shopping Center
South entrance
15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

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

Issaquah City Hall
130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

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

Regional Justice Center
401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032
Near parking garage entrance

Redmond Senior Center
8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052

Seattle ballot drop box locations:

Ballard Branch Library
Corner of NW 57th Street and 22nd Avenue NW, Seattle 98107

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Ballot drop boxes are open
24 hours a day beginning July 18.

Ballot drop boxes close
on Election Day, August 6, at 8 p.m.
Scheduled drop vans

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop-off van. Vans will be parked at these locations only on the dates and times listed:

**Auburn City Hall**  
25 West Main Street, Auburn, 98001

**Kirkland City Hall**  
123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, 98033

**Renton Highlands Neighborhood Center**  
800 Edmonds Avenue NE, Renton, 98056

**SeaTac City Hall**  
4800 S 188th Street, SeaTac, 98188

**Shoreline-Aurora Square Shopping Center**  
15505 Westminster Way N, Shoreline, 98133

**Tahoma School District Building**  
25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, Maple Valley, 98038

**White Center at Greenbridge Library**  
9720 8th Avenue SW, Seattle, 98106

**Woodinville City Hall**  
17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville, 98072

**Seattle ballot drop-off van locations:**

**Magnuson Park**  
6344 NE 74th Street, Seattle, 98115  
*Use 74th Street entrance*

**Rainier Community Center**  
4600 38th Avenue S, Seattle 98118

**University of Washington Campus**  
Red Square, Seattle, 98105  
*No parking or vehicle access available*

**West Seattle Stadium**  
4432 35th Avenue SW, Seattle, 98126

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**Hours of operation**

- **Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- **Monday, August 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- **Election Day, August 6, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**
Accessible voting centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment are available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

Voters may also return ballots at these locations during their business hours.

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Hours of operation:
Weekdays, July 19 - August 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Seattle Union Station
401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle 98104

Hours of operation:
Monday, August 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue 98004

Hours of operation:
Monday, August 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Why we may contact you

Remember the declaration you must sign on your ballot return envelope? You may not realize it, but your signature is critical for your vote to be processed.

The signature on your ballot envelope must match the signature on file with your voter registration. Your ballot cannot be opened and processed until the signature is matched, or “verified.”

If your ballot has a signature issue, King County Elections will attempt to contact you by phone and mail. Please follow the instructions and reply promptly.

To update your signature for future elections, fill out a voter registration form, sign it and mail it back to King County Elections. See www.kingcounty.gov/elections for registration forms and more information.
## Duties of offices in this election

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<td>Executive (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Responsible for the implementation of council/commission policies and the day-to-day administration of county government functions and services.</td>
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<td>$209,387.91</td>
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<td>Metropolitan King County Council (elected by voters in the County Council District)</td>
<td>Sets policies and enacts laws. Develops and adopts county budget. Oversees county services. Reports to, represents and serves the needs of citizens.</td>
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<td>$139,591.94</td>
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<td>Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port. Establishes port policy.</td>
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<td>Works with city council to enact legislation, Running the business and day-to-day.</td>
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<td>Approves the city’s budget. Develops laws and policies. Oversees public services. Reports to, represents and serves the needs of citizens.</td>
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<td>School District Director/Position (*elected by voters in the school district)</td>
<td>Sets policies for schools. Provides oversight for the operations of the school system. Represents the interests of the community on public education issues.</td>
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<td>Water District Commissioner (elected by voters in the water district)</td>
<td>Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.</td>
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<td>Wastewater District Commissioner (elected by voters in the city)</td>
<td>Oversees the sewer district to keep up facilities, meet water needs and meet environmental requirements.</td>
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Alan E. Lobdell

**Education:** Civil Engineer - AA Degree, Paralegal-Certificate, Management - BS, Business - MBA, Public Admin-MPA

**Occupation:** Professional Engineer, Public Works Director, City Engineer, Project manager, Consultant

**Statement:** After being medically discharged from the Marine Corps in 1973, I joined Labor Local 348 in Pasco, WA, so I could work and go to college. Years later, I worked out of Local 440 in Seattle. After graduation I began my public service (37+ yrs), working for cities and counties as a Public Works Director, City Engineer, Project Manager, or Consultant. All the while, my goal has been to give the public the best possible job for the least possible cost. My education has always been in areas to best serve the citizens. When I was a young engineer, I could have gone into private work and made a lot more money but that was not where my heart led me. I wanted to do the kind of work to better people’s lives, and I have always been proud to say I am a public servant. My desire is to come in, organize and lead departments, divisions and policies in providing the public with better service and creating an atmosphere where employees can feel proud of what they are doing and feel comfortable saying “I am proud to be a King County Public Servant.” When a citizen has business with King County they should feel like the County is working with them and not against them. I want to make that happen! My knowledge of Civil Engineering along with my extensive education and background with many cities and counties within Washington State give me the unique experience of having seen and understand diverse manners of how cities and counties operate. The two most important virtues of a public servant are Honesty and Integrity, and if elected, I will follow those virtues so you will be glad to have supported me with your vote. See Alanlobdell.org

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Goodspaceguy

**Education:** Goodspaceguy, university educated in Germany, Sweden, and America, earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees (economics minor.)

**Occupation:** Goodspaceguy: investor owner in our wonderful, competitive, free market society.

**Statement:** The minimum wage destroys jobs and even struggling businesses that become unprofitable. The resulting unemployment continues year after year. The higher the minimum wage, the greater the number of people who lose their jobs. Some people turn to crime. Some people turn to welfare. (In reality, welfare is paid for by the workers, which means that you who work keep less of your production because part of your production that would go to you in competition for you as a worker is taken by tricky taxation by the government and given away.)

If right now the minimum wage were raised to $100 per hour, most people would lose their jobs, and our competitive free market economy, that works for you the consumer, would collapse. Crime and violence would skyrocket. You who have studied and understand the science of economics know that the proper method of setting wages is by supply and demand. Under supply and demand, many people are even paid more than minimum wage. Setting wages by the supply of the different types of labor interacting with the demand for the different types of labor makes even troubled people employable and helps build a balanced, full employment economy. More people working, producing the goods and services that make up the living standard, raises the living standard of the people. To sell increased production, competing businesses sometimes find it profitable to lower prices.

King County should lobby for the abolishment of the minimum wage. The minimum wage promotes crime. It is cruel to establish minimum wage laws that make society dirtier, and some people unemployable, and increases work stress, and gets some people fired, and causes struggling, unprofitable employers to shut down. King County should work to abolish the job-destroying minimum wage, thereby raising the living standard.

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Executive

Everett A. Stewart

**Education:** Extensive study of economics, money accounting, business efficiencies, municipal policy making and international commerce.

**Occupation:** corporate president, city councilman, commissioner, airport advisory board, business owner

**Statement:** The executive crisis to crisis approach to the county's revenue shortfall depreciates our quality of life. Access to public transit is becoming unaffordable to those most in need, creating a barrier to access health care, finding a job, making it to school or even getting food to eat. By organizing our communities we can fund public transit by: taxing the wealthy; a carbon tax; the expansion of Electric Trolleys Buses and the acquisition of Battery Powered Buses. This will deliver hundreds of thousands of service hours for transit access, thereby, improving our quality of life.

Now the quality of life of many Metro bus drivers is nearly unbearable. Executive management’s, so called, monetary efficiencies; deny drivers access to restrooms, rest and meal periods, sacrifices the driver’s health and puts the public at risk. Drivers who are under duress and need a restroom are accident prone.

As Executive, I will develop real monetary efficiencies, such as, not signing contracts that guarantee overtime. Metro Transit Operator overtime during the years 2010 through 2012 totaled over $60M. Part time operators doing this work would have saved the county over $33M. These savings would have delivered over 200,000 transit service hours and increased employment.

Let’s improve the county for all. Let’s increase King County’s competitive edge with a free robust countywide “Internet Utility”, to drive down telecommunication cost and enhance commerce—“the shipping lanes of the 21st century”. Let’s fund K-12 education, higher teacher pay, and smaller class sizes. And establish a Homeowner’s Bill of Rights-legal options for people facing foreclosure.

I, Everett Stewart, the working people’s candidate have both business and government expertise: Commissioner, Councilmember, construction corporate President across five states, Airport Advisory Board and business owner. “I will resolve our county’s revenue crisis.”

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Dow Constantine

**Education:** University of Washington BA 1985, JD 1989, MA Urban Planning 1992; West Seattle High School

**Occupation:** King County Executive; Attorney; Planner

**Statement:** Creating Lasting Change

Since taking office four years ago, my team has returned King County to sound financial footing. We partnered with employees to save millions in health care, improve customer service, introduce Lean management, and initiate continuous improvement.

King County had good people doing good work but struggling with aging systems and outmoded practices. Recession and annual deficits meant an immediate $60 million shortfall.

We made tough cuts. We innovated, reducing costs. Today our workforce is smaller, but doing even better work, with authority to create change and improve service. We protected public safety and those in need, increasing public confidence.

For example: Many building permits now available over the counter for a flat fee. Mail-in auto license renewals dramatically faster. Metro costs reduced while many more riders served. These improvements, and more, are the result of our shared commitment to innovation.

**Standing Up to Big Challenges**

I made the tough decision to replace a failing tunnel contractor. Today the Brightwater sewage plant is open for business.

I organized a broad coalition of concerned leaders. Today the Howard Hansen Dam again protects the Green River Valley.

I took on “impossible” problems. Today the new South Park Bridge is nearing completion, a 43,000 acre forest is protected forever, and Maury Island is saved.

**A Government Worthy of the People**

Ours is a region of great minds, businesses, natural beauty and aspirations. We are creating a government worthy of the people of this extraordinary place.

We will keep innovating, making King County the best run government anywhere, efficiently and effectively delivering services that foster prosperity and protect our remarkable quality of life.

I thank the County Democrats, Labor Council, businesses and leaders, across the region and the political spectrum, for their recognition of our good work.

I would appreciate your vote.

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Your signature verifies your vote

Sign the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don’t match, the Elections department cannot count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.

Slip your ballot inside the black and white envelope. The margin of your ballot will stick out from the side, but all your votes will be covered.

Do not make additional folds to your ballot or tape the envelope shut.

Now place the black and white envelope with your ballot into the return envelope.

The security envelope has been redesigned
Everyone can be a voting champion and finish out front!

Get your ballot voted and returned before August 6.

Be an informed voter.
Council District No. 1

John Fray

Education: BA Accting WSU
Occupation: Self Empld
Statement: My predecessor Bob Ferguson did an outstanding job and is sorely missed on the King County Council and by voters in District 1. His efforts to keep county government transparent and accountable were particularly excellent. If you’d like to see more of the same I would ask for your vote.

I have a keen interest in doing right by our veterans as my dad and his brother both fought with Patton’s Third Army during WWII. Now that Patty Murray is a recent chair of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee we have a real fighter on our side.

We must be good stewards of our environment. Perhaps former Vice President Al Gore said it best when he wrote, “Seen from the vantage point of space, our beautiful planet is the Garden of Eden for all humankind. The account in the Bible, the Torah, and the Koran of Adam and Eve’s temptation to eat the forbidden fruit is a warning of the power of knowledge to destroy. Once again as in ancient scriptures the issue is whether we have the wisdom to avoid that outcome. The choice is awesome and in the hands of the present generation.”

Continued at www.electjohnfray.com

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Naomi Wilson

Education: Master's Degree in Public Health and Bachelor's Degree, UW
Occupation: Public Health Professional
Statement: Naomi Wilson is a committed public health professional, having worked at the University of Washington Medical Center and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to improve health care for everyone. There will be no one with a health background on the King County Council when the county implements the largest new program in years: the Affordable Health Care Act. Let’s put her experience to work for us.

The daughter of a Vietnam veteran father and a Korean immigrant mother, Naomi’s family moved to Kirkland when she was 12, and she has continued to make District 1 her home for 30 years. She is the mother of two children and lives in Maple Leaf.

Leadership: Naomi has shown her commitment as a longtime advocate for low-income housing, healthy neighborhoods, and better transportation options.

Her Priorities: increase transit funding and expand Metro bus service, protect the environment, improve essential social service programs, and dedicated funding for Health and Human Services.

Naomi would bring diversity, a local voice, and powerful healthcare background at a time when the county could use it the most.

Please join your friends and neighbors: Vote for Naomi.

Select Endorsements: Representative Cindy Ryu, Lake Forest Park Mayor Mary Jane Goss

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Rod Dembowski

**Education:** University of Washington Law School; Georgetown University, B.S. Business Administration; Renton Public Schools, K-12

**Occupation:** County Councilmember; Attorney, civil practice; service as Special Deputy Prosecutor

**Statement:** On February 11th, I was honored to be sworn in to replace Bob Ferguson on the King County Council. My colleagues selected me to chair the Regional Transit Committee. I went to work immediately, fighting for investments in our transit system, streets, and bridges.

I worked to protect our environment, voting to save 43,000 acres of open space from development. I am working to protect the last old growth forests in King County.

I drafted legislation to increase transparency and oversight of taxpayer levy monies.

To reduce crime and save taxpayer dollars, I am prioritizing smart investments in health care, and treatment of mental illness and addiction.

This is the tenacity I bring to solving the challenges facing our region. I am a lifelong King County resident with over twenty years of private and public sector experience. My wife Lynna and I have two sons in public schools.

**Endorsements:** King County Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, King County Labor Council, Chamber of Commerce’s CASE, Realtors, King County Paramedics, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, City Attorney Pete Holmes, Sheriff Urquhart, Senators Frockt and Murray, Representatives Pollet, Kagi, & Stanford, the Mayors of Shoreline, Kenmore, Kirkland, Woodinville, and hundreds of community leaders and organizations.

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Kristina Macomber

Education: No information submitted
Occupation: No information submitted
Statement: I am running for King County Council because I believe county government needs a mom with common sense values. We need greater access to public transportation and we deserve a Council member who works for fairer access to services for residents.

I am running to protect our environment, because we must ensure we protect the resources of tomorrow, today.

I want our children to be able to grow up and experience the environment around them, not just read about it in old textbooks.

County government MUST work so it can level the playing field for those who might not have been given every opportunity to succeed.

As the only Democratic candidate in this race, I understand the struggles of hard-working families.

First, we must create a fairer tax system to ensure those who make the most pay their fair share. People making a million dollars a year should pay more than middle class families.

Second, we need to protect our environment by working to reduce the county’s carbon footprint and protect our natural resources.

Lastly, we must improve public transportation in South King County. We need more bus routes and greater access to more routes.

I ask for your vote.

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Shari Song

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana
Occupation: Managing Broker, Prudential NW Realty Associates, Bellevue
Statement: I’m not a career politician. I am a businesswoman, mom, wife, and community leader. I’ve been elected President of three different community organizations five different times. I founded the Mission Church Preschool learning and education center to prepare children to start school. Soroptomist International honored me as a “Woman of Distinction” and former King County Executive, Ron Sims, honored me with the Recognition Award for Community Service

Last year, when the incumbent ran for statewide office, the Seattle Times reported he had the worst attendance record of anyone on the King County Council. He also overspent his office budget, flew to Australia on your dime and even bought a Persian rug with your money. The voters in King County deserve better.

On the council, I will work full-time to focus on attracting living wage jobs, reducing gridlock on our roads and protecting our quality of life. I believe in putting people first, not politics.

I am endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, State Senators Bob Hasegawa and Karen Keiser, Representatives Marcie Maxwell and Steve Bergquist, Mayor Marilyn Strickland, The King County Democrats, ML King County Labor Council, National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington and EMILY’s List.

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Reagan Dunn

Education: University of Washington school of Law, Order of Barristers; Arizona State University, Magna Cum Laude

Occupation: County Councilmember; Former Federal Prosecutor and attorney in civil practice

Statement: It has been my privilege to represent the citizens of District 9 on the King County Council. The district includes the cities of Bellevue, Black Diamond, Covington, Enumclaw, Kent, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Renton and more than 70,000 residents living in unincorporated King County.

I have received the endorsement of all eight nonpartisan mayors representing these cities, in addition to doctors, firefighters, realtors, builders, farmers, law enforcement organizations and many other groups. They support me for re-election because I have fought to prioritize government spending so that critical emergency services and road maintenance are properly funded. I have also worked to keep County government’s spending in check and your taxes low while working hard to protect our environment and public health services.

I was born and raised right here in this District and my two children are the fourth generation of my family to live here. King County government faces very significant challenges in the coming years. I will use my knowledge of the district combined with years of private sector and government experience to help make sure King County continues its path toward a more efficient and accountable government.

I work for you and I appreciate your vote.

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You need a voice on the port commission.
I will push to move the commission meetings to the evening, so you can attend if you so choose. I believe that public meetings should be held at times convenient for the citizenry. Informed citizens like yourself are critical to the democratic process, and you should have access to your elected decision makers so that you can hold them accountable.

You need your port to sustainably encourage trade and industry.
The primary goal of our port is to encourage the growth of trade and industry in the Seattle region. We can’t reach that goal without being sustainable, both environmentally and economically. As port commissioner, I will evaluate projects by three criteria: first, by the number of family wage jobs the project will bring to the region; second, by how that project will benefit you, the taxpayer; third, by what the project will do to minimize environmental impact. I will work to reduce the taxpayer subsidy of the port. Port operations should be paid for by those benefiting from them.

You need your port to be secure without compromising your liberty.
While security measures must be implemented to ensure no group can terrorize you, I worry that some of our preventative measures may actually be causing you terror. You haven’t done anything to deserve this treatment. I will take action to ensure both our seaport and airport are secure without infringing on your rights to privacy and freedom from unreasonable searches.

Please vote Andrew Pilloud for port commissioner. Allow me to serve you.

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Stephanie Bowman

Education: Seattle University, M.B.A., Executive Leadership; University of Idaho, Bachelor of Science, American Marshall Fellowship

Occupation: Executive Director, Washington ABC, a statewide non-profit helping economically-disadvantaged families

Statement: The Port of Seattle is at a crossroads. We face extraordinary local and global challenges as we seek to fulfill our mission of family wage job creation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

We must decide whether we’re going to compete against the Port of Tacoma or work together to create America’s strongest west coast gateway. We need regional transportation investments and a state export strategy focused on shipping Washington products rather than fossil fuels.

Sea-Tac requires substantial capital investment to remain one of the world’s leading airports, and must provide the opportunity for all employees to build careers that sustain their families. Achieving our goal of being the greenest and most energy efficient port in North America requires cooperation between the Port and its vendors to implement world-class clean air and water practices.

To accomplish these critical tasks, we need progressive leaders focused on the core mission of our Port, with hands-on experience in trade and economic development and a proven commitment to workforce training and environmental responsibility.

Appointed to the Port Commission in April, I bring 18 years of professional experience in economic development, transportation and workforce training on the regional, state and federal levels. I have direct experience in the Port industry, including five years at the Port of Tacoma. As Executive Director of a statewide non-profit organization, I know the value of a dollar and am committed to accountability and transparency at the Port.

I am proudly endorsed by: National Women’s Political Caucus; King County Labor Council; Longshoreman & Sailor’s Unions; Sea-Tac Firefighters Union; Citizens for Sound Economy; Boeing Machinists, and more than 200 civic, political and business leaders throughout King County.

I would be honored to have your support and continue to use my experience and leadership to usher in a new era at the Port.

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Scot Pondelick

**Education:** ARHS, AA from GRCC, and Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal  
**Occupation:** US Army Bomb Squad Technician and Veterans Advocate  
**Statement:** I was born and raised in Auburn. At the age of 18, I joined the Army and devoted myself to serving our country. Since I’ve been out of the Army, I have devoted myself to my hometown.  

Auburn is growing but we need to manage that growth properly. We need to establish diversity and a proper balance of businesses and homes. That includes ensuring that our roadways and infrastructures are properly maintained. By sustaining and improving our infrastructure, we can restore our path to real economic growth.

Auburn’s future depends on living within its means. We need to limit government waste by effectively using all funds in a manner that benefits our city and our citizens the most. Auburn cannot allow government owned businesses that continue to lose money without facing consequences. It’s not just about living in Auburn; it’s about becoming involved and working together to achieve common goals.

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Nancy Backus

**Education:** Graduate Auburn High School, A.A. Green River Community College & B.S. in Accounting  
**Occupation:** City Councilmember, Deputy Mayor and Boeing Financial Operations Manager  
**Statement:** Proudly endorsed by IAM Local 751, Washington Conservation Voters and Seattle King County Realtors!  

Mayor of Auburn is similar to a corporate CEO with a $250 million budget and 350+ employees. We need leadership that understands finances. You deserve a mayor with experience, vision, passion and courage to lead – willing to listen and make informed decisions. I am that leader!

**Jobs:**  
Economic development’s critical to Auburn’s future; I will continue to focus on attracting/retaining the right businesses.

**Roads:**  
Our roads need repairs, yet funding isn’t available. Creative options must be identified to save and improve our streets.

**Safety:**  
Our police do great work, but we need more officers for a city of 72,000. I’ll work to find funding sources.

My years of experience and dedication to Auburn make me uniquely qualified to be your next Mayor! I’m asking for your vote - let’s continue moving Auburn forward - together!

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John T. Partridge

**Education:** Auburn Senior High School, 1982 - Multnomah University, Bachelor of Science, 1997  
**Occupation:** Eighteen years as a small business owner: Partridge Insurance Agency  
**Statement:** John Partridge is Auburn’s mayoral candidate for real change. As a city councilmember, John demonstrated integrity and courage bringing fresh perspectives, accountability and balance to city government.

After listening to the public and weighing all the facts, John stood alone and voted to maintain our local municipal court. When faced with sizeable increases for diminished animal control services from King County, John Partridge led the effort to forge partnerships creating the Auburn Valley Humane Society. The result was better services, reduced costs, job creation and a premium animal shelter. John’s priorities are:

- Safety of our families and community
- Secure funding for roads and walkways
- Making sure your voice is heard

John envisions Auburn continuing to emerge as a destination for families and businesses. A vote for John Partridge is a vote for a better future for our community and its children. Endorsed by your Valley Professional Firefighters.

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Council Position No. 4

Frank Lonergan

**Education:** AA MHCC, Gresham, OR / Certificate of completion, AWC’s Certified Municipal Leadership November, 2001

**Occupation:** Lock Security Technician, White Knight Safe & Lock

**Statement:** As an elected official it is not my place to tell you what you need and are going to get, but instead, to listen to what your wants and needs are and get the city to that point. As an elected official it is my duty to make tough financial decisions that promote a safe and healthy environment for you to raise your families and live in peace. It is my job to make sure you have streets that are drivable, parks that are safe, attractive and inviting and to make it convenient and attractive for you to support local business. It is my responsibility to do this in a way that doesn’t add more and more tax burden to you the citizen.

I pledge to you that I will constantly work to those goals and work diligently to keep our services under local control, not farm them out elsewhere.

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Thomas Sauers

**Education:** AAA Business Management Degree, High School Diploma, Automotive and Electrical training, Criminal Law Course.

**Occupation:** Business Management/Consultant

**Statement:** Leadership you can trust, works well with others, believes in moral and ethical values and principals. I care deeply about our community and have become increasingly concerned about the direction our city is heading.

I have resided in Auburn for 14+ years. I understand business from an owner’s perspective. I provide great quality of leadership in my managing, coaching and instructing skills. I am continuously working on improving my management skills regularly through training. From my education, I bring business leadership, management, customer service, financial and marketing skills.

I will advocate to make our streets safer, work with local banks and credit unions to provide affordable loans, attract more businesses to create more local jobs, make sure our roads are repaired properly and work with the citizens, businesses and city officials to make Auburn #1 city in the State!

Thomas Sauers is the “Voice of the people, For the people”.

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Yolanda Trout

**Education:** Walla Walla High School; Walla Walla Community College with an Early Learning Degree

**Occupation:** Small Business owner

**Statement:** My vision for Auburn is to ensure that all citizens have an equal chance to be heard and served. I share the concerns about education, jobs, crime, a safe community and improved roads. I want to do something, not just talk about them. I have a history of getting things done locally and statewide. I worked to implement “Please Don’t Drink and Drive” signs as a result of the loss of a brother by a drunk driver. I co-chair our active block watch program, which has successfully worked to curb drug activity. My reputation as a hard worker and relentless advocate for education and safer neighborhoods and parks is the strongest attribute that I offer for my future role in City Council. Serving on the Planning Commission I have learned the importance of being a compassionate listener, positive decision maker and independent leader with a positive vision for Auburn.

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Steve Kasner

Education: Masters in Teaching, SPU; JD, Seattle University, BA Business, University of Washington; Graduate, Advance Bellevue

Occupation: Teacher: The Overlake School, JDS; Chair, East Bellevue Community Council

Statement: As a husband, dad, teacher and passionate community advocate, I’m running for Bellevue City Council to bring back ethical, common sense leadership that represents the whole city. I want to get back to Bellevue’s long standing tradition of thoughtful engagement, and leave behind recent ethical lapses and bickering over light rail decisions.

As a member of South Bellevue Community Center Citizens’ Advisory Committee, I was able to work with my neighbors to create a wonderful community gathering place. As Chair of the Eastside Bellevue Community Council, I worked to ensure all citizens can provide input on decisions that affect our neighborhoods.

People choose to raise their families in Bellevue because it has been a safe and clean city with wonderful schools, parks and neighborhoods. It’s a city that cares about the quality of the environment and the quality of life that characterizes all our neighborhoods. It’s a city that wants it’s government to use tax dollars wisely.

Most importantly, it’s a city that wants open, transparent and ethical government when making decisions. I’m ready to bring back that type of leadership. I am endorsed by Bellevue leaders Chuck Mosher and Nan Campbell among others and I ask for your vote.

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Jeffrey Talada

Education: Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Penn State University

Occupation: Volunteer Facilitator with the King County Library System

Statement: I’m going to dropkick the politicians by taking them out of government. I’m the only candidate aiming to put the decisions of Bellevue in your hands with my final goal of making the city council obsolete. Only when the power is in the hands of the people of Bellevue will we be free of the influence of special interests.

Until then, I will be counting on the people of Bellevue to provide me with insight into our local issues. Bellevue needs a voice that will fight for your interests. I want to take steps to prevent crime before it happens without violating privacy. The Pacific Northwest is known for its bike friendliness and we need to make sure biking is a safe and fun activity for all of us. The job creators are small businesses and we need to make Bellevue a place where anyone can start one.

I want to empower the people of Bellevue to be more involved in improving our community. I hope I can count on your support in tapping into our collective knowledge, strength, and power!

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Kevin Wallace

Education: Law degree, Gonzaga University; BA (Finance), Seattle University

Occupation: City Councilmember & President & COO of Wallace Properties Inc.

Statement: My priorities as your Councilmember are to listen, bring people together and create policy that significantly improves our neighborhoods, government services and economy.

My first term included the following achievements:

• Significantly increased transportation funding to reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility.
• Recognized by the Bellevue Reporter for negotiating a unanimously supported Sound Transit agreement that improves safety while reducing spending by up to $60 million and providing significant mitigation to protect neighborhoods and businesses.
• Passionately fought to aid young women by funding Vice Police who will help end human trafficking.
• Prioritized spending and fully-funded key services without raising taxes.
• Significantly improved Bellevue’s ethics code to ensure your public officials are acting honestly and transparently.
• Reinforced multi-cultural inclusivity in the Bellevue Diversity Initiative.

I achieved these goals by being inclusive and bipartisan which is why I have received unprecedented bipartisan support including Congressmen Adam Smith and Dave Reichert, Attorney Generals Bob Ferguson and Rob McKenna, Legislators Habib, Eddy and Litzow, East Bellevue Community Councilmembers, and current Councilmembers Lee, Robertson, Davidson and Stokes.

Bellevue is a beautiful, diverse and world class community. I am honored to have the opportunity to humbly ask for your vote for reelection to our city council.

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Bill Hirt

Education: BS and MS Engineering, Iowa State University 1961 and 1962

Occupation: Boeing Engineer from 1962 until retiring in 1998

Statement: I filed as a BCC candidate primarily not to win but to publicize concerns the council’s East Link agreement with Sound Transit is not only bad for Bellevue, its bad for the entire eastside. It’s the latest of more than 4 years of attempts to raise concerns that included the creation of a blog http://stopeastlinknow.blogspot.com and my candidacy for the 48th District to publicize it.

What began with the 5/15/12 post, “Case Against Light Rail” has evolved into more than 100 posts exposing ST problems that go way beyond East Link with actions which give a whole new meaning to the term “incompetent”.

Fifteen years ago they could have added 4th lanes to the I-90 Bridge outer roadways and initiated BRT operation on the center roadway with 10 times light rail capacity at a tiny fraction of light rails cost. Instead they wasted hundreds of millions on a project that will devastate Bellevue and increase congestion. ST needs to be “persuaded” to use East Link funds to initiate BRT on I-90 and eliminate proposed tolls on both I-90 and 520. I urge everyone to visit my blog for more details on ST Central Link problem.

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As a chef, I seldom follow directions. As a voter, I always do!

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It pays to be informed!
Council Position No. 6

Don Davidson

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Lynne Robinson

Education: DPT, Physical Therapy, Regis University; BS, Physical Therapy, Northwestern Medical School; BA, Community Services, CSU

Occupation: Bellevue small business owner providing Physical Therapy to seniors

Statement: Civic, business, education, and neighborhood leaders across Bellevue endorse my campaign because for over a decade I have helped improve our community as an effective, inclusive problem solver. With your vote I'll bring hands-on experience and needed focus on teamwork to the Council.

As Bellevue Parks Board Chair, Network on Aging member, arts volunteer, PTA mom, and small business owner, I have proven my commitment to helping Bellevue reach our potential as a regional job center and diverse, thriving community with great schools, parks, and quality of life.

On the Council I will target development downtown and along transportation corridors. We'll prioritize road and bridge repair, and assure light rail serves our business centers and neighborhoods.

I will invest in our unique residential neighborhoods, public safety, and services for residents in need.

My husband Dan and I moved to Bellevue 16 years ago to raise our family. With your support, I'll work every day for everyone who calls Bellevue home.

Proudly Endorsed: Women's Political Caucus; Representative Ross Hunter; Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, John Chelminiak, and John Stokes; Former Mayors Connie Marshall, Nan Campbell, and Cary Bozeman; Former Councilmembers Iris Tocher, Margot Blacker, and Nancy Rising; King County Democrats

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Vandana Slatter

**Education:** Master of Public Administration (University of Washington), Doctor of Pharmacy (University of Washington)

**Occupation:** Senior Medical Sciences Liaison at Amgen, Inc., leading biotechnology company

**Statement:** I am running for City Council to protect what makes Bellevue a great place for residents, families, and businesses to build their futures and thrive. My top priority is preserving our quality of life and unique neighborhoods, while embracing prosperity and growth that benefits us all.

To ensure Bellevue continues to be a vibrant, accessible business and high-tech community, embedded in beautiful, livable, safe neighborhoods with first-rate public schools and healthcare, we must:

- **Keep** Bellevue green and sustainable
- **Develop** sensible traffic and transportation options, on time and on budget
- **Encourage** innovative enterprise and excellent education
- **Protect** police and fire services
- **Support** services for at-risk citizens

I will bring a solutions-oriented, fiscally responsible approach to city government as I have through my public leadership strengthening quality education at Bellevue College, protecting green spaces, and supporting healthcare with Overlake Hospital Foundation and Washington State Board of Pharmacy.

I’m a public school parent, biotech professional, and community volunteer who would be honored to have your vote, and serve you on Council.

Endorsed by: Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Representatives Judy Clibborn and Cindy Ryu, Former Representative Deb Eddy, National Women’s Political Caucus, and over one hundred individuals who live, learn, work, and play in Bellevue.

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Keith C. Watson

**Education:** Seattle Pacific College, United States Submarine Service, Queen Anne High School

**Occupation:** Planning Commission Chairman, President Historical Society/Museum, President Community Center

**Statement:** Keith Watson has had a passion for Black Diamond ever since he was a small lad. He and his wife Judy are active in the community as members of the Miners Day committee, and the School reunion committee. Keith has a track record of successfully using his leadership skills as former Commander of the Seattle Base Submarine Veterans group, as President of the Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum, and as President of the Black Diamond Community Center. He is chairman of the Black Diamond Planning Commission and is very aware of the issues that the City faces and believes he can use his leadership talents to benefit the people of Black Diamond. As Mayor he will strive to create COMMUNITY UNITY and encourage increased communication and goal setting between the Mayor, the City Council, City staff and the community. He asks for your vote and support as we go forward.

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Rebecca Olness

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Master of Education, University of Washington; Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership

**Occupation:** Retired Educator; Mayor, City of Black Diamond

**Statement:** The next four years will be critical as we look forward to planned, incremental growth and financial well-being. But, we must make sure that growth occurs according to the conditions of the Development Agreements, protecting the environment and maintaining the rural charm of our city as we acquire and welcome new businesses, services, and residents.

With my background in education, leadership skills, and experience as a City Councilor and Mayor, I am the best person to lead our City. Let the record speak for itself. Many public works and parks projects have been completed during my term and I have kept the City out of litigation and bankruptcy. Being Mayor has been a full-time job for me and I promise it will be for the next four years, also. This is a time for continued leadership based on solid principles of integrity and innovation. Please vote Olness for Mayor!

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Dave Gordon

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Information Systems Security; Army Veteran, Flight Engineer and Crew Chief, South Korea

**Occupation:** Boeing Flight Test System Administrator 2005 to present

**Statement:** As your Mayor, we will change City Hall.

We will stop obstructing the City Council. We will begin to work together collaboratively. We will stop obstructing public participation.

We will facilitate and welcome active participation by everyone, without favoritism.

We will re-organize the administration so that it is less expensive and more effective. We will stop relying on funding from Yarrow Bay, and live within our means without raising taxes. We will hold Yarrow Bay accountable for the costs of their massive development. We will not support their plan to form a special taxing district that puts the burden of their development on future taxpayers.

We will promote reasonable growth. We will facilitate permits for our existing businesses. We will support small builders. We will stop relying on huge developers for our economic future. As your Mayor, we will preserve the character and natural beauty of the town we love.

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Council Position No. 5

Nadia K. Mustafa

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Statement: I have been a resident of Bothell for nearly twelve years. My family and I love this marvelous city and its friendly and caring residents. I have been actively involved in volunteer work and participating in local activities.

I see unlimited opportunities for progress and prosperity in Bothell, whose real strength is its people. I want its future to include Bothell’s progressive community's concerns first. Our city plans should cater for individual and community needs as it grows.

I want a better Bothell, with a strong, safe and united neighborhood. I believe that Bothell City Hall should hear all of our voices and represent us every day. I believe that we need a fresh set of eyes and a mind for future development. I look forward to your support to represent as your council member. I commit to making myself available to the community and not restrict to council meetings.

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Tris Samberg

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy, UW; PhD in Chemistry, UW
Occupation: Pharmacist
Statement: Bothell needs a council member who is experienced, accessible and dedicated to improving our quality of life.

As your former council member and planning commissioner, I helped shape our downtown revitalization while carefully looking out for existing residents and businesses. I will continue my proven track record of open, responsive leadership that advocates for tax payers, not special interests. I will work to preserve Bothell’s legacy of livable neighborhoods, vibrant businesses and a healthy environment.

Bothell is struggling financially. I will insist on fiscal discipline to control spending, replenish our depleted reserves and reinstate the levels of service we deserve.

Let's get Bothell back on track! With your vote, we can find solutions that are right for Bothell.

Proudly endorsed by current and former councilmembers: Patrick Ewing, Andy Rheame, Mike Johnson, Andrea Perry, Terry Olsen, Tim Tobin, Bruce Zornes, Paul Cowles, Pat Pierce, Sue & Phil Kienast and Walt Wojcik.

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Steve Booth

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Occupation: Real Estate Broker, Technology Business Development Manager
Statement: STEVE BOOTH WILL BE YOUR VOICE!

As your next City Councilmember my top priority is to listen to you. I earned an MBA from the UW and served my country in the US Army. As a Planning Commission member I’ve protected Bothell’s neighborhoods and helped businesses grow. As your City Councilmember I’ll protect and enhance vital police and fire services and safeguard tax dollars from wasteful spending. I support the Downtown revitalization plan but I want our City Council to move now to make sure the people’s vision is completed on time and on budget.

My wife and I loved raising our two boys in Bothell.

I have volunteered as a youth basketball coach and on the executive leadership council of Hopelink.

I love this community and would be honored to serve you.

ENDORSEMENTS: BOTHELL FIREFIGHTER & POLICE, AL O’BRIEN, ROB MCKENNA, BOTHELL MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS SPIVEY & AGNEW.

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Lauren Berkowitz

**Education:** B.A. UNC-Chapel Hill; Robertson Scholar, Duke University

**Occupation:** Student, UW School of Law

**Statement:** When I came to Burien 11 years ago I worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer at Mount View Elementary School, blocks from where I now live in North Highline. That experience, and five years of union organizing, enable me to expand participation in government and renew respect for the way our City operates.

Burien needs new leadership, new energy, new ideas, and improved communication with citizens.

Economic development should provide living wage jobs. I support paid sick leave and oppose anti-union big box stores.

I support public access to waterways, including Lake Burien. I will expand recreation opportunities for citizens of all income levels and ensure strong protections for shorelines and environment.

I support every neighborhood receiving its fair share of sidewalks and infrastructure, and will create a task force to address animal welfare issues.

Endorsements: King County Democrats, 33rd District Democrats, National Women’s Political Caucus, Washington Alliance for Humane Legislation.

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Kip Walton

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**Education:** No information submitted

**Occupation:** Steamfitter

**Statement:** My name is Kip Walton and I have lived in Burien for 10 years. I am a single parent with two children, a son and a daughter. I am a member in good standing with the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #32 Seattle WA. I am currently working for King County in the Maintenance Division.

With your help I look forward to making a positive difference for our city....Mi nombre es Kip Walton. He vivido en la ciudad de Burien durante diez anos. Soy un padre soltero con hijos. Soy miembro de la Asociacion Unida de Fontaneros y Steamfitters Locales #32 Seattle WA. Mi razon principal para la busqueda de diferencia positiva para nuestra ciudad.

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Jack Block, Jr.

**Education:** Attended Seattle University, Highline College, and Mt. Rainier High School.

**Occupation:** Longshoreman since 1978. Heavy equipment and crane operator.

**Statement:** Burien’s citizens have a choice this election: maintain the present dysfunctional status quo, or return the Council’s focus to the real needs of Burien’s citizens. Burien’s citizens trusted me to work in their best interests. I’ve worked hard to repay that trust, voting NO on annexation and to districts/wards. I’ve fought for safe opportunities for our kids, to hire more police officers, and save taxpayers hard earned dollars by refinancing Burien’s debts.

As a blue collar worker, I understand how hard it is to earn a buck. I’ve brought that approach to represent “The People’s Voice” on the City Council. I treat taxpayer dollars as if they come out of my own pocket, and I have fought vigorously for things that matter to our residents and Burien’s future.

I’ve worked for the people of Burien and ask voters to re-elect me so that I can continue to do so!

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Council Position No. 3

Debi Wagner

**Education:** Highline Community College/Advanced music training.  
**Occupation:** Sales/Customer service. Community and schools volunteer. Author.  
**Statement:** It's time to reform Burien city government, make it accountable, transparent and responsive. Citizens need to be heard which isn't happening with the current council. Public safety needs to be a priority. Burien's businesses need to be revitalized and new ones recruited. Environmental protection and Town Square should be an important part of Burien's planning. With 35 years of business experience in financial management and the environment, I have the knowledge and skills to guide Burien during these critical economic times.

My Husband and I are long time Burien residents. We chose to raise our family here because of the small town atmosphere. Our children attended Highline schools. We support local businesses and participate in our community. I intend to preserve, sustain and enhance Burien's assets. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to working with you in making Burien an even better place to live, work and play.

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Andrea H. Reay

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**Occupation:** Production Administrator for Seattle Opera; City of Burien Arts Commissioner  
**Statement:** Burien needs leaders who believe it is more important to ask questions, listen to answers and learn.  
I am that leader who can bring Burien results.

As a mom of two young children, I teach them respect for others and expect no less of elected officials. When City Councilmembers demonstrated poor behavior, I realized a mom needed to set things straight. And that’s what I am going to do.  
It’s time to move our city forward, and for a fresh perspective. It’s time for inaction to give way to action, and end bitterness. Like you, I want a better city for our children and for us all. I am passionate about working for you, listening to you, creating a more efficient and transparent government, and delivering the results we need and deserve. Together, we can move Burien forward.

Please vote for a “Reay” of light on the Burien City Council!

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Joan McGilton

**Education:** University of Washington: BA Zoology 1976; MA Environmental Engineering 1984  
**Occupation:** Retired Seattle Engineering and Boeing. Project Manager for hazardous cleanups  
**Statement:** I believe in Burien’s community-based history. I have served the City by chairing, volunteering and financially supporting community organizations in addition to serving on the Burien City Council. I am dedicated to the vibrant, diverse programs that serve Burien’s residents.  
During my tenure, Burien is known as a lean, well-run City. My colleagues and I have guided Burien through the worst recession in decades without cutting city services. Since 2009, your Burien property taxes have increased just 2% - less than $1/month for most homeowners. Through it all, I have supported our business community and helped advance major economic development projects throughout the City.

Burien values its rich environment and so do I. I have played a major part in restoring Seahurst Park, fighting for storm water controls and enhancing all of our City parks.

With your vote, I’ll responsible and accountable to Burien residents.  
Endorsed by King County Democrats  

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Robert L. Richmond, III

**Education:** Cleveland High School  
**Occupation:** Real Estate Agent and Technical Recruiter  
**Statement:** My name is Robert L. Richmond, III and I am running for Burien City Council Position # 3. I am running because it appears that the City Council has run out of ideas, except annexation.

I would like to bring 4H to the City of Burien and help build the foundation for Urban Farming. We need to teach our kids early on about eating healthy.

I propose working with Washington State University to bring an Athletic and Science facility to Burien.

I have been aggressive in looking for a profitable “Anchor Tenant” to facilitate in the creation of high paying jobs. My vision is clear; healthy eating habits for our children, education for the jobs of tomorrow and raising revenue by bringing in new, non-retail business.

Your vote for Richmond will help “grow a better Burien”  
Robert L Richmond, III  
“Richmond, growing a better Burien”

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Chuck Rangel

Education: BA and MA Governors State University, Illinois
Occupation: Government research and Financial Analyst
Statement: I have lived in Burien for the past thirty seven years. I love this town and want it to succeed and grow for years to come. In recent years much has been discussed about the council’s role in light of the citizen comments. The form of government should be up to the vote of the people not the council. Not only should the council listen to the voice of the people, it should also follow the will of the majority on basic governmental issues such as form and boundaries. I have worked in city, state, and federal government for over 25 years and have a solid background in commercial banking. I welcome your input and your support.

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Steve Armstrong

Education: Shorewood Elementary / Evergreen High School / University of Washington
Occupation: 32 years at Boeing specializing in Contracts, Finance and Procurement
Statement: I’m running for City Council because I believe I can shift Burien out of its current paralysis. We need leaders who can work together, compromise and build consensus – for the betterment of the community. My years of negotiating contracts at Boeing have allowed the understanding of working together and win/win. Burien has suffered under a majority Council who has lost touch with its citizens. Annexation and contemplating Wards are examples of this. Burien needs leaders with ideas and vision; leaders who listen to the people. We need more opportunities for our children such as mentoring and internship programs in City government and local business. Existing businesses need support. Attracting new business is paramount. Town Square needs to get back on track. Public safety must be maintained. Embracing all of Burien and intelligent growth is essential. With your vote, I can make this and more happen. Thank you. Burien First!

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Joey Martinez

Education: Some College - Over 20 Information Technology related Certifications
Occupation: City of Seattle - City Light Senior Systems Engineer
Statement: It has been an honor serving you as a Burien Planning Commissioner. As your elected Council Member, I will continue working to bring PROGRESS to Burien, rather than endless process. Working Together, we’ll finish what we’ve started and build a Better Burien.

Over these last few months I’ve been in our neighborhoods asking what you felt was needed in Burien. What I’ve learned is that Together, we ARE building that better Burien! Working together we’ve identified that we’ve still got work to do, however.

I believe in a government of, by, and for the people and by working Together we will build that better Burien.

Proudly endorsed by:
Washington Conservation Voters – IAM District 751 Machinists Union – 33rd District Democrats – King County Democrats – State Senator Karen Keiser – State Representative Tina Orwell – City of Burien Mayor Brian Bennett.

Sí hablo español. Español es mi primer idioma.

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Council Position No. 4

James Payne

Education: Bachelors Degree: Law & Justice (CWU), current Graduate School Student (Public Administration)
Occupation: Washington National Guard Officer
Statement: Des Moines may soon experience a crime wave, due to the gentrification of SE Seattle and the gravitation of their crime problems into S. King County. Combined with high rates of home vacancy and our older, sometimes run-down housing stock, I fear that Des Moines could be a magnet for Seattle’s old problems (gangs, illegal drugs and general threats to our safety and well-being). This has long-term negative ramifications. We don’t want to live or raise our families in such an environment, and I want to help prevent or mitigate the crime wave and provide prosperity to all. I want to ensure that Des Moines remains a safe, vibrant town where current and prospective residents and businesses enjoy living, not just where people end up because the rent is cheap. Des Moines is at a crossroads where future prosperity and public safety depends on the city’s actions now. Vote Payne.

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Chuck Swesey

Education: Highline Community Collage
Occupation: Interventionist, MSF Rider Coach
Statement: I am a simple man, who felt the call for help. I am straight forth and honest. I raised my children here, and as they grew up at the marina and beach, Des Moines was a wonderful and safe place. It still is, yet we need to grow our town, but never at the cost of what’s right. I am and have been deeply involved recovery for the past 28 years and have developed a deep sense of right, wrong and spiritually that governs my path today.
A Veteran I retired from the Phone Company after 30 years. I am currently a Rider Coach and homeowner here.

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Jeremy Nutting

Education: Clark Community College, Highline Community College
Occupation: Des Moines Business Owner. Councilmember, voted in unanimously by Council
Statement: I am a well-established successful local building contractor, business owner and employer, committed to staying on time and on budget. Familiar with all the requirements and regulations contained in contracts with private industry and government entities throughout the State.
As an 11yr resident and dedicated family man, my wife, Yvonne, and I live here with our two daughters, Natalie 7 & Lilah 5. I am a loyal community member, an active member of PTSA (WatchDOGS), a boater and participate in multiple City of Des Moines and Des Moines Farmers Market Events, including the DMFM Chili-Cook-Off.
I am honored to be a councilmember and want to continue working for our community, building strong relationships, attracting stable businesses, filling homes in our neighborhoods, keeping our residents safe, protecting the quality of life and character of our amazing city and creating a beautiful ‘destination’ city!

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Anthony Murrietta

Education: Cerritos & San Mateo Community College

Occupation: President of Teamsters Local 763

Statement: Federal Way needs new leadership. In these difficult economic times, a responsible vision for our City is necessary. I’m a lifelong worker’s advocate, with 26 years in leadership roles as a union organizer, shop steward and business agent representing workers in the private and public sectors.

As your Councilman, I will use my experience to improve city services and quality of life in the areas of public safety, fire protection, public works and more. Federal Way needs a balanced budget that maintains essential services, encourages education, and protects those most in need. As a worker’s advocate, I support a strong positive business environment. As your Councilman, I will work to ensure the improvement and expansion of our local economy to benefit all of our citizens. As a father of four I believe in our City and what we can accomplish when working together. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Kelly Maloney

Education: Gonzaga University, Masters in Communications and Leadership, current enrollee. University of Houston, BA in Communications.

Occupation: Director of Marketing, executive team at Orion Industries.

Statement: Kelly Maloney’s new vision for Federal Way could create jobs, increase public safety, and improve roads so everyone in the city is better off.

Kelly is working to bring a private college to Federal Way as part of a strategy to increase the standard of living for all residents. She is leading the rebranding of Federal Way to enhance the city’s positive image. Kelly has developed numerous initiatives to strengthen Federal Way’s economy, and has been an active volunteer for many years, driving economic development initiatives with the city and Chamber. She has also volunteered for the PTA, Communities in Schools, Federal Way Symphony, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Multi-Service Center. Kelly’s volunteer work has been part of a broader effort bringing hundreds of jobs to Federal Way.

Kelly believes community input is essential, and is striving to make Federal Way a community we can all be proud of.

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Council Position No. 6

Martin Moore

Education: Graduated from Decatur High School; B.A. from Saint Martin’s University
Occupation: Commissioner, Federal Way Parks and Recreation; Legislative Aide, Representative Freeman
Statement: My story is Federal Way’s story. I was adopted from Bulgaria at age eight. Just like many citizens in Federal Way, I find our community to be home to diversity. As a Federal Way Public Schools AmeriCorps Volunteer, member of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, and volunteer for programs that address homelessness, I deeply care about the future of this city.

I want to focus on enhancing public safety through programs such as Safe City, moving forward with our downtown and park system for our families, and work to build a responsive city government. I will always be accessible and I look forward to hearing from you.

We need a new approach to move Federal Way forward. I’ve been endorsed by Republicans, Democrats, Labor, Business and many elected officials including Congressman Adam Smith, Representative Roger Freeman, and Former Representative Mark Miloscia.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

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Diana Noble-Gulliford

Education: Business, Banking, Real Estate
Occupation: Owner Small Business
Statement: Diana would be honored to continue to serve the Federal Way citizens on the Federal Way City Council. The two issues that are the most important to her for our city is public safety and economic development. Diana has been interested in providing a positive environment for economic development and creating local jobs for our city. Federal Way families have been hit hard in this recession. We need to establish a permanent economic base for Federal Way that offers wages that our citizens can live on. Diana has served Federal Way for many decades: Federal Way Community Council, King County Boundary Review Board appointed by the governor, Federal Way Planning Commission for six years, President of Historical Society of Federal Way, Veterans Day Observance Committee Member. Diana would greatly appreciate your vote and your support for this position. You can reach her at 206-412-5545 or by e-mail at diana@gulliford.com.

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Ryan K. Miller

Education: No information submitted
Occupation: General Manager of the Hampton Inn & Suites
Statement: My name is Ryan Miller and it would be a privilege to serve as your next council member. As your next council member my top priorities are to help stimulate Federal Way’s economy, build a downtown center that sets Federal Way apart from other cities, helps generate tourism, working with others to ensure our city is safe, and to encourage continued and further support of our schools from the City. I currently serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for the City of Federal Way as well.

Seeing as I am a husband to a lovely wife and two beautiful children and a manager of a local business, I have a vested interest to make sure that our city succeeds. For me and this community, failure is not an option and we must work together to help make a better future for ourselves and upcoming generations.

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Mark Prince

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**Occupation:** Manufacturing Supervisor / Packaging Engineer

**Statement:** Kenmore is our city, let’s work together to keep it a livable place for its citizens today and tomorrow. A lifelong resident, I have enjoyed the neighborhoods and the surrounding areas of Kenmore for over 50 years.

I will work hard to bring the views and ideas of the citizens foremost and up front to the voice of the council. To improve neighborhood safety, addressing and solving neighborhood traffic problems and to see that the city is financially responsible and accountable for their actions and on how they spend your money; remember it’s your money. I will provide the attention to detail that’s needed, support of new business, have the city work within its financial means, and to reduce and limit the use of Kenmore’s creative fees (taxes) that the city has continued to levy on the citizens of Kenmore.

I’m asking for your support to the Kenmore City Council.

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Bob Black

**Education:** United States Army Degree in Aviation, Everett Community College, ASE Master Mechanic, Roosevelt High School

**Occupation:** Operating Engineer

**Statement:** It’s clear the wants and needs of Kenmore citizens is an open and visible government who responds to their concerns. A government that prioritizes the way taxes will be spent.

That lives within their means while providing safe infrastructures.

That allows public votes on major decisions and an end to the good old boys mentality.

Kenmore needs leaders that use what they have wisely and puts a halt to new and more taxes.

It’s time to end self-serving government who votes them self raises and trips on tax dollars.

Kenmore has no blueprint for the future. The council needs to develop a viable vision for the future to make Kenmore more than a bus stop between cities. My top priority is to make Kenmore a livable and vibrant community.

As a Vietnam veteran who served his country I ask for your vote so I can serve our community.

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Laurie Sperry

**Education:** B.A. in Communications, University of Washington, 2012 Certificate of Excellence in Municipal Leadership 2009

**Occupation:** Former Seattle Children’s Respiratory Therapist, Kenmore Junior High Paraeducator, Councilmember

**Statement:** During my 7 years serving on the City Council, we’ve worked hard to revitalize Kenmore’s downtown, promote business development, and improve traffic flow and safety. Kenmore has a new library, city hall, fire station, and sidewalks. We’ve kept the post office and police in Kenmore, saving taxpayer money in the process.

We’re growing our economy by positioning Kenmore as an attractive place to do business. Kenmore Village is coming alive with Kenmore Camera’s relocation and expansion. We’re fostering business networking and supporting startup entrepreneurs through the Business Incubator pilot.

We’ve added traffic signals at 181st and 61st and Juanita Drive and improved safety and efficiency on SR522.

We’ve encouraged citizen communication through digital media and “Coffee with Council.”

I’m running for reelection to continue the good work underway, while maintaining the city’s strong financial position. I ask for your vote so together we can keep moving toward a better Kenmore.

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Patrick O’Brien

Education: Lake Washington HS, Western Washington University Degree in Alternative Energy/Biomass Conversion, Board Member Solar Washington

Occupation: Real Estate Broker

Statement: Kenmore, I will work hard to: Revoke new Kenmore Business Tax and Repeal residents’ new taxes: The Council denied the need for tax increases; then raised taxes on car-tabs and water bills equaling a 17% increase in property taxes.

Establish a Citizens’ Review Board to investigate accusations of City malfeasance including over-hiring and misrepresentation of budget. Mandate transparency: Assist public awareness via internet video of Kenmore meetings.

Openly debate City issues: Kenmore Village was bought-out and partially re-sold at a net loss in “special meetings” without public deliberation or access to documents.

Deal with environmental issues: The city fails to engage owners of Kenmore’s industrial area in clean up, odor control and water violations. Current environmental evaluation is needed to establish suitable uses of Kenmore’s shores and zoning.

Give residents back the financial ability to perform home repairs: Roll back permit fees and penalties “now up to $500 per day.”

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Charles Crouch

Education: BUDs (Basic Underwater Demolition school), various military schools, CrossFit L1, CrossFit Football certified

Occupation: Owner at CrossFit Kenmore

Statement: I have heard it said that Kenmore is a city that people “drive through, not drive to.” Unfortunately, the over 5,000 families who call Kenmore home frequently leave the city for a dinner out or family entertainment. Together, let’s make Kenmore’s identity “a place where families and businesses thrive!”

As a the owner of CrossFit Kenmore, I work in Kenmore, I live in Kenmore, and my wife and I are raising our children in Kenmore. We chose Kenmore for the small town atmosphere, beautiful parks, and great schools. Together, let’s make Kenmore more!

As a former Navy SEAL, I have faced many challenges and responsibilities. The things I have learned and my desire to serve have prepared me well for this next challenge. I ask that you elect me as a council member to make Kenmore thrive as a family and business friendly destination.

Together, let’s make Kenmore more!

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Nigel Herbig

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Statement: When my wife and I were considering where we wanted our daughter to grow up, we made Kenmore our home - an easy decision with the great location, natural beauty, and fantastic schools.

Kenmore is brimming with potential – our location on Lake Washington is our greatest asset – and one that is sadly under-utilized. I will work to open up our waterfront to new parks and businesses that will benefit the whole city and keep air and water clean.

I’ll fight for sidewalks - especially on routes to schools. All children deserve the opportunity to walk to school safely.

I’ll make our government more open and accessible – we should all have a say in our future.

Retiring Deputy Mayor Bob Hensel has seen my involvement and commitment, and endorsed me for his seat. Also endorsed by: King County Executive Dow Constantine, 46th District Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters.

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Elizabeth Mooney

**Education:** BA - Pomona College BS/MS - University of Washington

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**Statement:** As Kenmore makes efforts to move forward economically, it is essential that we as a community address the potential health and environmental costs of the changes and choices we are making. Beyond the simple financial costs that come from emissions themselves, the loss of productivity as the health of our community suffers, and the greater difficulty of bringing new business and residents into the city, the risks of these changes must be regarded as a basic and fundamental threat to our personal health and the health of our families. Kenmore needs to look forward, but to do so without taking careful account of the potential costs of those movements is not only irresponsible, but simply less effective for the growth of our community. A health and environmentally conscious policy is the only path to ensure Kenmore remains a healthy and thriving city.

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Ken Smith

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**Occupation:** University Faculty (UW Evans School), Consultant

**Statement:** My vision for Kenmore is a small vibrant city; a great place to live with wonderful schools, culture and recreation. We need to grow our business community strategically to support these goals.

City Council is the major force to implement this vision – and a successful council requires a combination of views and expertise. I am a candidate because of my kids, my experience and my commitment to a better Kenmore.

I have 20 years of financial management experience across business, government and nonprofit organizations, including owning a business. I am a CPA (inactive) while spending the last decade on the faculty at Schools of Business and Public Administration.

A key issue in this campaign is transparency and decision making about how the city spends our scarce resources. I promote the use of Participatory Budgeting where citizens direct how we spend the over $2,000,000 in the city’s excess reserve funds.

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Allan Van Ness

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**Occupation:** Councilmember; Orthodontist, retired 2008; Clinical Professor instructing UW orthodontic residents.

**Statement:** As your Councilmember, I’ve worked to upgrade Kenmore’s parks, improve traffic safety and flow on SR-522 and institute business policy, zoning and permitting changes that encourage economic development.

We’ve accomplished a lot, but there’s more to do. I want to see downtown Kenmore and Lake Pointe revitalized in harmony with the environment. I envision Kenmore’s population growing in a vibrant mixed-use, pedestrian friendly downtown with a town green, restaurants and shops.

Kenmore is financially sound with clean state audits every year. Although the economy has reduced Kenmore’s revenue, budgets have been balanced without utilizing reserves. We’ve not increased property taxes for nine years.

City projects must be accomplished with fiscal responsibility, transparency, and citizen participation.

With eight years’ experience on the Council and regional committees, I’ve gained the skills and knowledge to best serve our city. I’m excited about Kenmore’s future and humbly request your continued trust, support and vote.

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Barbara Phillips

Education: B.S. Workforce Education and Training; M.S., Project Management

Occupation: No information submitted

Statement: I am committed to public service. Over 20 years I have taken an active role in Kent’s ongoing growth and the building of a safe and vibrant city. During those years I have held many leadership roles within the city and the school district. I was appointed by the mayor to serve on Kent’s Land Use and Planning Board and the Mayor’s Advisory Team which provides decision-making information concerning Kent and its residents.

I am committed to lasting improvement for Kent’s citizens and its diverse population, creating a safe and a sustainable plan for economic growth and prosperity by addressing city finances and infrastructure. Helping my city excites me, which is why I am offering my talent, educational expertise and various volunteer experiences for the continued success of the city. I would appreciate your support, vote for Barbara Phillips, to serve on the Kent’s City Council, Position #6.

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Bailey Stober

Education: Public School K-12, Studied Political Science and Economics at Green River Community College

Occupation: Executive Assistant, State of Washington

Statement: I believe we can do more to make Kent an attractive, safe and welcoming place to live and do business.

I’ve been working hard in our Capitol representing working families on issues ranging from education policy to economic development.

I’m the only candidate with a plan to establish stable funding for senior and veterans services and protecting the most vulnerable. I’ll act quickly to improve traffic, maintain our infrastructure and hire the additional police officers needed to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Others expect you to pay more taxes while watching state and federal funding slip by. I will leverage regional relationships to make sure we are getting our fair share while keeping our taxes low.

I’m endorsed by 40 elected officials, our former police chief, fire commissioners and school board members because of my experience and track record of delivering results.

I’d be honored to have your vote.

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Ken Sharp

Education: Graduate, Stadium High School. Graduate, Washington State University with a degree in Psychology.

Occupation: Own and operate Minuteman Press of Kent

Statement: Kent is a wonderful city that has been good to me and my family. My goal, as a working City Council member, will be to make Kent an even better place … a community that we can all be proud of … a complete community that provides family-wage jobs and great places to live.

I’ve been an active volunteer with dozens of community organizations, including service as past president of the Kent Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Kent Downtown Partnership. As a hands-on worker in the East Hill and downtown cleanup projects, I’ve met hundreds of other Kent people who share the goal of making our city great not only for today’s families, but for our kids and grandkids.

Working together I know we can achieve our vision of making Kent an even better place. If you agree, I’d appreciate your support and your vote. Thanks.

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**Council Position No. 4**

**Vic Kave**

**Education:** US Army Airborne Ranger, Associates Fire Command/Administration, BS Business (Honors Graduate for both degrees)

**Occupation:** Professional Firefighter; Small Forest Tree Farm Owner; Community Volunteer.

**Statement:** As a 20+year resident, I have seen the city grow but still maintain a small town atmosphere. I’m a combat veteran who understands the importance of sacrifice for the greater good. I also know the importance of being part of something bigger than myself. No team can succeed when the members believe they are bigger than the team. That selfish approach always results in failure in the long term. Government should work the same way. The “my way or the highway” approach doesn’t work. I have committed my life to public service and have proven leadership experiences in building successful teams that are examples to be followed. As council member, I promise to develop plans that make our city an example to be followed rather than a city to be ridiculed. Let’s get back to all that is good about being Pacific. Please support me for Council.

Thank You

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**Leanne Guier**

**Education:** I Graduated from North Central High School and completed a 5 year Steamfitter Apprenticeship.

**Occupation:** Business Development Specialist for Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 32

**Statement:** I am running to retain my seat on council because I believe in our city and its’ citizens. I have chaired the Human Services Committee, sat on Public Works Committee, and currently sit on the Finance and Public Safety Committees. I have actively participated in our city’s community events for the past 7 years, including Pacific Days and our annual Spring Cleanup. My neighbors are important to me and I have demonstrated that by spending the weekend at the Community Center facilitating volunteers during the flood in January 2009. When the ice storm hit in January of 2012, I spent my weekend at the Community Center providing a warm shelter and hot food for citizens who were without power. In both of these instances, I was overwhelmed by the support of our community to help on another in times of need. This is a community I am proud to serve.

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**Dave Stookey**

**Education:** 1 year at BYU, Military MOS training

**Occupation:** Tanker Driver

**Statement:** I want to see the business of the city move forward and complete promised projects. I want to restore our city’s good name and keep the rural feeling that once existed here. I have lived in the city almost 40 years.

Background: - Retired Union Truck Mechanic and Shop Foreman- Retired Master Sergeant USAR- CERT Trained

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Council Position No. 5

Stacy May Knudtson

Education: I attended Green River Community College and trained in the welding program.

Occupation: I am employed as a driver with WorldPac.

Statement: I am the mother of 5 wonderful children, the youngest graduating from Auburn Riverside next year. I am employed as a driver with WorldPac.

My children have been my priority and when they were involved in activities I was active in fundraising for both clubs and school programs.

I moved to Pacific with the idea of living in a small town. I started attending council and workshop meetings regularly. I grew concerned for the health of the City of Pacific.

I am running for a city council position because I want to make a difference in our city. I plan to work collaboratively with current and future city leaders to ensure Pacific is safe and prosperous. I want Pacific to be a city with a strong sense of community that we all can feel proud to live in. I ask for your vote this November.

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Gary Nitschke

Education: High School Graduate, 2 years Community College, 2 years Technical College

Occupation: Musical Instrument Repair Technician Laborer/Jack of All Trades

Statement: I haven’t missed a City Council meeting or Workshop in the past 26 months. I attend Planning Commission, Park Board, Finance Committee, Civil Service Committee, Public Works Committee, Special meetings, Events, and Pacific Partnerships meetings.

I volunteer at the Community Service/Senior Center on a regular basis. I’ve lived in Pacific for 12 years. The former and current Mayor asked me to be on the Council. Over the past 26 months I’ve learned quite a bit and thank everybody for there kindness especially those who got me volunteering around town. I want to add that I’m currently a member of the South King County Genealogical Society. I have certification in emergency management. I am president of the Friends Of Algona/Pacific Library. While in college I was placed on the National Deans list of Honor. While in technical college I served on the student council. I’m a Certified Musical Instrument Repair Technician.

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Stace D. Jackson, Sr.

Education: Nathan Hale high 83

Occupation: Westin Hotel 22 years

Statement: If you elect me as city council, I will try my best and work hard for the community.

Everyone must understand that the city of Pacific has a lot of work to do and we can do it together. It starts with me, Stacey Jackson! I will work for you the people of Pacific. Pacific, I hear you loud and clear about the problems we face. It’s your turn to change the way things are going in our city. Vote for me, Stacey Jackson, and we will climb the mountain together.

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City of Seattle

Seattle is a Charter City that has a Mayor/Council form of government. The Mayor, City Council members, and the City Attorney are full-time, nonpartisan officials, elected to four-year terms. The Mayor and Council are together responsible for the operation of City government. Elections for these positions are held in odd-numbered years.

Seattle Mayor

The Mayor of Seattle is the chief executive officer of the City and is charged with enforcing City and state laws, directing City departments, and maintaining public peace and order.

Departments in the City of Seattle include: public safety departments such as the Police and Fire Departments; two major utilities, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light; public facilities departments such as Parks and Recreation; social service providers such as the Department of Human Services and the Office of Housing, and administrative departments such as the Department of Finance and Administrative Services. All of these operate under the Mayor’s direction and control. In addition, the Mayor’s office is responsible for enforcing City contracts, applying for federal funds and preparing the City budget, which is then voted on by the City Council.

The Mayor appoints, subject to the approval of the City Council, most of the heads of departments. He or she also appoints some of the members of various boards and commissions.

The City Charter provides that the Mayor must be a United States citizen and registered to vote in the City of Seattle.

Seattle City Council

The Seattle City Council is the City’s elected legislature. The nine members determine City policy through the enactment of ordinances and the adoption of resolutions.

The Council adopts the City budget, authorizes public improvements and expenditures, provides for public safety and health, adopts regulations, levies taxes, controls the finances and property of the City and performs many related legislative tasks. The Mayor has the authority to veto ordinances passed by the City Council, but the Council may override a veto by a two-thirds majority vote.

The City Charter provides that City council members must be United States citizens and registered to vote in the City of Seattle. Council positions 2 and 8 will be on the primary ballot in 2013, and positions 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be on the general election ballot.

Seattle City Attorney

The City Attorney is the City’s corporation counsel. He or she is the head of the Law Department, and appoints all Assistant City Attorneys, City Prosecutors, and other department staff. The City Attorney supervises and controls litigation in which the City or any of its departments is a party. He or she provides legal counsel to all City departments, and to elected and appointed officials.

The City Charter provides that the City Attorney must be licensed to practice law in the State of Washington, and have been in the practice of law in the City of Seattle for at least four years before the election.

Working for a Candidate or Ballot Issue

If you are interested in working on a City candidate or ballot issue campaign, you can call the SEEC at 684-8500 or visit our website at www.seattle.gov/elections for campaign contact information.

Making Campaign Contributions

The following City and State regulations apply to campaign contributions for City candidate and City ballot issue committees:

- Candidate committees have a contribution limit of $700 per contributor per election cycle. Ballot issue committees do not have contribution limits.
- Candidate and ballot measure committees may not accept cash contributions of more than $60. Contributions of more than $60 in the aggregate must be made by check, money order, or credit card.
- Individuals who contribute more than $100 to a candidate or ballot issue committee are required to disclose their occupation, the name of their employer, and the city and state where they are employed.
- Candidate and ballot measure committees must report the receipt of both monetary and in-kind contributions.

Information about contributions to City candidate and ballot measure campaigns is posted on the SEEC website at www.seattle.gov/elections.
Doug McQuaid


Community Service: Pro bono legal services; Volunteer in treatment and self-help organizations for alcohol/drug addiction (2004 - Present); Belong to numerous community and charitable organizations.

Statement: I was born in Seattle in 1945. As a true Seattleite, I was have resided and worked my entire life in the Greater Seattle area. I answered the call of duty to my country in 1968 to interrupt my legal education halfway through law school to serve as a combat infantry soldier in the Vietnam War (1969-1970), regardless of the justness of the cause, and I was awarded numerous combat honors and medals. Upon return from the war, I completed my legal education at Willamette University and returned to my home and began my legal career in Seattle in 1972. I have over 40 years of successful legal experience practicing law in the City of Seattle and have participating and supported its growth as the best and most livable City in the country.

The Mayor of Seattle is legally a nonpartisan office, as it should be. The leadership of the City is not suited for politicians or supporters of special interests or affiliations promoting their personal partisan agendas. The Mayor should be an independent leader working for the best interests of each and every resident of the City, regardless of his/her political interests, causes, ethnicity, color or sexual orientation. I am a true independent nonpartisan candidate - not an advocate for any individual cause, party or special interest. I intend to be impartial, unbiased and independent and to serve all the people of this City based on my long experience and wisdom. I will listen and work harmoniously for all the people of the City with respect, dignity and integrity.

Money and politics don’t mix with effective unified leadership. I do not intend to solicit donations, endorsements or money from any persons, partisanship organizations or groups promoting a special interest. We need to work together to stop any divisiveness and animosity to build the original vision of a “Greater Seattle.” I intend to work tirelessly to bring transparency and honesty back to this City, and if mistakes are made to frankly admit and correct them.

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Ed Murray

Seattle is a place of innovation—a diverse, progressive city rooted in strong neighborhoods, while leading in business, research, and philanthropy. Building a government worthy of our people—and our potential—will require a new Mayor with proven experience, a regional vision, and the progressive values to deliver the leadership we need.

I was raised in Aki in a working class family. Today, my partner Michael Shiosaki and I live on Capitol Hill. I served Seattle first as a City Council aide for four years, and then in the legislature since 1995. I’m currently Senate Democratic Leader.

Throughout my time in office I have worked for equality and opportunity—building coalitions and lasting relationships to solve difficult problems.

My progressive record reflects the skills I will bring to the office of Mayor: I’ve led on civil rights, sponsoring and passing Washington’s historic marriage equality law. I’ve led on social and economic justice, winning bipartisan support for farmworker, low income, and workforce housing. As budget chair I prevented Republican education and social service cuts. As transportation chair I united business, labor and environmentalists, passing two landmark packages, investing billions in transit and highway safety.

As mayor, I’ll work with the school district to reduce crowding, improve quality, and increase state funding; EVERY Seattle student deserves excellence. I’ll partner with UW and community colleges to expand programs and access.

I’ll restore transportation funds and re prioritize safety and maintenance of our roads and bridges. I’ll work with state and regional leaders to expand bus and light rail.

There is no one size fits all approach to growth. I’ll make sure we put density where we have transit and infrastructure to support it. I’ll protect the unique character of our neighborhoods while building a dynamic city.

I’ll reform our police department to restore public trust. I’ll make sure our officers get more training in Seattle and search nationally for a chief committed to reform, and respected by line officers.

Previously awarded “Legislator of the Year” by Washington Conservation Voters, I oppose coal trains and will work collaboratively to address climate change and Puget Sound cleanup.

Endorsed by: 43rd and 46th District and King County Democrats; Human Rights Campaign; former Governor Chris Gregoire; Equal Rights Washington; former Mayor Charley Royer; Seattle Building Trades Council; former Councilmember Martha Choe; Sheet Metal Workers; many others.

Together, we can do better. I ask for your support. Thank you.

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Dear Voter,

My name is Kate Martin. I am running for Mayor of Seattle with a plan to bring us the change we need and the future we deserve. I am a businesswoman with 25 years of experience in planning and design. Through both my professional work and the decades I have spent serving our city as a volunteer, I have gained a keen on-the-ground understanding of the issues, our neighborhoods, the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools. Additionally, I bring to the table my 22 years of parenting experience.

I think the role of the mayor is to handle both the day to day operations of the City and to lead us with an inspiring vision of the big picture – not part of the picture, but the entire big picture. I see so many opportunities for us to set the stage for shared prosperity - more jobs that pay well, housing we can afford to rent and buy, a full court press on nurturing the next generation, and a transportation system that includes sidewalks, excellent bus service, freight mobility, and mass transit solutions for our city and our region. The mayor's office should never be in the business of pitting one group against another. My solutions create win-wins, not winners and losers.

My politics are socially liberal and fiscally responsible. We need to think about what progressive looks like in light of the post-recession “New Normal Economy.” Just writing a check is not enough. To me, progressive is frugal, healthy, safe, fair, diverse, trustworthy, sustainable, just and affordable. Progressive policies must be proactive. They must rebuild the middle class, put kids first, and solve problems. I am that kind of progressive.

A pound of prevention is my recipe for success. As mayor, I will help aim resources at problems before they get big and expensive. City government must stop eating our seed corn and systematically invest with forethought in our City’s future and that of our children. I offer you my professional expertise in planning, design and business as well as a common sense, down to earth fresh start that will bring us the change we need and the future we deserve. Please join me on my journey to City Hall. Let’s make this an election, not an auction.

Vote for Kate!

Kind regards,

Kate Martin, Candidate for Seattle Mayor

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Imagine if we elected a visionary mayor with executive experience who brings people together to get things done. Imagine a leader who listens before acting. As your executive, I’ll refocus the city on core services such as sidewalks, potholes, and synchronizing traffic-lights while also planning for our future. Seattle is hungry for a mayor who can lead as an executive, above the pettiness and divisions of the past. I’m proven and tested and I ask for your vote for Mayor.

Together, we’ll build the pathway to success for all communities. Successful communities start with safe communities. As Mayor, I’ll create NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS who’ll come from your community and will protect your streets. They will know you. Our police force will adopt a new culture of innovation and change. They will admit mistakes. At the same time, we’ll praise them for their courage and a new partnership will be formed. The failed strategies of the past must end.

Together, we’ll create a NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM by integrating all of its components: roads, transit, light rail, pedestrian and bike trails. It’s time we stop pitting bikes against cars. We’ve seen what happens when a mayor doesn’t understand transportation integration. As Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, I’m the only candidate with the citywide experience to create a healthy transportation ecosystem.

Our community centers will be enhanced to NEW EMPOWERMENT CENTERS and our next generation will be taught civics, conflict management, environmental sustainability, and provided resources to help them succeed. Rising tuition costs are crushing families and putting college out of reach for many graduates. We’ll create a NEW COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND to allow every graduate in Seattle Public Schools to prepare for college.

Our success is linked to the growth of our most innovative companies. As an attorney experienced in corporate law and one who has also spent three decades fighting for the most vulnerable communities, I’m the only candidate who can bridge our region’s entrepreneurial and business spirit with our most vulnerable communities. As Mayor, I’ll create a new Seattle: ONE SEATTLE.

Endorsed by: King County Democrats, King County Young Democrats, Seattle Democratic Legislative Districts, King County Corrections Guild, Seattle Building and Construction Trades, former Mayor Wes Uhlman, former Councilmember Paul Kraabel, Rep. Eric Pettigrew, Rep. Cindy Ryu, former Senator Kathleen Drew, Orin Smith, Stan Barer, Russell Horowitz, Rogelio Riojas, Mark Okazaki, former Senator Claudia Kauffman and thousands more.

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Mike McGinn

When I took office four years ago the recession was taking a heavy toll on jobs and on our city budget. I prioritized city services by listening to you at over 100 town halls in Seattle neighborhoods.

You told me to protect essential government services and focus our investments carefully. Here’s what we did:

* Increased street maintenance and pothole repairs by 10% over previous city administrations.

As our economy improved, we invested where you told us was most important. We are all concerned about graduation rates so I:

* Worked with the City Council to double the impact of the Families and Education levy which improved programs for early learning, after school activities, and academic interventions for at-risk youth.

* Launched a citywide attendance campaign to encourage kids to show up every day ready to learn.

* Expanded the Youth Violence Prevention Program to serve 20% more at-risk kids.

You also told me we have to plan for the future while protecting those things that make Seattle special. That’s why I’ll work to connect our neighborhoods with better broadband and new transit, including partnering regionally on new light rail lines. We’ll invest in early learning so more of our kids are ready for kindergarten. We’ll continue to partner with neighborhoods to support local businesses, make communities safer, and invest in local improvements like safe routes to school and expanded community center hours.

I came into office as an outsider never holding public office before. But I worked to climb the learning curve as fast as I could. I’m proud of the work we’ve done to keep Seattle thriving during tough times, strengthen our city’s education programs, lower crime rates and work with regional leaders to build a transportation system that works for every part of the city. I know who I work for - I work for you.

I’m proud to receive the endorsement of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 8, the Sierra Club, the 37th District Democrats, the Cascade Bicycle Club, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Rep. Sharon Tomiko-Santos and many, many more. I’m excited to keep Seattle the best place in America to live and I ask for your vote.

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Peter Steinbrueck

Seattle is at a crossroads. Our city’s population is expected to grow by 150,000 more people over the next 15 years. Growth pressures and poorly-planned development threaten the quality of life we once took for granted. Creating healthy, walkable, and complete neighborhoods is the way to balance growth.

Yet many of Seattle’s diverse neighborhoods lack basics such as sidewalks, safe crossings and drainage. Few cities have a greater legacy of parks and green spaces than Seattle. Open space is critical to accommodating more people while keeping our city livable. Our parks suffer from neglect and chronic under-funding.

As mayor, I’ll protect this great city’s future from urban decline caused by neighborhood neglect, poorly designed development, traffic congestion and street crime.

I am uniquely qualified to lead Seattle into the future and tackle these challenges.

I’m a skilled architect, planner and civic activist. I served 10 years on the Seattle City Council. Professionally, I’ve provided my expertise to some of Seattle’s largest public institutions, including Children’s Hospital and Pike Place Market.

I get work done. I protected our city’s water quality in the Cedar River watershed. I developed the Downtown Livability Plan. I wrote many of our growth management laws, guarded our environment, and served on key regional planning boards.

My Complete Neighborhoods Strategy will serve the city well into the future.

I support transportation choices to relieve traffic, improve mobility, reliability, and above all, safety.

I’ve never been afraid to stand up for what’s right:

• More affordable housing
• Repairing aging roads and bridges
• Prioritizing pedestrian safety, open space, and bikeways
• I question building a sports arena in our industrial zone – threatening jobs and our economy.

People come first. It’s wrong that Seattle has a poverty rate higher than the rest of the state.

I’ll work to increase family wage jobs, and close the wage gap between working women and men. I’ll shelter more homeless women and men now living outside in cold, unsanitary conditions. No one should go hungry in Seattle.

I’ll lead our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reconnect downtown to the waterfront.

Seattle can again be the great City of the Future – without abandoning our roots.

I am proud of my endorsements from: the 11th District, 46th District, and King County Democrats, ILWU locals 19 and 52, Sailors’ Union of the Pacific, American Institute of Architects, Washington Council.

I appreciate your vote.

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Mary Martin, factory worker

The working class is paying a heavy price for the consequences of the international crisis of the capitalist system. The bosses and their governments are responding to this crisis by aiming to recover their profits on the backs of workers. The capitalist class uses its courts, police agencies, and other state institutions to restrict our ability to defend our interests and to attack our democratic rights – including the right to privacy and freedom of the press. Both Democrats and Republicans participate in these attacks and support wars abroad.

Millions of workers can’t find jobs. Those working do so under worse conditions for less money. As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor I call for a movement to demand a massive federally-funded jobs program to put millions to work building schools, child care centers, and other things working people need, and to fix the crumbling infrastructure, such as bridges that need replacement.

We are seeing resistance to the attacks on our class. Coal miners in the East and West are standing up to coal bosses’ threats to break the union and gut pensions, safety and medical benefits.

Workers in Bangladesh and Cambodia are demanding safe worksites after deadly factory collapses there.

Machinist union members have stood up to attacks on wages and benefits in a strike at Belshaw-Adamatic in Auburn.

ILWU dockworkers were locked out in Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon by grain bosses who want to change work rules and use non-union labor.

Oppressed layers of our class are hit hardest by this profit-driven offensive—especially workers who are Black. Immigrant workers are scapegoated and subjected to super exploitation. My campaign calls for organizing and unionizing all workers and decriminalizing the status of undocumented workers. We say the labor movement should champion these fights in order to unify the working class. We defend the right of women to choose an abortion without restrictions.

The working class needs to break with the Democratic and Republican parties and rely on our own strength. In order to change society we need to take political power away from the capitalist class. We point to the example of Cuba, where workers and farmers made a revolution, took power and began to build a society based on human needs instead of profits. We defend the Cuban Five prisoners, framed up and imprisoned by the U.S. government for defending the Cuban Revolution.

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Joey Gray

Nine candidates want to be your next mayor. Only one has the right combination of experience, values, compassion, vision and people skills to help Seattle and its residents not only meet our challenges, but thrive: Joey Gray.

Imagine a mayor who:

• Has a lifelong record of transformational, visionary leadership - locally, nationally, and internationally;
• Addresses causes rather than symptoms, looks upstream to solve issues;
• Has the skill and will to prevent rather than politicize social problems;
• Makes success more about you than them;
• Understands that climate change is our greatest crisis, that job creation can and must be consistent with meeting that challenge, and that Seattle is uniquely poised as a leader in the new green economy;
• Successfully led a national organization and a global movement with tens of thousands of athletes, volunteers and staff; someone who won’t need to learn on the job how to oversee city employees;
• Is so geeky about ensuring that administrative codes work better for all that her academic training is in organizational learning - changing codes and rulemaking;
• Will recruit, support, and retain the best employees our city can possibly have, while shielding staff from unnecessary politics;
• Has both dined with presidents and stood proudly on the front lines of the Occupy movement;
• Would never sell out in private to the .01 percent while simultaneously whipping up public sentiment against “back room deals”;
• Values diverse input and expertise;
• Listens well; prefers listening over pontification;
• Adept at structuring communication systems that bring our city’s best ideas, talents and resources together to solve problems;
• Has advocated successfully for bicycle infrastructure in Washington State since the 1980’s;
• Prioritizes civil rights, privacy, and the dignity of every individual;
• Was raised in a moderate Republican family, interned for a Democratic Congressman, was a proud Obama delegate, and will serve in this nonpartisan office as fiercely independent;
• Will continue to work tirelessly and creatively to resolve conflicts with kindness, grace, and strength rather than to indulge divisiveness;
• A mayor who walks her talk.

Joey Gray is this kind of leader — a steady, systems-oriented, gracious visionary who prefers prevention over political drama, vision over reaction, and public service over ambition.

Joey has the exact combination of skills, values, experience and temperament that Seattle needs. She’s our best next mayor: Vote Joey Gray.

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Charlie Staadecker

I encourage you to vote for me as someone who doesn’t aspire to political longevity, but rather has the courage and vision to lead effectively for the benefit of the community. I have a proven track record in business, arts and education. Few are happy with the current state of Seattle, its lack of safety, poor police behavior, parking rates, potholes, unsafe crosswalks, and bike lanes that are unsafe and inefficient. A vote for anyone else is a vote for more of the same because it is their policies that have gotten us here.

The next four years will set in motion Seattle’s direction for the next 10-15 years. It will determine the legacy we leave for generations to come. I offer a skill set based on the key personal characteristics of authenticity, trust, collaboration and integrity. I will employ these traits as your next Mayor and will choose department heads based on these core values.

There are six key pillars essential to my vision for Seattle:
1. Job creation and economic sustainability is the cornerstone for a successful city
2. Education is a paramount responsibility within our community
3. Exceeding customer satisfaction in the delivery of city services
4. Safety on our streets and rebuilding trust with the police department
5. Repair and improve our infrastructure
6. Make Seattle a fun and vibrant city, because life is just too short.

A strong economy and eliminating the education skills gap allows our city to bridge across diverse cultures and economic divides, and extends the hand of government to citizens to be productive and to maximize one’s potential.

Experience: Eight years on the Vashon Island School Board as both President and Legislative Chair (selected as the State’s school board of the year), six years on the Puget Sound Educational Service District (elected by school board directors of 35 districts, serving 390,000 students), current Chairman.

Business owner, Staadecker Real Estate (30 years) specializing in local and regional business creation and expansion. Former executive with Intercontinental and Hilton International Hotels. U.S. Army veteran and former Teamster.

Seattle Rotary, Trustee, Foundation Board; Puget Sound ESD Foundation President; Franklin H.S. Seattle, Wharton School of Finance, Cornell University with Distinction, American Jewish Committee; Arts advocate and innovator.

Be courageous! We need a leader with common sense, and a moderate and balanced approach. I am that person. I will not let you down.

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You can return your ballot through the mail or at a ballot drop box as early as the day you receive it!
Kshama Sawant

Kshama Sawant is a teacher, union activist, and tireless fighter for the 99%. With a PhD in economics, she teaches at Seattle Central Community College, where she is a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1789.

The city government’s priorities are backward. As Seattle becomes increasingly unaffordable for working people, who are struggling with low wages, debt, and out of control rent, the city council gives handouts to real estate developers and maintains corporate taxation at historic lows.

While cutting budgets for social services, councilmembers are paying themselves nearly $120,000/year, more than any other city except Los Angeles. As a councilmember, Kshama Sawant will only take the average worker’s wage and donate the rest to building social justice movements.

Sawant’s opponent is 16-year incumbent Richard Conlin. Despite progressive rhetoric, Conlin has established himself as a friend of the corporate establishment, revealed by his enormous fundraising operation. Conlin was the only councilmember who voted against paid sick leave for Seattle’s workers, voted to criminalize panhandling, and piled obstacles in the way of providing shelter for the homeless.

Sawant will use her platform as councilmember to campaign for a citywide $15/hour minimum wage, rent control, and a Millionaire Tax to fund mass transit, education, and social services.

Unlike her opponents, Sawant’s campaign is entirely funded by grassroots contributions, not big business. She calls for an end to corporate welfare and for increased taxation of corporations, so we can reduce taxes on small businesses, workers, and homeowners. She will work to establish a democratically-elected civilian review board to hold the police accountable. She will campaign for a moratorium against coal train passage through Seattle to the disastrous Cherry Point coal terminal project, ranked as one of the worst potential contributors to climate change in the nation.

Last year, in her first election campaign, Sawant won one of the highest votes for a socialist candidate in the US in decades (over 29%), against the Democratic House Speaker Frank Chopp. She won over 20,000 votes as a Socialist Alternative candidate, more than twice as many as any of Chopp’s previous opponents in his 18 years in office, and one of the strongest votes for any independent progressive in 2012.

Join us in making history. Elect Kshama Sawant to challenge the domination of corporate politics in Seattle and give working people a real voice on the City Council.

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Brian Carver

I’m running because our council must do more to ensure that citizens and businesses thrive in Seattle. I’m running on to improve education, increase public trust in police, and create realistic transportation solutions. The council must do all this while staying true to our progressive values as a city. I will be the council member to lead this change.

As a new father I’m passionate about improving education for all children. Although I’m proud of our city for doubling our investment in the Families and Education Levy, we can, and must, do more. I will work to expand early-learning programs so that children in all neighborhoods are ready to learn when they enter public schools. Our children’s education is my top priority.

As a citizen I know we need to ensure our streets are safe. This means patrols on the ground in crime hotspots and faster response times. This cannot come at the expense of citizen’s rights. Our next police chief must enact measures to end complaints of excessive force from our police officers. I will ensure the next police chief will work to keep neighborhoods safe and reform our police department.

As a daily commuter, I know Seattle must start being realistic about transportation. Transportation options should work together, not against one another. The council must prioritize the backlog of infrastructure disrepair and potholes, while obtaining the funding required to connect our major transit corridors including Ballard and West Seattle.

Seattle succeeds because of the entrepreneurs, innovators, and community minded citizens who value equality and fairness: these are our progressive values. Living by these values is essential to keeping and attracting a talented and diverse workforce. As a senior manager at Amazon.com, I work with innovative companies and employees throughout the globe. They seek a vibrant and innovative place to learn and work. Seattle must continue to be the place for innovation.

I am proud to be endorsed by King County Young Democrats, UW Young Democrats, and progressive community leaders including David Bloom, Kristina Logsdon, and Seattle doula icon Penny Simkin. Seattle has a proud history of innovation; we have always looked to the future with hope and resolve. Let’s strengthen our schools, create an environment for innovation, make sure our streets are safe and make our transportation system work for every neighborhood. With your support, I’ll bring our shared values, vision, and voice to the Seattle City Council.

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Richard Conlin

Richard Conlin is an innovative and responsive leader who puts his energy to work for Seattle. He listens and creates opportunities to get things done that make a difference in our lives. He works hard to ensure that Seattle makes effective decisions to protect and improve our neighborhoods and our environment. Richard Conlin makes change happen.

"Thank you for the honor of serving as your Councilmember. As Council President from 2008 to 2012, my fellow Councilmembers trusted me to provide steady leadership to bring Seattle through tough times – the recession, change in the Mayor’s office, hard decisions about our transportation system.

You can depend on me to match my experience with fresh ideas to keep our economy healthy, take care of those who are left out and left behind, and support our families and neighborhoods.

I have a proven track record of results. The Sustainable Path Foundation gave me their ‘Trailblazer Award’ for my work to reduce waste, create affordable housing, and keep transportation improvements on track. Food Lifeline named me ‘Hunger Fighter of the Year’ for my commitment to those in need. My experience has taught me how to make things happen by working cooperatively with others. We can make smart choices to have great neighborhoods and a thriving downtown, connected by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian ways and well-maintained roads.

People all around Seattle deserve excellent service and value from every dollar the City spends. I’ve championed wise investments in transit, parks, community centers, fire and police services, and libraries.

Seattle works best when we work together. My wife Sue Ann and I have lived in Madrona for 31 years. Our three children graduated from Garfield High School. With your vote, I pledge to continue working with you to keep Seattle a place we are proud to call home.”

My priorities include:

-- Create new jobs and support local businesses.
-- Take care of people with effective human services and great schools.
-- Work for clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.
-- Connect neighborhoods and the region with transit.
-- Ensure public safety while respecting the rights of all.
-- Require fiscal accountability and transparency in government.

Endorsed By:
• Washington Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle Club
• Seattle Firefighters, Carpenters, Laborers, other unions
• King County Democrats, 11th, 36th, 37th District Democrats
• Seattle-King County Association of Realtors, business leaders
• Your neighbors all over Seattle.

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Regarding write-ins

You have the option to write in the name of a candidate for every race on your ballot. Please, no frivolous write-ins, such as Mickey Mouse or Bigfoot, which result in additional work and expense to process.

You do not need to make a selection in every race for your votes to count. Write-in votes are not tallied by name unless the total number could make a difference in the final outcome.
Council Position No. 8

David Ishii

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• Seattle’s Own Public Search Engine
• Pay Per Click GaaZillions Revenue To The City
• Education Roads Parks And Rec.
• Increase Tourism Dollars Money To Burn
• Trickle Down Economy ? Hum

• Grand Coulee Has Just Opened
• Tough On Crime And Corruption Who Says You Can’t Change City Hall ?
• D.A.R.E. To Say No On Drugs We Don’t Want It In Our Schools
• Absolutely Not In Our Back Yards
• Tear Down The Fabric Of Our Communities
• WE FIGHT BACK
• No Revolving Gates Want To Learn A New Trade
• License Plates
• T.V. Ratings Realty Show Named CITY HALL
• Vietnam Era Vet I Have Been A few Places Around The World Seen A Lot
• Secret To Seattle’s Success Voters
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Mike O’Brien

I believe Seattle can be a model for sustainability, affordability, and economic and cultural vitality. I envision a city where:

• Smart policies ensure that all families can afford to live here;
• Children get a great public education; where everyone, regardless of zip code, feels safe in their communities; and
• There are great jobs and opportunities in every neighborhood.

In order to do that though, we must focus on the right priorities:

Jobs
First, Seattle’s economy is home to some of the largest most innovative companies in the world and thousands of small businesses. As a member of city council, I will continue to be a champion for good, living-wage jobs and opportunities for everyone. We must have smart housing policies, improved transportation options and smart urban planning. Seattle needs to be a city where people can afford to live and work in the same community.

Transportation
Second, I will continue to champion a reliable transportation system that connects our diverse neighborhoods. Now more than ever we need to prioritize transit, expand alternative modes of transportation and improve the condition of our existing roads. If we do this, we can build a transportation infrastructure that enables people and freight to move quickly, efficiently and reliably through Seattle.

Education
Third, I know firsthand how important it is to invest in education for our children and the future of Seattle. We demonstrated our commitment to a thriving public school system with the doubled Families and Education Levy two years ago. I will work hard to ensure that money is focused on smart, equitable investments, so that every school in Seattle has the resources to meet the needs of our students.

Environment
Finally, I will continue to lead the fight against climate change on the city council. I led the effort to allow residents to opt out of receiving a phone book and the effort to reduce waste from grocery bags. It will always be my priority to adopt policies that make Seattle a model for environmental leadership and sustainability where everyone can do their part to protect the environment.

I am running for re-election because I want to continue serving you. I brought a passionate, progressive, yet pragmatic approach to the issues we faced these last three years; and I plan to do the same in my next term. I ask for your vote.

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Albert Shen

I’m Albert Shen and I want to serve on the Seattle City Council.

I’m the son of Chinese immigrants and grew up in Pullman. I came to Seattle nearly 30 years ago to study global warming and environmental chemistry at the University of Washington. My wife Nancy and I have two children.

For over 20 years, I’ve been committed to making Seattle stronger. I served on President Obama’s National Finance Committee. Governor Gregoire appointed me to the Seattle Community College Board. I serve on the local Susan G. Komen Foundation Board and was on the Seattle Chinatown International District PDA Board. Public service and working side-by-side with neighbors on important issues has been a constant throughout my life.

I started a small civil and transportation engineering firm. You’ve probably never heard of my business, but my team has worked on some of our important regional projects, like Sea-Tac Airport’s Third Runway, Seattle’s e-Park system and Seattle Waterfront Redevelopment. For our contributions, we were honored as Seattle’s Small Business of the Year.

I’m running for City Council because I’m a back-to-basics progressive who wants to see our city live up to its potential. That means:

• Modern transportation must be a higher priority so we can get from Northgate to West Seattle faster and cheaper than by driving. We need to reduce the massive backlog on road repairs and build sidewalks in communities that don’t have them. I know how to make that vision a reality.

• The fact that our police department is under federal oversight makes me angry – we need a police accountability system that creates leadership and effective policing and inspires trust and confidence with the public. The selection of a new police chief is a perfect opportunity to make that cultural shift.

• As a parent and employer in Seattle, I want children to be the city’s top priority. I’m troubled by mismanagement by the School District, and this must change! Every child, regardless of race or economic background, deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential.

"Albert Shen is uniquely well qualified to take on our region’s challenges," said State Rep. Gael Tarleton (Democrat-Queen Anne/Magnolia/Ballard). "Seattle needs Albert and I’m proud to support him."

"The men and women of the Seattle Fire Fighter Local 27 endorse Albert Shen. He’s committed to keeping Seattle safe," said fire fighter Kenny Stuart.

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## Kathryn Campbell

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Human Services, attended Washington State University, and Highline system schools  
**Occupation:** Retired, former AT&T employee for 21 years  
**Statement:** Kathryn Campbell’s SeaTac roots go deeper than bedrock. Growing up in Riverton Heights and attending local Highline schools, then Washington State University, she knows our community. A former Toastmasters State Champion, committed to improving critical listening and effective communication, Kathryn has the leadership skills to encourage an atmosphere of collaboration and unity at City Hall. Kathryn will give our neighborhoods a voice. She will require the city budget prioritize public safety, neighborhood development and clean parks. She wants to make SeaTac pedestrian friendly and safe. Citizens deserve an easy, accessible City Hall that encourages participation in SeaTac’s many activities and committees. SeaTac is our city; only we can make it better. Please vote for Kathryn Campbell.

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**Education:** Certified Commissioner, Business Administration - E-Commerce Emphasis, Journeyman Machinist, Vocational Instructor’s Certificate  
**Occupation:** Retired Boeing Manufacturing Engineer, Systems Analyst, and Computer Programmer  
**Statement:** Fellow neighbors, we created SeaTac in 1990 to control our own destiny. But SeaTac is now dominated by government bureaucrats and union bosses, powerful special interests that control the current council majority. Their harmful policies have increased unemployment, lowered property values, and created a downward spiral that attracts crime. And now these special interests are promoting a job-killing agenda that threatens to disrupt our city’s core job creators - the airport, hotel, and restaurant industries. Since I was elected to the council in 2009, I’ve worked to promote economic growth, job creation, and crime prevention. With 8 children and 17 grandchildren, I know that better schools depend on economic growth. My re-election campaign aims to improve transparency and restore public involvement. I advocate the creation of a SeaTac ombudsman. Let’s work together to restore citizen control. I’ll continue to work for you, standing up to the special interests.

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## Othman Heibe

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**Occupation:** Community Organizer  
**Statement:** My name is Othman Heibe and I’m running for SeaTac City Council. As a Human Services Advisory Committee volunteer, I meet with neighbors, service providers, community leaders, and volunteers. I listen to all their concerns with passion! Despite our age, religion and diverse backgrounds, we all want safe neighborhoods, a clean environment, and opportunities for our children. Our city needs someone who’ll bring a unique and new perspective to the Council. I’m that person. With a degree from UW, I learned the gift of Democracy should never be taken for granted. My wife and I became U.S. citizens. We wanted to respond to that noble gift with warmth. The best way we can repay is through public service. My wife is a pre-school teacher. I hope one of the seven Council positions could go to someone like me. With energy and desire to give back, I ask for your vote.

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1 Ballot assembly
Ballot packets are assembled about four weeks prior to election day. Ballot packets include a precinct-specific ballot, security and return envelopes, and any election-specific inserts.

2 Ballots are mailed
Ballot packets are mailed to voters three weeks before election day. Ballot packets are sent to overseas and service voters 45 days prior to a primary or general election and 30 days prior to a special election to allow for the longer transit time.

3 Vote: It’s up to the voter
Once the ballot packet is in the voter’s hands, they have until election day to vote their ballot; seal it in the return envelope; read, sign and date the declaration on the return envelope and get it back to King County Elections. Voted ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by the date of the election, or be received at a designated drop-off location by 8 p.m. on election night.

4 Sorting
Returned ballots are delivered to King County Elections where special equipment sorts them into batches of 200 to 400. The equipment also scans the voter data and signature on the return envelope which is used for signature verification. This is the first stage of ballot accountability where we report that we have received a voter’s ballot.

5 Signature Verification and Envelope Review
Before any ballot is counted, the law requires that we verify the signature on every returned ballot envelope with the voter’s signature on file. Trained specialists perform this review. If the signatures match, the ballot packet is approved to move forward to opening. If the signatures do not match or a signature is missing, the ballot packet is flagged and sent for further review.

About two percent of ballots returned in each election have a problem with the signature, called a “challenge.” This requires the voter to resolve the issue before their ballot may be processed. The majority of challenges are simply because the voter did not sign the envelope. We contact voters by letter and phone with instructions on how to resolve the issue and they have until the day before election certification to respond.

Alternate format ballots are those returned by email or fax, or non-standard ballots returned by U.S. mail. These ballots require special handling and then must go through the same verification process as standard ballots.

6 Opening the Ballots
First the security envelope containing the voted ballot is removed from the return envelope and separated. Once all return envelopes have been emptied and set aside, workers remove the ballots from the security envelope. Then we visually inspect each ballot to ensure the votes as marked by the voter can be properly read by our scanning equipment. Ballots that are physically ready for scanning and tabulation proceed.

7 Ballot Review
If there is damage, corrections, stray marks or the voter used the wrong type of pen, the scanners will not be able to read the ballot. Working in teams of two, each ballot is carefully reviewed to determine if it can be electronically duplicated through our adjudication system or if the ballot needs to be physically duplicated. The teams use the Voter Intent manual produced by the Office of the Secretary of State for consistent determination of voter intent. If voter intent cannot be determined by use of the manual or other established direction, ballots are forwarded to the Canvassing Board for determination.

8 Scanning, Tabulation and Adjudication
Once a ballot is ready for tabulation, a machine scans the ballot and stores the images on a secure, closed system. Tabulation occurs after 8 p.m. on election night and results are made public. Scanning and tabulation continue until all eligible votes are counted and the election is certified. The tabulation server is secured in a room monitored by security cameras, biometric controlled access, and tamper evident seals.
Dean McColgan

Education: B.A. in Communications, Gonzaga University

Occupation: Director of Development, The Museum of Flight

Statement: I’m running for Seattle School Board because I care about our children having a quality education. I was proud to serve the City of Federal Way as Mayor and Councilmember for eight years where I gained significant experience with establishing policy and managing a budget for a large municipality. I learned that your representatives need to listen, be open to all ideas, and respect everyone’s opinion in order to form respectful, effective solutions. Most importantly, I learned what it takes to build a strong community and the importance of education to our community’s health.

As leaders we need to build the best possible education system. Education is the key to solving the societal issues caused by poverty. To accomplish this I would:

Build Confidence in the School Board - The School Board needs to work hard to gain the confidence of the community by focusing on its job of developing policy and managing a budget. Making all district employees accountable for their work would be a priority.

Encourage Teacher Participation - I want to close the achievement gap by specifically working with teachers. I would build a process where teachers participate in solving school issues and give them the opportunity to lead and be innovative.

Emphasize STEM - I would increase the emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum. The further development of a rigorous STEM curriculum is important if we hope to continue to compete in a global marketplace.

Be Fiscally Responsible – With the challenges of school funding we need to use our resources efficiently. I pledge to be diligent and steadfast in controlling expenses and being fiscally accountable.

I want to serve you on the Seattle School Board and I’m asking for your vote. Our children depend on us. Let’s not let them down.

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Sue Peters

Education: MA in Communication, Stanford University; B.A. University of California, San Diego & University of Paris.

Occupation: Education journalist, parent.

Statement: I have been actively involved in the Seattle Public School District for the past nine years, as a parent, volunteer, and local and national public education advocate and journalist. I have served on the district’s Superintendent Search Community Focus Group (2012) to help select its new leader, and the Strategic Plan Stakeholder Task Force (2013), to help forge its vision and mission for the next five years.

I am a founding member of national public education advocacy organization, Parents Across America, the Seattle Math Coalition, and co-founding editor of the Seattle Education Blog.

I have the experience, knowledge and collaborative skills to serve and represent the families of Seattle’s schools authentically and diligently, and help steer the largest school district in Washington in a positive direction.

As a growing, diverse district of almost 50,000 students in a highly educated town, Seattle has the opportunity to be a national leader in visionary, proven and progressive public education practices.

Our district must make fiscally and academically responsible decisions that prioritize directing resources to the classroom. I support an investment in solid and engaging curricula rather than standardized tests, respect and support for teachers, and a dedication to meeting the needs of all our children so they may fulfill their potential and develop a joy for learning.

I am committed to bringing stability to the district through collaboration with the board and superintendent, and will exercise oversight of district practices and policies in response to the needs of the community.

Thank you for your support.

Early endorsements include: State Senator Maralyn Chase; Seattle School Board Directors Betty Patu, Sharon Peaslee, Kay Smith-Blum; UW Professor/KPLU meteorologist Cliff Mass; Asian American community activist Frank Irigon; Dora Taylor, president, Parents Across America; Jesse Hagopian, teacher; Social Equality Educators (SEE); Wayne Au, UW Assistant Professor of Education.

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Clarification on Seattle School District No. 1 races

In the primary, the director districts are voted on by registered voters living in the director district. In the general election, these districts are voted at large by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.
LaCrese Green

**Education:** Bachelor in Home Economics and Business Administration

**Occupation:** Teacher, State Financial Worker, Tutor, Retired

**Statement:** I have many years of experience tutoring children. If elected as your school board representative, I will work for concrete changes to improve public education. I will push for better math books, saving Indian Heritage High School, and reopening the African American Academy.

Students often aren’t provided good textbooks: this is an obstacle to reinforcing classroom learning and providing straightforward home support. Testing needs to be on the subjects taught and/or the textbook, providing immediate feedback for teachers and students, not vague statistics weeks or months later.

Threatening to close Indian Heritage H.S. and closing the African American Academy have been very disruptive to education and to children. Full District support should have been given to these programs.

Money is still slipping through the school district’s fingers. ("Auditors fault Seattle Schools over grant money," Seattle Times, 5/23/13) When resources have leaked away, past district administrations have sought to conceal problems from the public. ("Red Flags," The Stranger, 7/13/11) I will daylight issues.

An opponent of mine in this race has a background with private foundations that want to implement ideas that have not worked and will not work in public education.

Blaine Parce, graduate of American Indian Heritage High School, Native American Community member, parent and aunt states, “LaCrese Green has this understanding and devotion to the needs of all children in District V. She has declared a commitment to the education of all kids of every ethnicity.”

I have lived in Seattle, in this district, for 39 years. I have taught children of many ethnic backgrounds and have had the opportunity to become culturally sensitive to their particular needs. For the last 15 years I’ve tutored Ethiopian immigrant children and have closely followed school issues.

Please vote for me for School Board Director Position 5.

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Olu Thomas

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**Occupation:** Social Services

**Statement:** Olu taught for a little while after obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree.in English Philosophy from University of Lagos in Nigeria with additional training in Psychology, Human Resources and Counseling. I worked at the Salvation Army Social Services then became Director of University Churches Emergency Fund. I have lived in the Central District since I arrived in the United States over twenty years ago. My deep commitment to children, led me to become a Board member of Denise Louie Education Center, a Head Start Program for six years. I am Chair of Cherry Street Development Coalition, working towards converting the Historic Horace Mann School into a Community Hub for economic development.

My extended work in Social Services exposed me to many without education living in poverty. I believe in education. With education, children have options. Individuals with options have an increased chance at success. The future of our children is not a business and therefore should not be handled as such. it rests in the hands of the community a combined effort of the entire community, not just the parents’ or the teachers’. There is no excuse for illiteracy.

I am attempting to empower the community, have parents and teachers as allies working towards the same goal. I want equitable treatment of all children regardless of their background. They should be exposed and have access to quality education and rigorous curriculum. Children need to be challenged in order to learn. There should also be a stronger focus on Special Education than we currently have. More transparency is needed between the Board and the public. Provide educators with necessary tools to perform their duties and make accountability paramount. Eradicate over-enrolment.

District 5 needs a real representation. I am passionate about children and deeply committed to their success. I am your solution.

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Stephan Blanford

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Occupation: Educational Consultant, Lighthouse Consulting; former education/youth development executive director

Statement: I have many longstanding connections with Seattle Public Schools – as a parent, academic researcher, mentor and advocate. These diverse experiences leave me confident that I’ll provide pragmatic and forward-thinking governance, hold the Superintendent accountable for improved student outcomes, and well represent my district and our city on our toughest educational challenges. It is my firm belief, based on nearly 20 years of involvement with Seattle kids as well as research on our district and successful districts nationwide, that better outcomes are possible and that our children and our city deserve more from their school district.

Many pockets of excellence exist within the district – classrooms where powerful instruction takes place in well-run schools with engaged families and communities. But in far too many of our schools, we need to raise the bar, hold higher expectations and provide more supports so that all students can find personal fulfillment and professional success wherever their vast potential might lead them.

In my professional life, I work as an educational consultant for Lighthouse Consulting, a small business I created to deliver potent professional development, analysis and leadership coaching to teachers, principals, administrators and nonprofit leaders in the Puget Sound region. I have been an executive director of educational and youth development agencies from early learning through high school.

I am endorsed by incumbent school board director Kay Smith Blum; Kelly Aramaki, 2013 Washington State Principal of the Year; and Trish Dziko, Technology Access Foundation

My daughter is a 4th Grader at Beacon Hill International School, one of the standout schools in the district. I take the charge to improve our schools seriously. I’ll listen to parents, teachers, and community members to bring great ideas together, ensuring that our kids can compete and win in this global economy. I ask for your vote.

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Online voter guide

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Following directions gets me where I need to go. Same thing when I vote.

Be an informed voter! Follow the directions and get your ballot back early.
Carol Gregory

**Education:** Bachelor of Education, University of Washington, post graduate work at several universities

**Occupation:** Director, Burst for Prosperity, an initiative of Children’s Home Society

**Statement:** I am running for Federal Way School Board because I am passionate about sharing my extensive educational background and experience to ensure that all children get the education necessary to contribute to a global society.

The next few years will require very important decisions to be made by the Federal Way School Board. As our economy diversifies we must take crucial steps to prepare children for jobs of the future. I have the knowledge and resolve to help make significant decisions that lead to positive educational results for children and our economy.

I have a unique wealth of experience; as a teacher and administrator in the Northshore and Highline School Districts, a policymaker at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and proud grandparent of a recent graduate from Federal Way High School, attending the University of Washington, and two other children who are currently enrolled in Federal Way schools.

I will work diligently to connect the resources in the community to the schools, and to build bridges between schools, families, community, civic and employer partners, underscoring the power of working together to support tomorrow’s leaders.

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Kenneth Lance Barton

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**Statement:** My friends call me Lance. I am a husband, father, and grandfather; a former Marine, disabled veteran, and cancer survivor; a once-ASE-certified Automotive Technician, a currently-PMI-certified Project Management Professional, and a life-long learner who is presently earning a PhD in Information Assurance and Security. I volunteer with the Washington Department of Wildlife, the Boeing Employees Veterans Association, and I serve on the Board of Directors of a 501c(4). In my first job I was a cowboy in eastern Washington, and I once was in charge of the Weapons Control Systems for the F117 stealth fighter, but my favorite job ever is raising my 12-year-old eighth-grader to be a mighty man of God. I have worked half-way around the world and back, and it is good to be home. My family and I attend Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines. I submit to you a leader who knows the true meaning of grace, and I would be honored to have your vote.

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Medgar Wells

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**Occupation:** Principal of Overcomer Academy; Career Direct Consultant.

**Statement:** It is my belief that the primary goal of education is to ensure all children are given equal opportunities to maximize their unique gifts and talents. Over the years I have learned this goal requires hard work, accountability, dedication and a strong belief that every child is capable of achieving success.

I have served in public schools as an elementary teacher, high school assistant principal, elementary and middle school principal, and assistant superintendent. In 2004 I was recognized by OSPI for my leadership in closing the achievement gap while a principal in Seattle.

I am a tireless advocate for education, which is why I make time to volunteer at King County correctional facilities teaching employability skills to young offenders. I also teach employment classes at my church.

I am seeking election to The Federal Way School Board because I understand that our children are the **most valuable asset** our community has. My focus will be on safety, **academic excellence**, parental engagement, increased graduation rates and the **global education** needed in today’s society. When making decisions as a board director, I will always ask the question: “What would I want for my own two children?”

Thank you for your vote.

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Jennifer M. Childs

Education: Everett Community College
Occupation: Assistant Manager
Statement: I believe that our greatest responsibility is to provide a healthy, fun, safe, and positive learning environment for our children. I am an honest and sincere person and I strongly believe that a School Board Member ought to strive to help teachers to make a positive for our youth no matter what the circumstances may be. The youth in our community deserve every opportunity we can afford them and it is our task to help them by providing the right tools, the right atmosphere, and the right guidance to help every youth become a life-long learner.

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Robert J. Mackner

Education: Skykomish High School graduate
Occupation: retired
Statement: I would like to thank the community for allowing me the opportunity to serve. The board has been working throughout the last few years on the cleanup project of the school. I look forward to continued service, and I ask you for your vote.

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Allison Luker

Education: No information submitted
Occupation: No information submitted
Statement: Skykomish has always been the town I call home, I love it here. Four years ago I moved back to Skykomish for good, deciding to buy a house and raise my family.

When deciding where to raise my children, schooling was a deciding factor. One important aspect Skykomish has is the ability to keep the school to small class sizes and one on one interaction with students and teachers. This is why I share such excitement for the Skykomish School Board position, as I hope to become even more active in the school my children will be attending.

Education is important to me and I am currently earning my Degree in Early Childhood Education. I feel that society and communities begin with children and our job as parents, community members and teachers is to ensure that our children are healthy and happy in the environment in which they live.

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Ed Luera

**Education:** Harvard College, BA, Economics, cum laude, Columbia University, Master of Public Administration, First in Class

**Occupation:** Vice President, Clise Properties, Inc.

**Statement:** Growing up working in the fields of Eastern Washington I realized that a great education was the key to my future. Today, that lesson is even more important as our children must now compete globally for their future success. As your Director, I will be a passionate advocate to make certain that our children are not only receiving the best education anywhere, anytime, but that they are also availing themselves of this opportunity. I will make certain that our teachers are provided with the best training, facilities, and administrative support and encouragement to help them develop America’s “best and the brightest.” As a Bellevue youth track and football coach, mentor to local at-risk youth and father of two current Bellevue area high school students, I have found that children will always rise to our level of expectation for them. To expect more is to guarantee it and our children and America’s future demand no less. A seat on the board will allow me to achieve that purpose and continue the pursuit of excellence as a school district. Thank you.

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My-Linh Thai

**Education:** Bachelor of Pharmacy, University of Washington 1992

**Occupation:** Refugee Advocate, Medical Practice Manager, Medical Practice Analyst, Pharmacist, Mother.

**Statement:** I believe a good education is one that cultivates both the mind and the heart. A great school district is one where parents, teachers and the community work together to provide an educational experience that inspires students to achieve academic excellence, fosters creativity and self-expression, and provides opportunities to develop leadership and organizational skills.

In my 5 years as a Bellevue parent, I have served in a variety of PTSA leadership roles including the Bellevue PTSA Council Board as Executive Committee VP and Scholarship Committee Chair, as Ambassador from Somerset Elementary to the Bellevue Schools Foundation and coordinated math, science, reading, and art programs at my children’s schools.

Bellevue has the fastest growing immigrant population in Washington State. As a Vietnamese refugee who attended Federal Way High School and graduated from the University of Washington, I bring a unique perspective to the School Board by facilitating understanding and communication of cultural and educational values of people from diverse backgrounds, and bringing them together to articulate a common purpose. A seat on the board will allow me to achieve that purpose and continue the pursuit of excellence as a school district. I therefore ask for YOUR VOTE for Bellevue School Board.

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Erik Fretheim

Education: PhD in Electrical Engineering - AFIT, MBA - Long Island University, BS - West Point

Occupation: Professor, The Technology Institute @ City University of Seattle

Statement: I have actively supported youth in our community for many years including as a Boy Scout Leader (25+ years), Girl Scout Leader (15+ years), member of the Newport HS Band Board (9 years), youth soccer coach (5+ years), and PTA member and volunteer. I currently work as a professor at City University of Seattle, and have previously held a number of leadership positions in technology companies and start-ups. I spent 33-years in the Army including active duty and reserves.

I support responsible spending and believe that our best teachers and those from whom we ask the most need to be compensated for their efforts. Parents should have input into who is teaching their children and what they are being taught. We need to continue to ensure our facilities are equal to the task. We need to continue providing an outstanding level of pre-college education, but also ensure that every student, even those who choose not to attend college, is ready to contribute meaningfully to society. I will use my experience to ensure that our students get the best education possible.

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Jennifer L. Johnson

**Education:** AA-Early Childhood Education 94, Bachelors of Arts Social Welfare UW-02, Masters of Social Work UW-03

**Occupation:** Children’s Administration- Child Welfare Social Worker

**Statement:** As a long-term Tukwila resident witnessing the growth in our numbers and diversity, I believe meaningful collaboration is needed to ensure we’re responsive to the children that currently reside in our great city. As a Children’s Administration Social Worker, I’ve facilitated such collaboration on behalf of children in foster care and families in transition. I possess working knowledge of resources and established community relationships that will enhance and enrich our children’s educational experience, while promoting inclusion of our families. My children attend Tukwila Schools. As a single parent I need our District’s assistance in preparing them for further education; to be competitors for real life opportunities. Strong educational foundations begin at home; then become the charge of our educators and administrators of education; whose efforts command support. I’ll contribute to measurable efforts to build a solid Tukwila School District with the collaborative goal of producing great and educated young adults.

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Mary E. Fertakis

**Education:** University of Washington - Political Science and International Studies; Seattle University - ESL Teaching Certification

**Occupation:** Master’s Degree Candidate in Education Policy, UW College of Education

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve our community’s children on the Tukwila School Board for 17 years.

I am proud of the Board’s work. For the past four years we have: Responded to increased student and family needs from the recession; Provided a safe, supportive environment for student learning; Retained almost all staff during an economically-challenging time; Passed the district’s first technology levy; Successfully refinanced bonds, saving our taxpayers over $800,000 and; Won a $40 million regional grant through the Road Map initiative to improve student access to early learning, STEM, and college/career pathway opportunities.

We welcome children from around the world and next door, helping all of them develop the skills they will need to achieve their dreams.

It has been a privilege to advocate for all our students locally and nationally. I ask for your vote to continue this most important work for our community's long-term well-being.

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John A. Barbee

**Education:** B.S., Cornell University, A.A. Eastern Wyoming College

**Occupation:** Social Service Case Manager Non-Profit

**Statement:** Mr. Barbee brings strong ties to the Tukwila community that begin with four children currently attending Tukwila Elementary school along with being a former school district employee. Mr. Barbee currently works in the non-profit sector in social services as a long-time case manager and youth advocate for children and young adults in the Foster Care system. Mr. Barbee will bring passion and dedication, along with experience in serving all children and empowering them to have access and opportunity to reach their life-long dreams. Mr. Barbee life’s work has been working to improve the lives of students and young adults. As an Ivy League University graduate, Mr. Barbee understands the rigor and academic dedication needed to be successful at the highest levels. Mr. Barbee will bring a “real” world perspective of what is needed for Tukwila students to be college and career ready.

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David Spring

**Education:** Bachelor’s Degree, Science Education, Washington State University; Master’s Degree, Child Development, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Director, College in the Clouds; Parent of Middle School student.

**Statement:** Our children deserve the highest quality education with experienced teachers in every classroom. While there are many things right about our schools, there are also many problems which have been ignored for too long.

Our high school students should have the opportunity for four full years at a comprehensive high school. Freshmen should not be isolated far from the main campus – where they are deprived of important courses and enrichment activities. This will only increase the dropout rate in our school district – which is already the highest dropout rate of any Eastside school district.

Our Middle School students should not be subjected to severely over-crowded middle schools merely to leave twenty empty classrooms at our high school. Our students need smaller classes, more teachers and fewer administrators.

I ask for your vote so we can reopen Snoqualmie Middle School, hire more teachers, lower class sizes and increase our graduation rate.

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Marci Busby

**Education:** Associate in Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapy.

**Occupation:** Physical Therapist Assistant

**Statement:** We get one chance to educate the young people entrusted to our schools. I take that responsibility very seriously. I love serving the families of our community. We must keep the conversation on the kids. Curriculum choices must advance ALL students. I strive to empower and trust the educational professionals in our district. Facilities that develop the potential of students must drive the discussion on buildings and capacity. My priorities in order: Students-Professionals-Capacity. Over 23 years of experience in PTSA’s, SVCN Board, and the School Board have given me a unique perspective and multiple layers of experience. As a single mother, I know the struggles of a family balancing life with the responsibilities of parenthood. I also know that in spite of difficulties, with cooperation, hard work and proper support we can help each student in our care reach their potential.

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G. Scott Hodgins

**Education:** Masters in Business Administration, Engineering Management and Technology

**Occupation:** Manager of Business Development; Project and Construction Management

**Statement:** For the past four years, I have strived to bring our educational community together on several initiatives to improve teaching and learning including a strategic plan to achieve our educational objectives, a capital facilities plan to improve our schools for 21st century learning, and a system to measure and track student performance. With my professional background in school construction and 18 years as a citizen volunteer, I have the leadership and experience necessary to see these initiatives through.

I have lived in the Snoqualmie Valley since 1988. My wife, an educator in the District, and I have two children; one a graduate of Mt. Si High School, and one entering the freshman campus in 2013. Education is an enormous part of our lives. I look forward to continue working together with my board colleagues, Dan, Carolyn, Geoff, and Tavish, to provide a safe and successful learning experience for our students.

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Stephen Kangas

**Education:** Electronics Engineering undergraduate with additional earned credits intended toward a Masters in Business Administration.

**Occupation:** Former entrepreneur in hi-tech, now studying proven education reforms.

**Statement:** Stephen Kangas brings skills, experience, and knowledge sorely needed by our school board at this time in its history. Struggling to make further progress after rounds of teacher lay-offs, growing class sizes, unappealing school construction bond failures, and a reputation better known for sports than academics, we need our school board to set priorities which demonstrate commitment foremost to great teachers, smaller classes, better learning support and safety for our kids, while showing taxing voters capital bond proposals that make better sense so they’ll be approved. I have a strong business background with budgets larger than the district, involving strategic planning, marketing, and STEM areas. 15 years attending school board meetings, volunteering in our schools, previously on Mountain View School board and the boards of other non-profit & for-profit organizations, active community volunteer, with 2 children attending our schools. Learn more at KangasForSchools.com. Upgrade our school board!

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Director District No. 5

Bruce Elliott

Education: B.S. Animal Science, Washington State University 1975
Occupation: Cattle and crop farmer, King-Pierce Farm Bureau Board Member
Statement: I am a candidate because I want to help insure that Kent schools continue to provide a quality education to our children. I am not convinced that administrative decisions like increased short days are the best for our students. We must focus the bulk of our resources in the classroom, where learning occurs. We need to maintain local control of this process, not hand it over to Washington, DC. The duty of our schools is to teach our children core subjects and help them gain practical life skills. The future of our work force and a prosperous community depends on this. We face modern challenges, but that is no excuse to fail in providing this generation with the educational foundation they need.

I was raised in Renton and I’ve lived in Kent since 1978. My wife and I raised and our two children here in the Kent School system, both graduates of Kent-Meridian. I am very familiar with our area, our issues and I care about this community. I am just a regular citizen, a father and a grandfather, who would be a strong advocate for you and your children on the board. I would appreciate your vote.

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Carmen Goers

Education: Bachelor of Science- Business Administration from the University of Phoenix
Occupation: Commercial Banker
Statement: We have the fourth largest school district in the state. This gives Kent an opportunity and obligation to positively impact the future leaders—our children. Clear, measurable goals outlined in the strategic plan plus forward thinking from elementary through high school are first steps in positioning the District for sustainable growth in our primary goal - preparing all students for a successful future.

My grandmother was a teacher and my mother has taught and was a K-12 principal and I understand the crucial role our teachers play on our education team. I care deeply about our schools, our residents and our students. Our family has championed three daughters through the Kent School system. I have many years of community involvement and 20 years of business banking experience. These experiences have provided me with a unique skill set that can add value to the decision making required on the School Board. I value open communication between citizens and their elected officials and, if elected, will be available to the community. I will advocate for our students, parents, teachers and all of us who rely on the School Board for common sense decision making.

I ask for your support and vote!

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Maya Vengadasalam

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton

**Occupation:** Business and Community Affairs Consultant, DeviMedia

**Statement:** I am running for the Kent School Board to make our schools the best in Washington State. I will work in your best interest to:

- **Increase academic excellence.** All students deserve access to a rigorous, quality education and the skills to qualify for our local jobs. Students/families must understand opportunities available at each school to ensure students are college-ready or job-ready upon graduation.

- **Strengthen communication.** We must do everything possible to raise awareness of school policies and procedures, and use all available tools to ensure families stay informed of events affecting their student(s).

- **Encourage community and business partnerships.** As an active community/school volunteer (10+ years), an engaged parent, and a former business executive, I understand the importance of supporting our kids reaching full potential and our educators gaining access to resources to meet their challenges and objectives.

My commitment to school district middle school transitions, economic revitalization, legislative advocacy, funding, South King County education advocacy/equity efforts, and classroom support uniquely qualifies me for this position.

I was honored by the PTA and Washington Association of School Administrators for my efforts. It will be an honor to represent you on our school board. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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## Marci Cheesebrough

**Education:** Associates Degree in Accounting  
**Occupation:** Independent Small Business Owner; former Board member of SEPAC  
**Statement:** As a parent to four children in the Northshore School District, I want to ensure that NSD maintains high-quality education for our children, and that our community continues to be an attractive destination for people to live and work. However, I am concerned that the District is losing its focus on children.  

*The next four years will be critical.* Plans are being made to change the length of the school day and school boundaries, build a new high school, and modify grade configurations. *Many families will be directly affected by these transformations, yet are not being consulted over whether they want them.*

As your School Board Director, I will be an advocate for kids. I will listen to parents and teachers, engage community in major decisions, exercise fiscal responsibility, and prioritize a quality educational experience for our children.

I would be honored by your vote to the Northshore School Board.

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## Kimberly D’Angelo

**Education:** Northshore Schools, K-12; BA, Psychology, SPU; MA, Counseling Psychology, NU; Doctoral Program Student, NU.  
**Occupation:** Psychology Program Coordinator, (CAPS); Student Advisor; Adjunct Professor, Northwest University.  
**Statement:** I am running because I am concerned about the education of my kids and your kids. They deserve the best public education possible; we owe it to them to make that happen.

Two of my children attend NSD schools. As a parent, I see first hand the issues we must address: specifically, class size; it is my top priority. The simple fact is that children learn and perform increasingly better as class size decreases.  

Another issue is the lack of technology integration within our schools. To prepare our children for the rapidly changing global job market, we must equip them with the tools and skills they need to be competitive and succeed.

My role as a University Professor gives me a unique and needed perspective, observing firsthand the skill level of students entering college, and whether or not they are truly prepared.

I ask for your vote!

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## Julia Lacey

**Education:** University of Washington, Bachelors of Arts & University of Denver, Secondary Teaching Endorsement  
**Occupation:** School Board President, Teacher, PTA leadership, school and community volunteer  
**Statement:** With 20 years experience in education, I’m passionate about what I do and understand that our focus needs to be on the kids. As a teacher and district parent, I know Northshore is a phenomenal school district and that we can be even better. We have high expectations for our district. That is why I’ve worked successfully to raise student achievement, increase access to more rigorous coursework and support innovative programs.

As Board President, I strive for accountability and openness. That means setting clear, measurable goals and always including stakeholders in the decision-making process. I will continue working to address the needs of all learners, expand opportunities in science and math, and prepare all students for college and beyond while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget.

I am honored to serve the Northshore community as your School Board member and ask that you reelect me to another term. Join me: [www.facebook.com/vote.julialacey](http://www.facebook.com/vote.julialacey)

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**Director District No. 5**

**Enid T. Duncan**

**Education:** B.F.A. PLU, M.A. Ed. Goddard College Honors Graduate  
**Occupation:** Private Tutor and Business Owner  
**Statement:** Education of our children is our most important endeavor. As a mother, grandmother and business owner my involvement in the community for the most part has been in the education field. I have a Masters in Education with an emphasis on brain based curriculum development.

My personal experience with such curriculum has yielded great results for children I have tutored. It is my deepest conviction that together we can make our school district one of the best in our state because I will diligently support new advances in education that insure success in children. I have experience as an elected official that will allow me to make sound economic decisions as well.

Article IV of the Washington Constitution states that education is the paramount duty of the State and I believe this is true and we must invest in education which constitutes a bright future for our State.

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**Bruce Burnside**

**Education:** High School Graduate Decatur High School  
**Occupation:** General Manager, Vance Lift Truck Service  
**Statement:** Greetings Fife School District Community  

My name is Bruce Burnside and I am seeking to be your school board representative to the Fife School District for my 3rd term and starting my 10th year. Four of the five board members, including myself, do not currently have children attending Fife Schools and are here for all the right reasons. We all care about a quality learning experience for your children and gladly give our time to help ensure that it continues. I am proud that our board has made the tough financial decisions during the past 5 years while keeping our focus on your children’s education. Please go to the district web site www.fifeschools.com and see some of the great things happening at our schools.

Thank you for your support of the Fife School District. I hope I have earned your vote again this year.

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**John C. West**

**Education:** BS Information Systems (UOP); MBA Management (SPU)  
**Occupation:** Program Manager and Organizational Excellence Consultant Microsoft Corp  
**Statement:** I am proud to say I’m a product of Fife public schools. I believe our community has something special in our School District, we have cultivated a culture of excellence and with it great expectations for our staff and students alike. It is my genuine desire to lend my skills and devotion to the Fife School District to sustain and continue our tradition of excellence in these trying economic times. As district 5 board member, I will draw on my reputation for passionate service and acute problem solving skills to ensure that our school district continues to gain in student learning and community satisfaction. I’m asking you to please support me in my bid to represent District 5 post for Fife Public School Board.

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Be an informed voter!
Commissioner Position No. 2

John Levich

Education: Some College
Occupation: Sales
Statement: I have lived in the Highline area since 1970 and raised my family here. I owned my own company from 1988 through 2010. I was involved in the start up of two local cities, Burien and SeaTac. I was a member and board member of Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce for many years. I am a member of Southcenter Rotary, which is involved in clean water projects around the world. I have also worked with a start-up company that has an effective process to clean water, so I have some knowledge of what the problems are with water treatment. This community has been good to me and my family, and I do believe in giving back. I now am ready to commit to something that is essential to our community: clean water. If elected, I will be responsive and use common sense in making my decisions.

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David G. Lutz

Education: Renton Tech/Customer Service
Occupation: 35 years Residential/Commercial Construction
Statement: I have been serving YOU as your elected official for 18 years with Water District 49.
I will continue to work hard while still rebuilding our infrastructure which includes installing new pipes & meters to your residence.
I have fought hard to keep rates unchanged for 12 of my 18 years.

I have lived in Burien for the last 24 years with my children Josh and Emily where I have owned and operated my own Construction Business for over 35 years for both residential and commercial.

Our current board is working well collectively to maintain a better than ever atmosphere, and I am AGAIN asking for your vote to keep this administration and our goals on track.

Thanks so much for your support.
David G. Lutz
Current King County Commissioner Water District

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Roger Gee

Education: No information submitted
Occupation: Self Employed General Contractor
Statement: Residents in King County Water District 49 expect and deserve a well-run, efficient water system. I will make sure our population growth does not affect the ability to provide clean water, while ensuring a strong infrastructure. Being self-employed, I continually look for new ways to improve efficiency on the job, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I will use these proven methods as your water district commissioner. Communication is the key to building a rapport with management and field workers, so we are all on the same page. A majority of my work is in the Burien area, so I am able to stop and talk with field workers. Burien has been my home for 25 years. I worked with local sports teams and as a community volunteer. I look forward to representing you, the citizens of Burien, and Normandy Park, as your advocate for affordable, clean water.

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Ronald Wastewater District

Commissioner Position No. 2

Ginny Scantlebury

Education: Principia College, BA in History and Elementary Education
Occupation: Co-owner Recreational Sales, a hearth products distributor
Statement: My family has lived and worked in the Shoreline Community since 1982. As a resident and business owner, I rely on the efficient, high quality service and low rates that the district has provided to their customers for many years, and which now faces an uncertain future (under Shoreline City management). I am the financial officer of our family business, past PTA President at Syre, a member of six homeowner boards (twice elected President). The district currently has $6 million in capital reserves and has fully paid for all its facilities. I am concerned that this solvency is in danger from actions that city government is now taking. If I am elected, I will work hard for your interests to ensure that any transition to the city will not jeopardize the sound financial position that the district is in. Please vote for me.

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Gretchen Atkinson

Education: Graduated from Grays Harbor College; also studies at University of Puget Sound, UW, and SCC.
Occupation: Gretchen is the retired owner of a Shoreline travel agency.
Statement: Gretchen Atkinson is married, has 2 grown daughters, and has lived in Shoreline 46 years. She is dedicated to community service and is an active community leader. Her current and previous activities include Chairman, Council of Neighborhoods, Coordinator, Meridian Park Neighborhood Association, President, North City Business Association, Board, Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, Advisory boards for Shoreline Water District, Aurora Business and Community Team, Seattle Public Utilities Acquisition Committee, Democratic PCO, Sound Transit Committee and CERT trained. Gretchen has been the recipient of numerous awards including Golden Acorn, Shoreline Chamber’s Small Business of the Year, Kiwanis “Everyday Hero Award”, and National Women’s Political Caucus “Campaign Heroines”. She believes in Shoreline’s Vision to be an all service city; implement the Ronald Wastewater District’s 2002 Assumption Agreement and believes in a transparent, efficient and accountable board of commissioners.
For responsible, residential representation on the Board,
Vote for Gretchen Atkinson, Position 2.

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Arthur Wadekamper

Education: Bachelor of Arts / University of Washington
Occupation: Retired Accountant
Statement: Arthur L Wadekamper - Bio
Currently a Commissioner and President of the board of directors of Ronald Wastewater District. Born in Yakima, Washington. I move to Richmond Beach in 1965 and have lived here with my wife since then. I graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in accounting. My career years were spent 24 years doing auditing and 13 years as an arbitrator, settling disputed Income tax cases, retiring in 1995. I have been involved with the community in numerous ways since I became a resident in Richmond Beach. I was a Cub-Master for a number of years, and a soccer referee for 20 years. This also included a youth soccer program to train youths to be referee’s thus getting them involved with the community.

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Election results

King County Elections continues to process ballots and report results from Election Day until the election ends on certification day.

Results for the primary election will be posted once on Election Day, August 6, at 8:15 p.m., and updated on subsequent weekdays at 4:30 p.m. until the election is certified on August 20. Results are posted on the King County Elections website.
Richard Matthews

Education: (BA) University of the South * (JD) University of Chicago
Statement: I have served as Ronald Wastewater Commissioner since August 2012. My legal background emphasizing real estate and business transactions has assisted the District in decisions it has faced this year. My record since appointment demonstrates that I have the experience and commitment needed to protect ratepayers and the sanitary system.

Since becoming a Shoreline homeowner in 1989, I have actively volunteered to preserve and enhance our parks, schools, business community and infrastructure. I have solid working relationships with all segments of our community—elected officials; school district and college; utility providers and local businesses. I will continue as Commissioner to collaborate with all groups and ratepayers to meet challenges the District faces—like increasing rate pressures due to County imposed costs arising from the Brightwater system; service issues associated with proposed development at Point Wells and potential consolidation of utility services.

I ask for your Vote.

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George R. Webster

Education: BS Chemical Engineering and a Masters Program in Sanitary Engineering from the University of Washington
Occupation: Licensed Washington State Professional Engineer with 45 years of experience
Statement: George and his wife have lived in Shoreline 34-years. Two children, Robert and Robin, graduated from Shoreline High School. A licensed Professional Engineer with 45 years experience included: two-years as Technical Representative to OECD in Paris, France, while working ten-years as a GS-15 Senior Environmental Engineer with the EPA in Washington D.C. Honors included being a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers with expertise in Water and Wastewater. George’s former company, WEBSTERS’ Inc., specialized in asbestos inspections and abatement management for WSU, UW and ten local school districts, and leaking underground storage tank clean-up actions. George now works as a Consultant to local environmental firms. George’s background will greatly assist the Ronald Wastewater District in completing their “2002 Agreement of Assumption” to merge into the City of Shoreline. George believes in honesty and accountability and will work for increased efficiencies to reduce wastewater treatment costs to Shoreline ratepayers.

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Craig Degginger

Education: B.A. Communications, University of Washington
Occupation: Public Information Officer, Shoreline School District
Statement: Craig Degginger is seeking this position because he cares deeply about Shoreline’s future.

Craig moved here in 1990 with his family, becoming involved in many community organizations. In his role as Shoreline School District’s Public Information Officer, Craig worked tirelessly to achieve the community’s goal of replacing both high schools, providing our children with the buildings they deserve.

Last year, Shoreline citizens voted overwhelmingly for acquisition of the city’s portion of Seattle Public Utilities’ water system, recognizing that their municipal government is best equipped to operate this utility. The majority of Ronald Wastewater’s board opposed this acquisition and now, as the City prepares to implement the assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District by 2017, it’s time to elect new leadership that will work as partners with the City towards that goal.

Our citizens deserve transparency, accountability and efficiency in their commissioners, working towards a seamless transition. Vote for Degginger!

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Reading ballot measure information

Explanatory statements

An explanatory statement is prepared by each district’s attorney stating the effect of the ballot measure if passed into law.

Committees in favor and in opposition

Districts are responsible for appointing committee members to write pro and con statements. The statements are a way to help voters decide how to vote on the measure. King County Elections is not the author or responsible for the content of statements.


**Statement in favor**

**VOTE YES FOR KING COUNTY PARKS!**

The Parks Levy (Proposition 1) renews two expiring levies supporting more than 200 parks and 175 miles of regional trails. Our parks and natural areas provide recreational opportunities, preserve our quality of life, protect wildlife habitat, and safeguard clean air and water. Proposition 1 will:

- Keep our parks clean, open and safe;
- Complete missing links in regional trail system;
- Pay for critical repairs and maintenance;
- Fund local city parks and Woodland Park Zoo.

Our parks need to be protected, well maintained and well operated. By renewing the levies that provide the backbone of our parks funding, you help preserve and protect our regional treasures. Without Proposition 1, 70 percent of parks funding will run out at year’s end, jeopardizing our parks and trails.

Proposition 1 protects our green spaces and ensures this important natural legacy will be there for future generations.

Renewing the parks levy IS NOT A NEW TAX. This modest levy will cost the owner of a $300,000 home less than $5 per month.

**Widely Endorsed:** bipartisan support of King County Council; Mountains to Sound Greenway, Executive Dow Constantine, Washington Trails Association, Cascade Bicycle Club and others.

For more information, visit [http://yesforourparks.com/](http://yesforourparks.com/)

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Respected organizations like Washington Conservation Voters support Proposition 1 because they know that parks, trails and recreation areas are essential to our quality of life. They know the Parks Department has been proactive in building partnerships with the private sector that generate significant revenue to pay for our parks, easing costs for taxpayers. This levy provides over two thirds of the funding for maintaining and operating our parks system. Please vote YES on Proposition 1.

**Statement submitted by:** Charles Royer, Louise Miller and Terry Lavender

www.yesforourparks.com

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**Explanatory statement**

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would replace two expiring levies and authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax to fund parks. The levy would be authorized for a six-year period with collection beginning in 2014 at a rate not to exceed $0.1877 (18.77¢) per $1,000 of assessed valuation. Annual increases in years two through six of the levy would be authorized in an amount equal to the change in the annual CPI or the limitation set forth in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

The levy proceeds would be divided as follows:

- 47% for maintenance and operations of King County’s parks system, with up to 1.3% of that amount for the recreation grant program;
- 39% for additional open space lands, natural areas, resource or ecological lands, right of ways for regional trails, improvement of parks system infrastructure, and development of trailhead facilities;
- 7% to cities in King County for local parks system projects; and
- 7% to the Woodland Park Zoological Society for environmental education emphasizing underserved populations, horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds, conservation and animal care for rare, threatened or endangered Pacific Northwest Species, and existing capital projects and campaigns.

If the proposition is approved, a county citizen oversight board would be established similar to the board that exists for the expiring levies. The board would consist of nine members, who would be nominated by County councilmembers, appointed by the County executive, and confirmed by the council. The board would review all expenditures of levy proceeds and report annually to the executive, council, and regional policy committee.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:

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**Statement in opposition**

More delinquent accounts will be added to the Assessor’s tax rolls if we remain victims of government’s inefficiency and inability to prioritize and cut spending. County and/or Seattle homeowners have been taxed additionally for an emergency response system, high school interscholastic athletics, automated fingerprint ID, public housing, youth offenders, veterinarians, sports stadiums and libraries where patrons now can view free online pornography during extended hours. Councilmembers use homeowners as an ATM and the fact business is conducted in air-conditioned offices in front of the American flag doesn’t make their decisions less odious. With Seattle voters approving waterfront seawall replacement, fewer citizens are going to find home ownership possible. Moreover, most state legislators warn that homeowners will be liable for cost overruns from the deep-bore tunnel. County government should deliver only essential services and find other ways to finance capital improvements.

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**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

In King County, where criminal defense lawyers can become rich at taxpayer expense, some Metro bus drivers have been paid six-figure annual incomes while many college graduates have six-figure student loan debt. The Council says “yes” to renters and public employees, “no” to privatization and tax relief. Property taxes are too high and going higher because valuations have risen, again! Voters should use their ballots to proclaim "no more!"

**Statement submitted by:** John Shackleford
Proposition No. 1
Utility Occupation Tax for Des Moines Streets

This proposition increases the City Utility Occupation Tax to pay for paving existing City streets.

The Des Moines City Council proposes to improve City streets to prevent their further deterioration. This proposition increases the current 6% Utility Occupation Tax to 8% for twenty (20) years authorizing 2.0% for paving existing City streets.

Should this proposition be:
Approved
Rejected

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

Statement in favor

The City is upgrading infrastructure and providing for economic growth and community prosperity by securing funding from other government sources for new road improvements. Unfortunately, there is no money available to maintain existing roads.

Street pavement overlay and restoration is years behind due to the dramatic decline in Real Estate Excise Tax revenue. It takes $1.4 million a year to maintain the street system. That is why additional funding is needed.

The City Council listened to your concerns about a similar proposal in 2011. What is different? If approved, the rate will increase by only 2% (from 6% to 8%), rather than by 3%. This proposal would be limited to 20 years, instead of being permanent. And these funds are dedicated only to street pavement overlays and restoration, and nothing else!

If approved, the City estimates this tax increase would cost a typical family about $10.00 per month. Projects will focus on pavement condition, optimum time to preserve the system, and rehabilitation costs. The City would strive to: maintain geographic balance; group projects to achieve contracting efficiencies; minimize disruptions; and coordinate work with other utilities.

Please, vote YES to preserve our streets. Please vote YES on Prop 1!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Same old spurious arguments. So many falsehoods.

Voters turned down an increase in 2011 for roads and Beach Park. Not just roads.

Utility taxes haven’t been spent on fighting the Third Runway for 8 years!
The City last paved roads in 2010. It hasn’t been ignored.

Don’t trust the opposition’s lies. Drive S. 223rd, 8th Ave S, or any number of other roads to see the need for yourself. Vote YES on Prop 1!

Statement submitted by: Al Isaac • agisaac@aol.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Do you want to pay 33% more utility taxes for 20 years?

Do you see anywhere in the proposition where it says “dedicated only”?

Street maintenance is supposed to be paid by real estate taxes, not utility taxes.

The city spends more maintaining parks than our streets.

This city council ignored the condition of our streets for over a decade.

Now they want to raise our utility taxes to fix their problem.

VOTE NO.

Statement submitted by: Donald F. Wasson • dwasson26@gmail.com

Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize the City of Des Moines to increase the Utility Occupation Tax on utilities from 6% to 8% for a period of twenty (20) years to provide funding for paving existing city streets. The decline in Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) and reduction of property values has reduced the sources of revenue which had provided funding for the City’s streets capital construction projects. Funds from the 2.0% increase would be dedicated to pavement overlays, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of existing City streets. Individual street projects would be selected based on pavement condition and the optimum time to minimize overall street system preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation costs. Taxes received and money spent will be tracked so the public can be assured that their money is being used for these purposes.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
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Fictional characters are great, but they do NOT belong on ballots.

Don’t write in frivolous names when you vote.

Be an informed voter.
AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 6, 2013, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than $0.1877 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year with annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or the limitation in 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater in years two through six, for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County’s parks system; improving parks, recreation and mobility by acquiring open space and continuing to develop regional trails; repairing, replacing, and improving local parks and trails in King County’s cities; funding environmental education, maintenance, conservation and capital programs at the Woodland Park Zoo.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:
1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of twenty-six thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred seventy-five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural area parks, and local rural parks, and is the transitional provider of local parks in the urban unincorporated areas. Examples of regional county parks and trails include Marymoor Park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center and the Sammamish River Trail.
2. Public parks, natural areas, and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A robust system of parks and trails provides: physical, social and mental health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; and environmental benefits and cultural resource protection through open space conservation. King County’s parks system provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.
3. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, which was adopted by the King County council, became the blueprint for establishing the regional parks system we have today. The parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural lands, and local parks in unincorporated King County and has been implementing business practices that generate revenue from park system assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.
4. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces, the county has sought voter-approved levies on two prior occasions: in 2003, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and recreation division for the period of 2004-2007; and in 2007, to provide funding for maintenance and operating, as well as funding for open space acquisition and asset maintenance and improvement, for the period of 2008-2013. Voters approved the levies on both occasions that they were on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have helped keep the parks system open, clean and safe.
5. Approximately seventy percent of the operating budget of the parks and recreation division is provided by the 2008-2013 voter-approved operations and maintenance levy, with approximately seventeen percent generated through business activities and entrepreneurial efforts. King County general fund support to the parks and recreation division was eliminated as of 2011.
6. In 2013, the 2008-2013 voter-approved Open Space and Trails Levy will fund approximately seventy-seven percent of the parks and recreation division’s asset management budget. Historically, the real estate excise tax funded nearly all of the parks and recreation division’s asset management program; however, the real estate excise tax has declined 83 percent from 2006 to 2012.
7. The effective rate of the combined levies in 2013 is $0.1331 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. A comparable effective levy rate beginning in 2014 would need to be $0.1478 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Due to the loss of general funds and real estate excise tax, a higher levy rate is necessary in the future to achieve the recommendations of all the past parks task forces and the council-approved parks business transition plan.
8. Parks levy citizen oversight committees were established to monitor the expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004-2007 and 2008-2013 levies. In every year of its review, the committee has concluded that the county has complied with all levy requirements.
9. As specified under Motion 12809, the King County executive developed and implemented an annual process to review and recommend for council approval open space projects funded by the Open Space and Trails Levy through coordination with the conservation futures tax program.
10. The King County executive convened the King County parks levy task force in June 2012 to recommend a funding plan for the current park system and how to address the parks and recreation needs of King County residents in the future. The task force, which met from June to October, was comprised of twenty-two individuals representing all geographic areas of the county, as well as business, recreation, community, and environmental interests.
11. The task force issued a report in October 2012, recommending that the county replace the expiring levies and put a ballot measure before the voters in 2013 that requests a six-year inflation-adjusted property tax levy lid lift at a total rate of $0.1901 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The task force recommended continuing to fund maintenance and operations of King County’s parks system, as well as funding critical infrastructure repair and replacement, acquisition and stewardship of open space, as such lands can provide for passive or active recreation opportunities and/or protection of habitat and water quality, and the continued development of regional trail corridors, including strategic connections between trails and transportation hubs to improve mobility. The task force also recommended providing support to King County’s cities for local parks and recreation capital purposes and to the Woodland Park Zoological Society for education and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance, and capital improvements.
12. The King County executive supports the findings and recommendations of the task force and has put forth a funding proposal that is consistent with the goals and priorities of the task force, decreasing the rate recommended by the task force by utilizing updated forecasts for real estate excise tax, which enabled adjustments to be made to the overall funding assumptions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. “Conservation futures tax program” means the program defined in K.C.C. chapter 26.12.
B. “Levy” means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purpose and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.
C. “Levy proceeds” means the principal amount of funds raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the funds and the proceeds of any interim financing following authorization of the levy.
D. “Limit factor” means the ratio of the most recent June Consumer Price Index to the immediately previous June Consumer Price Index, which is the final published CPI-W Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor, expressed as a multiple of one hundred percent to achieve the result of one hundred percent plus inflation, or the limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.
E. “Parks system” means any building or other structure, park, open space, natural area, resource or ecological land, trail, or other property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division.
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of the department of natural resources and parks.

F. “Recreation grant program” means the community partnerships and grants program through which King County provides funds to recreation-oriented groups, sports associations and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of developing, operating or maintaining a public park or recreation facility or program in King County for public benefit.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary funds for the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2014, at a rate not to exceed $0.1877 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

A. Forty-seven percent for maintenance and operations of King County’s parks system, of which no more than one and three tenths percent of total levy proceeds is for the recreation grant program;

B. Thirty-nine percent for:
   1. Acquisition, conservation and stewardship of additional open space lands, natural areas, resource or ecological lands;
   2. Acquisition and development of rights of ways for regional trails;
   3. Major maintenance repair, replacement and improvement of parks system infrastructure; and
   4. Development of trailhead facilities to increase access to parks and trails;

C. If the county council, in its sole discretion, finds that annual revenues from the real estate excise tax 1 and real estate excise tax 2 from the real estate excise taxes imposed under K.C.C. 4A.51.100 and 4A.510.120 have increased sufficiently that the levy amount needed for the purposes identified in subsection B. of this section should be reduced, it may reduce the annual dollar amount levied for the parks levy based on this finding and the entire dollar amount of the reduction in the levy proceeds for that year shall be allocated solely to the distribution of levy proceeds for the purposes set forth in subsection B. of this section. Such annual reduction shall not limit the authority of the council to levy in any future year without such reduction or to modify the distribution of levy proceeds levied in any future year;

D. Seven percent for distribution to cities in King County for their local parks system projects, of which amount fifty percent shall be distributed based on city population and fifty percent shall be distributed based on the assessed value of parcels within a city;

E. Seven percent for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological Society for: environmental education with emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved populations throughout the county; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation and animal care for rare, threatened or endangered Pacific Northwest species; and board-approved capital projects/campaigns in existence as of December 31, 2012; and

F. Of the proceeds designated for distribution to King County cities and the Woodland Park Zoological Society, a portion shall be retained by the county to be used for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible administrative expenditures shall include all costs and charges to the parks and recreation division or the county associated with or attributable to the purposes listed in subsections D. and E. of this section of this ordinance. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds may not supplant existing funding.

SECTION 5. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2013, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the following form:

The King County council has passed Ordinance ___ concerning funding for parks, trails, recreational facilities and open space. This proposition would replace two expiring levies and fund maintenance and operations of the King County parks system; trails and open space for recreation, habitat and water quality; city parks; and zoo programs, all subject to citizen oversight. This proposition authorizes an additional property tax of $0.1877 per $1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2014 and authorizes increases by the annual percentage change in the CPI or the limitation in 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater, for five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved? __

Rejected? __

SECTION 6. Distributions. Each distribution of levy proceeds to a King County city or to the Woodland Park Zoological Society, or its successor, for the eligible purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance shall be subject to the execution of a contract between the county and each entity for the same project. Distribution of levy proceeds to King County for open space acquisition purposes shall be in accordance with the annual conservation futures tax process for the development, review and recommendation to the King County council as set forth in the open space and natural lands acquisition process, which is included as Attachment A to this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Parks levy citizen oversight board established.

A. If the proposition in section 5 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified electors of King County, a parks levy citizen oversight board shall be appointed by the executive. The board shall consist of nine members. Each councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board from the councilmember’s district no later than ninety days from the start of the first year of collections. If the executive does not appoint within sixty days of the nominations a person who has been nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the councilmember should within thirty days of the request nominate another candidate for appointment. Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members shall be residents of King County and may not be elected or appointed officials of any unit of government, except that citizens serving in a civic capacity on a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy citizen oversight board.

B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on achieving the purposes of this proposition. The report shall include information on the status of addressing maintenance needs and controlling noxious weeds in King County’s parks system. On or before December 31, 2015, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2014. Thereafter, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee annually. Any report to the King County council under this section shall be made in the form of a paper original and an
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electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. The parks and recreation division shall provide the board with all reports on division activities that the division transmits to the King County council in accordance with K.C.C. 7.08.090. The board expires December 31, 2020.

SECTION 8. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on August 6, 2013, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 17568 was introduced on 2/25/2013 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/29/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski

No: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn

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