

August 3, 2021 Primary and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by July 19

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Elections



From the Director

Dear Friends,

I am here to tell you something that if you're reading this, you already know: **Local. Elections. Matter.**

This year, you'll vote on everything from fire district commissioner to your city council or even mayor. You'll vote on countywide offices and school board directors. You'll vote on ballot measures and judges and more.

With over 330 offices up for election in King County and hundreds more candidates who filed to run, it can be daunting to feel confident in every voting decision and every oval you fill in. **I'm here to urge you to take the time.**

Take the time to get to know who is running in your city, get to know what they stand for and how they'll represent you. Take the time to read candidate statements and find out what organizations you trust have to say. Take the time to find out how ballot measures will impact the services you care the most about.

These local elections are about our schools, roads, parks, utilities, emergency services, how our tax dollars get spent on these, and so much more. Local elections have an incredible impact on our day-to-day lives, and it is worth it to spend the time thinking about who you want to represent you in those discussions and those decisions.

I hope you'll join me in casting your ballot in this Primary election by Election Day, August 3. As always, if you need any assistance, don't hesitate to give us a call at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Happy voting!

Julie Wise

Voting tips



Fill out your ballot

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

Sign your envelope

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

Return your ballot early

Whether returning your ballot by mail or by drop box, don't wait until Election Day! Get your ballot back early.

If returning by drop box, there are more than 70 locations available across the county. You'll find the full list on pages 8-9 of this pamphlet. Drop boxes close promptly at 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 3.

If returning by mail, your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day, August 3. No stamp is needed.

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Did you know?

Did you know you can receive your ballot and voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, or Vietnamese?

Fill out the request form online and you'll receive all correspondence from our office, as well as your ballot and voting materials in your preferred language. Visit kingcounty.gov/elections to submit your request today!

If you need assistance, please call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683).



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

Your ballot will arrive by July 19.



Contact information

phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)
 1-800-325-6165
 TTY Relay: 711
 email: elections@kingcounty.gov
 online: kingcounty.gov/elections

Vote centers

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

Free parking for voters is available at all locations, except Lumen Field Event Center.

Locations	Hours of operation
Renton King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, July 14 - 23, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, July 26 – August 2, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Election Day, August 3, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, July 31, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S, 98003	Monday, August 2, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 3, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
Seattle Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134 Walk-in entrance on the corner of Occidental Ave S and S Royal Brougham Way	



Did you know that you can access your ballot online?

Lost and damaged ballots happen. There's an easy way to access and print your ballot right from home!

- Visit kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp and enter the required information to access your ballot.
- Make your selections on the computer or print out a blank ballot and fill it in by hand. If you choose to make your selections online, please double check those selections before and after printing your ballot.
- Return via mail or secure drop box, just like you normally would. No postage is required if using the included envelope cover sheet.

Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program to access and print their ballot.

Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking program has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot.



Other voting options

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



Track your ballot online!

All voters are able to track their ballot online to make sure it was received by King County Elections and track it through the process to being counted.

If there is an issue with your signature, the ballot tracker will point you in the right direction to get that fixed so your vote can be counted. If there are no issues with your ballot, you'll be able to rest easy on Election Day knowing that your voice was heard.

Visit the My Voter Information tool on our website to track your ballot today!

Who can register

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name. Simply update your information online at VoteWA.gov or submit a new paper registration form by July 26 for the Primary election or visit us in person at one of our Vote Centers. If your signature has changed, please submit a new paper registration by July 26 or come see us in person – updates to signatures may not be done online.

How to register to vote

Online

You can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov – all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID. You can register online by July 26 for the Primary election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office (address on page 4). It must be received by July 26 for the Primary election.

In person

You can register in person through August 3, Election Day, at one of our Vote Centers. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 4 and on our website at kingcounty.gov/elections.

16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register today!

16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote online or by mail at any time. Their registration will be assigned a 'pending' status until they turn 18. If the registrant turns 18 before the next scheduled Election Day, they will automatically be mailed a ballot at their registered address.



Public Health Notice

As part of the continued effort to stop the spread of CoVID-19 in our community, King County Elections strongly recommends registering to vote, updating your registration, and accessing your ballot online when needed for the rest of the year.

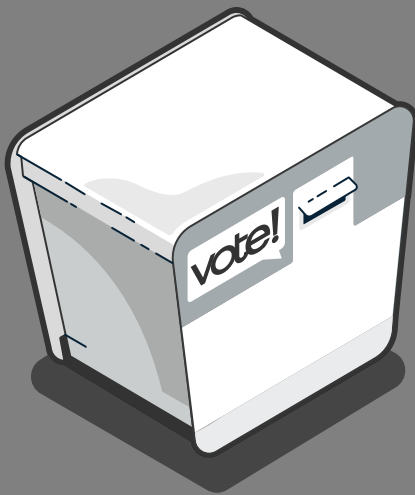
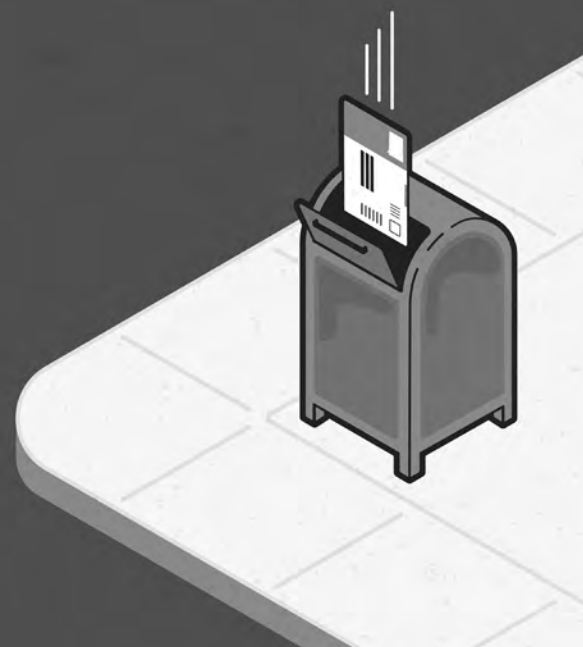
We will have Vote Centers open for those who need assistance or have missed the deadlines but ask that those who are able to utilize the online tools do so.

Return your ballot by mail.

No Stamp Needed!

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

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by August 3.



The drop box at Kentridge High School has moved!

To ensure 24-hour access, this drop box has permanently moved to Kent Panther Lake Library located at 20500 108th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.

Return your ballot at a drop box.

Over 70 locations!

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. sharp on August 3.

List of drop box locations on next page



Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning July 15 and close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, August 3.


Auburn

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

Bellevue

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

Black Diamond

 Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Bothell

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011

Burien

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

Carnation

 Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Ave, 98014

Covington

Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Des Moines

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

Duvall

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

Enumclaw

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way

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


Issaquah


Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

 Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030

 Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031
*The drop box at Kentridge High School has been moved to
Panther Lake Library to ensure 24-hour access to the box.*

Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance),
401 4th Ave N, 98032

Kirkland

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

Lake Forest Park

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

Maple Valley

Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038

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

Mercer Island

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

Newcastle

Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056

Normandy Park

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

North Bend

North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045


Pacific

Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Redmond

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

Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
 * Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Avenue SW, 98057
* Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

SeaTac

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

Shoreline

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

Snoqualmie
Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065
Tukwila
* Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168
Vashon
Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070
Woodinville
Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle drop boxes

Ballard
Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and 22nd Ave NW, 98107
Beacon Hill
Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144 NewHolly Neighborhood Campus, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118
Broadview/Greenwood
Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133
Bryn Mawr-Skyway
Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178
Capitol Hill
Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122
Central District
Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122
Chinatown/International District
Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104
Columbia City
Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118
Downtown
King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104
Fremont/Wallingford
Waterway 19 Park (next to Gas Works Park), 2119 N Northlake Way, 98103

Green Lake/Phinney
Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115
Lake City
Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125
Magnolia
* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199
Northgate
North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103
Queen Anne
* Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119
Rainier Valley
Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118
Sand Point/Laurelhurst
* Magnuson Park (near The Brig), 6344 NE 74th St, 98115
South Lake Union
South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109
South Park
South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108
University District
University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by north entrance on NE 41st St), 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, 98195
West Seattle/Delridge
Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116
High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126
new South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106
White Center
White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, August 3.



Your signature matters.

Under Washington State law, the signature on your ballot return envelope must match the signature that's on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted. That means we check every single signature on every single return envelope in every single election. Each election, about 1% of ballots are returned either without a signature or with a signature that doesn't quite match. Don't let that be you.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check and your ballot gets counted:

- If you register online, we pull your signature from the Dept. of Licensing, so check the signature on your driver's license or state ID and try to match that as closely as you can.
- Your signature does not need to be written in cursive or nicely or even legibly, it just needs to match the one that we already have on file. If you have a chicken scratch signature, that's okay! Just make sure you scratch it out the same way each time you vote.
- If you have no idea what signature you might have used or it's been a while and your signature has changed, you can always update your signature simply by returning a paper voter registration form. You can download a paper registration form at bit.ly/WAVoteRF. Returning a paper registration form will add your updated signature to your file.
- Track your ballot to ensure that it gets counted. If there's an issue with your signature, you'll see it there on the online ballot tracker. You'll find the ballot tracker on our My Voter Information tool at kingcounty.gov/elections.

If there is an issue with your signature not matching or if you just plain forgot to sign, we will send you a letter and, if we have it, we'll reach out by email and phone as well. To make sure your ballot is counted, you'll need to fill out and return a simple form before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16.



How to return your forms to King County Elections:

- **By email:**
Take a clear photo or scan and send to voter.services@kingcounty.gov. This is the fastest way to return forms to us. A clear photo is the key to success here!
- **By mail:**
Send to 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057
- **In person:**
You can return it to any Vote Center on or before Election Day or to our Renton headquarters (919 SW Grady Way, Renton) after Election Day.
- **By fax:**
206-296-4499



If you have questions about signature challenges or how to fix yours, please call us at 206-205-5686.



MAKE A VOTE PLAN TODAY!

Life is busy. You've got a lot on your plate. We get it. Making a plan to vote can help make sure that you get your ballot in on time so your vote can be counted and your voice can be heard.

Ballots will be mailed on July 14 and should arrive by July 19. If you don't receive your ballot, call King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683) or go online to print your ballot at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

When will I fill out my ballot?

- Immediately after receiving my ballot
- The first weekend after I receive my ballot
- On Election Day (not recommended)

Who will I vote with?

- By myself
- With my partner or family
- With my friends

How will I vote?

- I've read the voters' pamphlet and know who/what I plan to vote for
- I have more research to do to make up my mind

How will I return my ballot?

- By drop box
- By mail

My local drop box is:

When will I return my ballot?

- Immediately after I fill it out
- On my way to work/school/errands within a few days
- On Election Day (not recommended)

Will I track my ballot?

- Yes - I will make sure my ballot is counted
- No - I will assume it's counted without checking

Duties of offices in this election

Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2021)
King County Executive (elected by voters in King County)	Responsible for the implementation of council and commission policies and the day-to-day administration of county government and services.	4	\$248,148
Metropolitan King County Council(elected by voters in County Council District)	Sets policies, enacts laws, adopts the county budgets, and provides oversight to county services.	4	\$163,394
City Mayor (elected by voters in the city)	Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government.	4	Varies by city
City Council (elected by voters in the city)	Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies, and oversees public services.	4	Varies by city
Seattle City Attorney (elected by voters in the city)	Supervises all City litigation, provides legal advice to the City of Seattle's management, and prosecutes violations of City ordinances.	4	\$183,848
School District Director/ Position (elected by voters in the school district ¹)	Sets policies for schools, provides oversight for the operations of the school system, and represents the interests of the community on public education issues.	4	No annual salary
Public Hospital Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.	6	No annual salary
Fire District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees fire services including fire response and protection, emergency medical aid, and more.	6	No annual salary
Water District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.	6	No annual salary
Sewer/Wastewater Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the sewer district to maintain facilities, meet water needs, and meet environmental requirements.	6	No annual salary
Utility District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy, and monitor use of many types of energy.	6	No annual salary

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



Who donates to campaigns?

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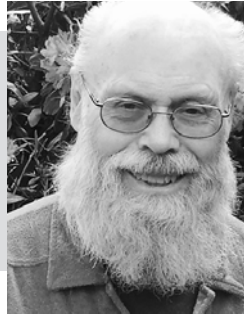
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Education: Minnesota born. University educated in Germany, Sweden, and America: Master's and Bachelor's Degrees.

Occupation: Taking the many jobs prosperity pathway, SpaceGuy became an owner.

Statement: Elect Prosperous, Octogenarian Goodspaceguy King County Executive (SpaceGuy for short.) To prepare our minds for our amazing future, let us start referring to Planet Earth as Spaceship Earth. On Spaceship Earth, we travel through space around our Sun within our Milky Way Galaxy.

Ages ago, life from Earth's oceans rose up and gradually colonized the land, a great achievement. Now life's new destiny is to rise up again and gradually colonize orbital space. SpaceGuy imagines many of your descendants moving up to the greatness of the orbital space colonies.

On Spaceship Earth, SpaceGuy wants to raise the living standard by abolishing the job-destroying Minimum Wage of the Command Economy of stagnant Socialism. The Minimum Wage causes job loss and promotes homelessness and shoplifting. Declare the crime promoting Minimum Wage unconstitutional. Make King County safer.

Government moratoriums on rental evictions are harmful and will probably decrease the supply of rental housing, thereby increasing rents, harming the renters whom the government was trying to help. Move away from the Command Economics of stagnant Socialism. Socialism is always so out of balance and wasteful that it caused East Germans to risk their lives fleeing to West Germany after World War 2.

Starting in King County, let us see how high we can raise the living standard by returning to the economics of Capitalism, where Supply and Demand rapidly adjust wages and prices in search of Profits. Profits are the reward incentives that create employment under Capitalism. Greater profits, greater employment! SpaceGuy wants to make it easy for the homeless and others to get jobs. Starting with King County, let us reject the Command Economy of stagnant Socialism. Embrace the Free Market Economy of Capitalistic Consumerism. Let the Consumers and Taxpayers lead. Elect Goodspaceguy as King County Executive.

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Education: University of Washington: BA, MA Urban Planning, Law; West Seattle High School

Occupation: King County Executive; former Councilmember, Senator, Representative; Attorney; Planner

Statement: When COVID-19 arrived here—the first place in the country—I took swift, decisive action. We led with science and reason, saving thousands of lives. The New York Times reported that had America followed our lead, “the nation could have avoided more than 300,000 coronavirus deaths.” *As we emerge from the pandemic, I'm bringing that same clarity and resolve to the toughest challenges—homelessness, racial bias, public safety, climate action, and uniting our region for an economic recovery where everyone can thrive.*


We are taking bold action on homelessness, moving thousands of chronically homeless people off the streets this year, into housing with the services to restore lives. Through Best Starts for Kids, we've kept 10,000 children and families safely housed. This crisis, worsened by the pandemic, requires both compassion and the proven ability to drive actual change.

We're improving public safety—and public trust: Gun violence prevention, aid to victims of domestic violence, and collaboration with communities to create real safety and appoint a new sheriff. We're helping kids stay in school, graduate, and avoid the criminal legal system—driving down youth detention nearly 10-fold.

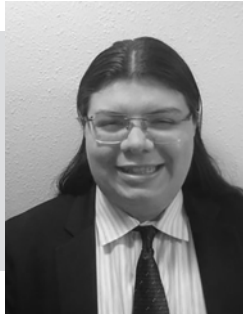
Urgent action on climate—I've led the fight for regional light rail, made Metro the Best Large Transit Agency in North America (2018), and launched the conversion to all-electric buses; protected miles of forests, farmlands, and shorelines; and planted over one million trees.

Progressive, visionary leadership—that's why I'm endorsed by Governors Inslee, Gregoire, and Locke; 40 Democratic legislators; MLK Labor, SEIU, UFCW, Nurses, Firefighters, and Building Trades unions; Washington Conservation Voters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; and diverse community leadership. My parents—retired public school teachers—taught me values of service and community. Shirley and I are raising our daughter in the same West Seattle neighborhood where I grew up.

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Johnathon Crines



Education: Bachelor's in Political Economics and History, from the College of Idaho.

Occupation: Security Guard, Fortune Casino Tukwila, Sole Proprietor, Tapata Design Company

Statement: It is a matter of indisputable fact that the country will never be the same after COVID-19. We may return to a version of our normal lives before the pandemic, but the damage has been done. Systems we trusted broke down and failed, and as a result, many people died. What we need, is systematic change. We deserve better leadership more committed to the ideals of this great nation. I am that leadership, committed in my entirety to providing liberty and justice for everyone. Ensuring a more prosperous future for all of us.

My name is Johnathon Crines. For the last four years, I have studied political economics and history at the College of Idaho. What I bring to this office is expertise in the science of government itself and the innovative knowledge of the latest developments in the field from across the globe. In my studies, I have found problems, local and national, that desperately need solving. Our education system, public infrastructure, environmental protection, healthcare policy, and justice system, all need reform, to live up to our nation's founding principles.

I have studied the way discrimination and social inequality still infect our society. And I have learned the way these problems have been combated: by reforming the institutions that promote discrimination. Over the course of this campaign, I have written and published my plans to do so in painstaking detail. I have executed my campaign the way I intend to execute my office: with absolute transparency.

Like it or not the country and the county will never be the same after COVID. But we can rebuild our county stronger than before in terms of economic growth, environmental protection, educational advancement and social justice. For a better tomorrow for all of us, I humbly ask for your vote.

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Education: Bachelor's in Finance/Humanities from Seattle University with a minor in Economics

Occupation: Senior Program Manager, Microsoft & State Senator, 34th Legislative District

Statement: After 12 years of current leadership failing to solve our biggest problems like homelessness, it's time for change. As we recover from this pandemic, we need an Executive who will change the system *right now* and leaders that reflect the values of Martin Luther King County. I'm the son of refugees from White Center, and worked as a janitor at my own high school. Despite great adversity, I broke the cycle of poverty through support from public services and hard work to build a successful career in the private sector.

As a State Senator, I've worked hard to make Washington a place where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Since taking office, we've passed policies that are making a difference in people's lives: tax breaks for seniors and working families, strengthening police accountability, and funding critical anti-poverty programs to keep people housed.

The work I've accomplished in Olympia shows we can get things done. As King County Executive, I'll bring that same energy to tackle our ongoing emergencies like homelessness, housing affordability, gun violence, climate change, and economic recovery. Too many people are still barely getting by for us to be satisfied with small changes. We need leaders who share the same experiences as families in King County and will act with the urgency required to deliver results.

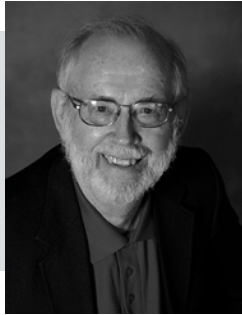
When a terrible car accident left my father quadriplegic, our neighbors built my family a ramp that we couldn't have afforded on our own. That compassion is what motivates me to serve: the drive to build a future I'll be proud for my three young kids to inherit.

I'm proud to be supported by small business owners, frontline workers, teachers, union members and haven't taken a dime of corporate PAC money. Politics should be about people, not careers. Let's get to work.

Executive

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Education: BS and MS Engineering, Iowa State University

Occupation: Retired after 26 years as Boeing Engineer

Statement: My candidacy this year for King County Executive, like my previous 9 candidacies, is with no expectation or desire to win, but to inform voters. This year the Northgate Link debut in September will vindicate those attempts to prevent Sound Transit from extending light rail routed through the DSTT beyond UW station, across I-90 Bridge, or beyond SeaTac.

Northgate operation will do nothing to reduce I-5 congestion into Seattle. It will force I-5 bus commuters to transfer to and from light rail for the commute into and out of Seattle. During peak commute those riders will limit access for University Link riders. During off-peak, trains will be essentially empty and operating costs will soar. The Northgate Link problems will be dwarfed when East Link debuts in 2023, splitting DSTT capacity between I-90 Bridge and Central Link south.


ST has spent a decade refusing to increase transit ridership with added parking with access to increased bus capacity on I-5 and I-90 corridors. Instead they continue to spend hundreds of millions annually on extensions beyond Northgate, Angel Lake and Overlake that won't increase transit capacity rather than to West Seattle and Ballard that would.

My candidacy this year is to also offer county residents the option of voting for someone who shares their concerns with Democrats dominating state and local governments and most of the media. Don't believe "white supremacy is the country's top security threat". Don't believe the country is systemically racist or that teaching the 1619 Project or Critical Race Theory benefits the country. Believes the police departments need to be appreciated not defunded.

Also recognizes the futility of the state's attempt to reduce CO2 emissions when the entire country only emits 15% of the total and that energy for EV batteries comes from fossil-fueled power plants.

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Council District No. 3

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Occupation: Attorney, telecom; previous: U.S. Justice Department, Congress, Obama White House

Statement: Born and raised here on the Eastside, I'm running to represent our community at a time when we face unprecedented challenges. The Eastside needs a champion on the King County Council to represent our interests, and who understands our unique perspective. We need experienced leaders who will act with the urgency required to meet this moment.

It's been six years since a homelessness emergency was announced in King County, and things have only gotten worse. With my background in government oversight, I'll demand accountability in how we address homelessness so we can finally make meaningful progress on this crisis. I'll also be relentless in my pursuit of integrity and efficiency in the King County government to make sure that the County's \$13 billion budget is spent on programs that deliver results.

With 10 years of criminal justice policy and oversight experience, including at the U.S. Department of Justice, on Senator Maria Cantwell's legislative staff, and in the Obama White House, I'll work to ensure public safety while simultaneously bringing transparency and accountability to the King County Sheriff's Office.

From salmon habitat to open spaces, we must balance our area's growth with its impact on the environment, and do our part on the county level to combat climate change. I've enjoyed our area's natural beauty my entire life, and feel a responsibility to ensure our community can continue to enjoy what makes our region such a special place to live.

As we recover from the pandemic, we must focus on supporting our local businesses, while also creating an environment where new businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive. I'm asking for your vote so that we can work together to solve the significant challenges we face. *Endorsements include Representative Amy Walen, Newcastle Deputy Mayor Tony Ventrella, 48th Legislative District Democrats, and more.*

Kathy Lambert

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Education: University of Washington Bachelors, Teacher Certification, AA degree College of Marin, Public Policy Training Certification

Occupation: King County Councilmember, Former House of Representatives and Former Teacher

Statement: We need experienced leadership to help guide our future as we regain normalcy from an unprecedented pandemic that has decimated people's lives and our economy. Representing the largest of the county districts, Kathy is a proven leader with a track record of providing local and regional services.

To help with COVID recovery, Kathy helped develop a grant program that distributed over \$16 million in federal grants to help our small unincorporated businesses. In addition, funds were provided for supplies, such as test kits and PPE, to help reduce COVID-19 transmission.

Kathy's experience with law and justice issues helped her to develop social service programs to reduce recidivism and help people get their lives back on track. Her leadership with the Community Court Program began as a pilot in our district, and its success has led to adoption throughout the county.

On the Law and Justice Committee, Kathy helped establish the Court of the Future using technology to create efficiencies in our legal system. She led the update of King County's emergency preparedness plans and has helped establish multiple programs to help youth in crisis. Her commitment to public safety is vital as the Sheriff's office transitions to an appointed position. Kathy will work to ensure that our Law Enforcement Officers have the resources and training to protect and serve.

Kathy's financial expertise has helped us maintain the county's AAA credit rating, saving taxpayer money. She also serves on the Flood Control District that develops plans and builds projects to reduce flooding and to deliver habitat restoration. She represents us on several state boards, including the board of directors and the legislative steering committee of the Washington State Association of Counties. Kathy has the experience and dedication we need representing us on the King County Council. Please vote for Kathy Lambert!

Council District No. 3

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Education: Seattle University and Ohio State studying transformational leadership, political science

Occupation: Small business owner, consultant, non-profit executive; not a career politician

Statement: Sarah Perry is the leader we need to remove barriers for recovering small businesses, assist families in need of childcare, and help displaced workers regain a foothold in a changing economy. Sarah brings a twenty year record of hands-on, local leadership to the County Council. She has worked to build affordable housing and help the vulnerable, invest in community nonprofits that improve and enrich our lives. An advocate for survivors of domestic violence, Sarah will be a strong partner for public safety, gun violence prevention, and communities where all can thrive.

Like many, Sarah was drawn to our area for the natural beauty and rural character. She will protect open spaces, forests, rivers and watersheds, and adopt land use policies that safeguard our small towns and local farms. With east King County on the front lines of worsening fire seasons and climate change, Sarah will demand continued action at the County and State level to protect our health and future.

A transit champion, Sarah will expand transit alternatives and connections, like electric shuttles to Redmond's new Light Rail, and Metro throughout the I-90 corridor. Sarah will also address the urgent safety and maintenance needs of our rural roads and bridges, a leadership failure that endangers our safety.

Sole Endorsements: Eastside and Redmond Firefighters, nurses and home care workers represented by SEIU 775 & 1199, Washington Conservation Voters, Congressman Adam Smith, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, the 5th, 41st & 45th District Democrats, and more!

After 20 years of the same councilmember, our Eastside communities need new leadership; a champion who delivers for the fastest growing district in King County, and the hard working people who call it home. Sarah Perry understands the values and priorities we share, and has the experience to get the job done.

Council District No. 7

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Education: Master's in Organizational Management, University of Phoenix; BA in Biology, Sterling College; Leadership Certificates

Occupation: Federal Way Councilmember; Financial Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, King County Housing Authority

Statement: Thank you for being an informed voter. Our County Councilmember has represented our district for 28 years. In that time, our region has changed and grown. It's time for a change in leadership that reflects our communities and meets the urgent needs of our families and small businesses. I am ready to rise to the challenge.

As an infant I lost my legs in an accidental fire. I came to America, from Ethiopia, in search of opportunity. I have learned to live with my disability, but I fought for the opportunity I was looking for, all while raising three amazing sons. The journey as a working single mom was not easy. Having suffered housing insecurity and financial hardships along the way, I've dedicated my career to helping vulnerable families regain stability and independence during tough times. As we recover from the pandemic, these skills are critical to recovery across our region.

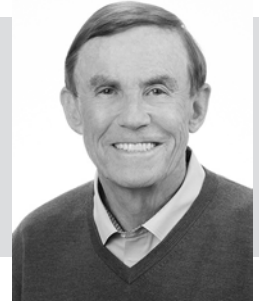
I will work tirelessly for jobs and financial stability. I will create pathways for living wage salaries. I will emphasize job training, workforce development, and apprenticeships. I will work for veterans, displaced workers, and small businesses struggling to recover. I'll fight for more affordable and supportive housing with pathways to home ownership.

With your support, I will be our voice for healthy and vibrant communities that create a culture of inclusivity and encourage health and wellness. I will continue working to reform our justice system and to create safer representative government institutions.

I'm proudly supported by fellow elected officials and neighbors seeking positive change. This is why I am running for King County Council. We need change at the county level. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: Clover Park High School; University of Alabama, BA; US Army, Advanced Leadership Courses.

Occupation: King County Councilmember

Statement: *Together We Can.* Whether it's building more recreational centers and sports facilities for our seniors and youth, working to improve transportation modes for South King County commuters or supporting public safety in our neighborhoods, Pete von Reichbauer is listening to, and fighting for, us.

Pete served on the founding boards of St. Francis Hospital and the Auburn/Federal Way Boys and Girls Club, and has been honored by FUSION (which provides transitional housing for families) as well as the Korean community and the Auburn Food Bank, for his commitment to helping others. Recognizing the unspoken needs that exist in our community, he has supported mental health programs for English and non-English speaking residents, and started a program to donate retired King County vans to non-profits so they can transport people who need services.

From preserving the Hylebos Waterway and Bingaman Pond, to reopening Redondo Road and providing our South King County youth with softball and baseball fields, Pete has worked tirelessly to improve our community. Instrumental in siting the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center and sustaining it as a world class facility for daily swimmers as well as NCAA athletes, Pete has also worked to improve the ways we commute by supporting the Sounder train service in Auburn and light rail in Federal Way.

The Seattle/King County Municipal League selected Pete as the Public Official of the Year because of his leadership in making government more responsive. In addition, Pete has been endorsed by firefighters (IAFF Local 2024), labor, and job-producing businesses across King County.

Because of his record of working to solve problems, Pete has been endorsed by the mayors of Algona, Auburn, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Maple Valley, Renton and Pacific as well as former County Executive Ron Sims.

Council District No. 7

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Statement: We need government to go back to being servants of the people. The words career and politician should never go hand in hand, but unfortunately it is now all too common, continually reinforced by greed and need to excessively control.

King County has become an extremely oppressive entity over its citizens, and it needs to stop. As residents, workers and business owners of this county, we should feel respected, supported, encouraged and appreciated, but based on how this county is run, we are at the complete opposite side of where we should be. *I want to do my part to get us back to where we need to be.*

I have lived in King County since 1989, growing up in a rural unincorporated area, where we developed an appreciation for the outdoors and rural life. Prior to becoming a business owner, I had worked largely in customer service positions. During my customer service years, I became a lead customer service agent where I developed and learned valuable leadership skills, and where I also became a Union steward for a local union lodge.

As a small business owner and resident located in unincorporated King County, I personally know all too well the unreasonable and ever progressing struggles of what it is like to live in the rural area, having to fight tooth and nail against the county just to be able to exist.

Our elected leaders do not seem to understand the wants and needs of those that live in the unincorporated areas, or maybe they don't care. Either way, I need to do my part and be a servant to our residents and try to undo and fix the ever-cascading waterfall of mistakes that continue to come from current King County politicians and policies they have created.

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Education: Bachelor's in Justice Studies, Georgia Southern University; Master's in Public Administration, Kaplan University

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Statement: Statement: I am running because it's time for new leadership in this area. District 7 is rapidly growing and changing. This community deserves strong, decisive and invested leaders who advocate for south King County's best interests. I am an accomplished Executive Leader with nationwide experience working with large and small nonprofits, governmental and tribal entities. I will focus on three pillars throughout my campaign:

Economy and recovery: I would like to highlight the business community and the strategic advantage of this area. As existing businesses recover from the Covid 19 pandemic, it is imperative that the council invest in and support these efforts. I am currently developing a plan to not only grow these businesses, but also bring more investment and expansion opportunities to District 7.

Education: The daughter of an educator, I understand the importance of accessibility. Too many of our students do not have access to broadband or strong internet services. The county must support cities in increasing access to technology. It is essential that the county step in and fill the gaps to ensure student, teacher and staff safety. It is time to invest in pre-apprenticeship programs, technical & vocational training for students who choose not to go the traditional college route.

Community safety: I've spent half of my life working in the criminal justice system. I know that creating systems of accountability are critical to improving public safety. Investing in training officers to deal with those with mental or behavioral health issues is my priority. Reallocating budgets to include behavioral health clinicians so officers can focus on community policing is essential.

Council District No. 9

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Statement: I am a single, Black Immigrant mother and homeowner in the unincorporated area of Renton. I came to King County 25 years ago as a 15 year-old refugee. My values are shaped by my lived experiences lacking adequate housing, mental healthcare, and food security throughout my childhood.

For decades, we've seen police brutality against Black people, continued erasure of Native people, cruel separations of Latino families, rising anti-Asian hate crimes, and high suicide rates and opioid addiction in white communities. These problems peaked last year with COVID and a renewed reckoning of systemic racial injustices. Today, we need bold vision rooted in the community to reimagine how King County functions. I bring forth decades-long experience building policy to tackle systemic issues in our region.

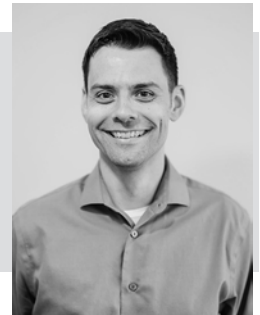
I've consistently delivered wins such as the \$15 minimum wage campaigns in SeaTac and Seattle. I've managed million-dollar funds to build an infrastructure of community-based groups. I successfully introduced bills in Congress. I've directed offices to create equitable economic development and COVID recovery.

As your Councilmember, I will rebuild from our economic, housing, climate, and health crises by increasing infrastructure access, transforming our criminal legal system, and preserving our farmlands, forests, and waterways. I will lead in creating equitable economic opportunities and public health resources for our unincorporated areas and BIPOC communities. I will prioritize land usage and housing policies to center environmental justice and homeless, mobile homeowners, and renters. To tackle these issues, we need strategies designed to be deployed concurrently for transformative change.

To achieve justice, we must be transparent in our values and actions. My aim is to build a movement that will hold me accountable to constituents, social movements, and working class communities. Endorsements: Senator Rebecca Saldaña, City Councilmembers Tammy Morales, Mike O'Brien, Zak Idan, Lydia Assefa.

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Education: BA in Political Science, Central Washington University; proud graduate of Washington public schools

Occupation: Program Manager, King County Government; former Paratrooper Commander, US Army

Statement: My life has been defined by service. My grandfather immigrated to the United States from Mexico and joined the Army to serve his new country. Following in his and my father's footsteps, I joined the Army in 2007, continuing our family's legacy of service. After eight years serving our country as an Airborne Ranger-qualified Infantry Officer, I returned to King County to build a life with my wife and four young kids. I've been proud to continue my public service within the King County government for the last six years.

I'm running to represent our community on the King County Council because the last 16 years of leadership has allowed too many of us to fall behind, through short-sighted policies and self-interest. Those failures have led to us being in a state of emergency on homelessness for the last six years with nothing to show for it, seniors at risk of losing their homes where they've spent their entire lives, and young families struggling to find housing that's affordable. We need leadership that embodies service and actually delivers for our community.

Leaders don't show up with complaints, they show up with solutions. So here are mine: I'll champion local economic recovery policies that create jobs with the wages, benefits, and safe working conditions that we need to thrive. I will invest in our local infrastructure and environment so that we have a community that is prosperous, connected, and healthy for all. I'll make our government more accessible, transparent, and accountable so that we get the investments and representation our district deserves.

I'm proud to have earned endorsements from VoteVets, Laborers, Carpenters, Iron Workers, Painters, Machinists, Transit Operators; the 5th, 11th, 31st, 41st Legislative District, and King County Democrats; and many local community leaders.

Let's get to work for our district.

Council District No. 9

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

Occupation: County Councilmember; Former Federal Prosecutor; National Coordinator, Project Safe Neighborhoods

Statement: It has been my privilege to be your advocate on the King County Council.

I am troubled by the dramatic increase in crime and homelessness in King County, and I believe we can do better. The murder rate is up by a staggering 86% over the last two years and our crime rate is the highest it's been in 30 years. I am one of the few voices on the Council fighting to give law enforcement the tools they need to do their jobs. I believe that we can fully fund our criminal justice system, and, at the same time, strive for increased accountability within it.

I am the only member of the King County Council with real crime fighting experience, having spent many years working for the Department of Justice. I was appointed by the President of the United States and served as a Federal Prosecutor with *Top Secret* clearance. In Seattle, I worked in the Terrorism and Violent Crime Unit of the U.S. Attorney's office. I also lead the Justice Department's national initiative to fight gun violence. As you may know, voters recently placed oversight of the County Sheriff's Office in the hands of the King County Council. Our County needs at least one Councilmember who understands the need to keep our neighborhoods safe.

I am proud to have earned the endorsement of all eight nonpartisan mayors in this district, plus firefighters and police. I have also been honored as Washington State's Outstanding Local Elected Official of the Year.

County government faces significant challenges. I will work in a bipartisan manner to fight crime, reduce homelessness, protect the environment, recover from the pandemic, keep your taxes low, and continue to help those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. I work for you and I appreciate your vote.

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Occupation: Renton City Councilmember, Small Business Owner, and Immigration Attorney

Statement: As a refugee from Vietnam, my family came here seeking a better future. Working multiple jobs, and the first in my family to graduate college, I value hard work, the importance of opportunity, and the strength of community.

Our district deserves leadership committed to these same principles, a County Councilmember dedicated to an equitable recovery for our district, and committed to addressing unique challenges facing our suburban, unincorporated, and rural communities. After 16 years of the same, we need leadership in touch with our communities' urgent needs.

I'm the only Democrat running for this position with a proven track record as an elected official and small business owner. I've expanded access to apprenticeships and career pathways on Renton Technical College Foundation Board; advocated for seniors and veterans through Sound Cities Senior, Aging and Disability Council, and supported VFW and Wounded Warrior Project; and building an inclusive region for all on King County Coalition Against Hate and Bias. I'm also a mom, PTA President, and will be the first woman of color elected to the County Council in nearly 40 years!

I'll build on my record of experienced leadership on Renton City Council to coordinate regional action on homelessness and affordable housing, make overdue transit and transportation improvements, stand up for struggling local businesses, and to protect our climate and way of life. I will demand safety improvements, Sheriff's Office reforms, and equitable investments to lift up our communities. Together, we can recover and move our region forward.

Endorsed: WA Conservation Voters; Democrats; SEIU 1199NW healthcare workers and transit drivers; Executive Constantine; Treasurer Pellicciotti; Senators Das, Wellman, and Kauffman (fmr.); Representatives Bergquist, Thai, Entenman, Santos, and Maxwell (fmr.); Councilmembers, School Board Members, and leaders Estela Ortega, Rich Stolz, Larry Gossett, Frank Irigon, Josh Schreck, Ingrid Anderson, Vanessa Pons McSheridan, more!

Council Position No. 4

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Statement: I'm running for City Council because I want to create an environment where everyone feels empowered to speak up and engage in the community. The demographics of Auburn have been changing, and every person should feel like they belong in Auburn from the moment they move to our city. My passion is helping others, and I want to work on finding a solution to homelessness that works for all involved. I will continue to support small businesses and will work with local business leaders to help support the growth of the new and existing local economy. I was born in Oklahoma and raised in Libya, and in 2008, I moved to Auburn, and I've been an active member of the community through volunteering.

I started at White River Museum & later transitioned to volunteering at the Auburn Library. 2010 I've been an active volunteer with the Auburn Police Department.

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Occupation: Auburn Council Member

Statement: I am running for a third term, simply, I love the people and this city. Serving as your councilwomen for the past seven years has been a learning experience while building those partnerships.

We were presented with challenges unforeseen in our lifetime due to the COVID Pandemic, I am committed to continue working to ensure my commitment to server everyone, especially while supporting public safety, economic growth, roads, parks, racial equity, social justice, and affordable housing. I am dedicated to making the city a place where our students can learn and be prepared for their future, while keeping our economy strong by supporting our businesses, educational opportunities, so our graduates can stay in their hometown to pursue their careers and earn a family wage job.

You can count on me to be an independent servant leader who will listen, with compassion. I would be honor to have your *Vote!*

Council Position No. 2

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Occupation: Program Manager, Amazon

Statement: A leader is not just someone who puts their own policy into practice, but someone who listens to their cohort and takes advice from a diverse pool of voices. Bellevue is precious and special to be comprised of such diversity and it deserves a leader that can be a binding thread between its people and its issues.

My goal is to be a data driven leader. To seek out not just issues, but their root causes, and to work with my peers to build policy to address them. I want to ensure that voices that have been afraid to speak have a platform to be heard. In an age with unprecedented division, I truly believe that focusing on the issues rather than political alignment can bring about a better version of Bellevue.

I am passionate about diversity and inclusion, economic and social justice, affordable housing, climate change, and approve of ranked choice voting.

I am endorsed by LD 48 Dems, Mona Das, Jeremy Barksdale and Janice Zahn

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Occupation: Writer, former teacher

Statement: Over the course of the last two decades, Bellevue has seen an enormous amount of growth. The private sector has thrived - as companies continue to expand, offices get built, apartments get built, and people move to Bellevue and start their lives. It is hard to drive down the street in Bellevue and not see huge new buildings. With these rapid changes taking place, it is essential we don't overlook the importance of the arts, our parks, and our schools as Bellevue continues to develop. Raised in Bellevue his entire life, Johan has a first hand account of growing up in Bellevue and is centering these issues and others in his commitment to keeping Bellevue a safe and wonderful place to move to and raise a family.

Council Position No. 2

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Occupation: Small business owner; former renewable energy executive; Amazon alum

Statement: I am running for Bellevue City Council because it is time for a new generation of more energetic and imaginative leaders to join the City Council.

My highest priority is to make sure Bellevue remains a safe and vibrant place to live and work. I will work with Bellevue Schools to maintain our top-notch schools and to preserve and expand our parks that add to the quality of life. Another priority is expanding businesses in Bellevue to avoid the commute into Seattle and other cities.

I also want to expand health care accessibility for seniors and create transportation options to reduce gridlock. Bellevue also needs to address housing affordability for young families and seniors who want to downsize.

As a business owner who provides home health care to seniors, I will bring years of leadership and operational experience to improve city services. I am a father, husband, and son, and I seek a brighter future for all families in Bellevue. I would like to ask for your vote and opportunity to serve you. I hope I can count on your vote!

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Occupation: Boeing Engineer; Seattle Solid Waste Utility Manager; Small Business Owner

Statement: You have consistently elected me to be your Bellevue Councilmember and your voice. I'm privileged to represent you as the most trustworthy vote on the City Council for *lowering taxes, cutting wasteful spending, and creating jobs.*

Bellevue is recovering well from the COVID-19 pandemic. With *sound financial management*, we have increased funding for *public safety to keep the city safe and maintaining essential services and investments* without increasing the property tax rate. Our public schools are ranked the best. With a multicultural, diverse, and engaged community and people, global talents, vibrant businesses, and excellent quality of life, Bellevue is *poised for the future!*

I listen to you. I support *lower taxes, public safety, neighborhood quality of life, investments in transportation options, technology, and affordable housing.* I'm ready to tackle new opportunities as well as challenges with collaborative partnerships and innovative solutions on your behalf.

I am *accessible, accountable, and transparent.* As an immigrant, I am proud to be an "American by Choice" fighting for what too many take for granted - "Freedom, Liberty, and Justice for all!" There is more to do. *Endorsed by Bellevue Firefighters*, I ask for *your vote and your continued trust to represent you.*

Council Position No. 5

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Statement: The City of Bothell is one of the best-run cities in the country. I pay my respects to the past and present elected officials and dedicated city government employees. If elected I know that I am stepping into big shoes and I will continue on the excellent work with added and fresh perspective of diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.

My priorities are affordable housing, growth management, more green spaces, public safety, and vehicle traffic management but with a balance or a mix of solutions to these issues (except for public safety, which is a top priority and no compromising). There should be a balance between growth and development, between housing and green spaces, between pedestrian safety, bike-friendly streets, and traffic management.

Let the Bothell motto "Welcome to Bothell: For a Day or a Lifetime" ring true -- a destination place for visitors and a vibrant and safe place for residents.

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Occupation: Legislative Aide, Washington State House of Representatives

Statement: Bothell is one of the fastest growing cities in our state because it is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. That growth has put strain on our roads, infrastructure, and green spaces. We need city leaders who have tangible ideas on how to address those problems.

I will be a strong advocate for filling the gaps in our sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, and bike paths. My legislative experience has uniquely positioned me to secure funding for our critical road and public transit projects, so we are spending less time in gridlock, and more time with family. If elected, I will also be a voice on the council protecting our disappearing green spaces. This past year, we have seen a national movement to address inequities in our society. We need a council dedicated to elevating the voices historically left out.

Sole endorsements: 1st Legislative District Democrats and Snohomish County Democrats.

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Occupation: Manager, Employee Relations and Workplace Investigations

Statement: My wife and I grew up in Bothell and decided to raise our three children in our hometown. Our city is a wonderful community. However, we still have more opportunity to create a *better Bothell*.

As your Councilmember, I will preserve the uniqueness of our city as we grow, attract businesses to keep taxes low, ensure funding for public safety and parks, and focus on making Bothell affordable for families and seniors. With my business experience and history of service to the city, I have the skills required to be an effective Councilmember. Our neighbors are the most important part of our city and I will always be available to listen to your ideas and concerns. I would be honored to serve you on Council and ask for your vote.

Let's create a *better Bothell*!

Endorsements: Councilmembers Zornes, Agnew, McAuliffe, McNeal; former Mayor Rheaume; Police Officers Guild; more on website.

Council Position No. 5

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Education: Stanford University: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Master in Business Administration

Occupation: Retired from Boeing International Marketing (25 years)

Statement: As a Clyde Hill resident of 33 years, I am proud of my service with the City's Budget Advisory Committee, of my support of the Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club, and of my work with Jubilee Reach (serving the underprivileged in East Bellevue.)

As a Boeing executive, I worked in close contact with commercial airline customers, taking on challenges in finance, engineering, and cultures in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. I learned to listen closely to those around me before making any major decision.

I highly value the quality of life offered by our City. As your council member I will continue to support our professional and disciplined police force, our first-rate infrastructure, and our stable city finances. The skills that I have developed over the years will serve me well as your Clyde Hill Council Member. Thank you for your vote.

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Education: A.B. Mathematics, Harvard; professional development courses through Wharton, Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern), Harvard.

Occupation: CEO & startup advisor; formerly Corporate vice president, Microsoft

Statement: *I'm running for council because after living in Clyde Hill for 20 years, I want to give back.*

Clyde Hill is a wonderful place — improving feedback between the city and its residents would make it even better. The listening and communication skills I developed leading teams at Microsoft for 20+ years, working closely with engineering, legal, & finance professionals, have prepared me to do just that.

Listening to friends and neighbors, I hear interest in a safe, fenced, off-leash dog-park. We can make that and other substantive improvements happen while we continue to be financially responsible. I participated in last year's budget process and in council meetings as a member of the public. My biggest surprise was that Clyde Hill is holding ~\$11 million — more than two years of operating budget. Considering how to treat this surplus deserves open discussion. Representing you would be a privilege.

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Education: BS Environmental Science (UCLA); Master of Science in Nursing (Loma Linda University)

Occupation: Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Kaiser Permanente

Statement: Clyde Hill has a unique charm that makes it a special community to live in. With so much recent growth, it's important to carefully determine the priorities and perspectives of our residents. My background as a healthcare professional has given me invaluable skills in assessment and communication, and I am confident that my motivation and ability to effectively collaborate with others will render me successful in this role. My husband and I truly love this city, and I am eager to further identify goals and strategic planning needs to ensure Clyde Hill stays safe, harmonious, and beautiful.

As a woman of mixed-race heritage, I believe that council representation is important, and I am devoted to ensuring that diversity and equity are overarching themes in our community. It would be a privilege to hear your viewpoints and develop a meaningful partnership to help make Clyde Hill the best it can be!

Council Position No. 5

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No statement submitted.

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Education: Northwest University, BA Behavioral Science, Magna Cum Laude

Occupation: Des Moines Councilmember, Property Management. Former: Contractor, Mental Health Professional

Statement: Des Moines is an incredible place to live, work, and play. As your Councilmember, I have advocated for safe and diverse neighborhoods, sustainable practices, and a thriving business community with a destination waterfront.

As your representative, I have promoted our progress on many fronts, such as; our Green Cities Partnership and Urban Forestry Fund, and championed Des Moines' regional leadership in public safety while we implement body cameras, a Mental Health Response Team, and DUI Court. Active and personal support of our core business district, as well as our waterfront and marina redevelopment has been key in moving our city forward.

My endorsements reflect the wide diversity of our community and region, and include local and regional elected officials, unions, the Police Guild, our businesses and restaurants, and a myriad of incredible citizens. It would be a privilege to continue to serve you in upholding our quality of life.

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Education: University of Washington, Seattle, Social Welfare; University of Washington, Tacoma, Master of Cybersecurity and Leadership

Occupation: Information Technology

Statement: I am a husband and father who wants to ensure Des Moines' future is secure for our family and the generations to come. This is why I am running for City Council. Public safety is a priority; I will endeavor to protect our community. As a member of the Des Moines Police Foundation Board of Directors and a block watch captain I have learned communication is essential in building safe, economically vibrant, and healthy communities.

For the past ten years I have been asked to run for City Council by community members, in each instance declining. This year I have chosen to take on the challenge; addressing the problems we face requires strong leaders who are willing to form partnerships between neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities to find solutions. Des Moines has been our home for over 15 years. I respectfully ask for your vote to serve our great community.

Council Position No. 7

Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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No photo
submitted

Education: Bachelor's in American Cultural Studies & Master's in Education, Western Washington University

Occupation: HR Professional and KC Water District #54 Commissioner, Board President

Statement: Des Moines deserves leaders who are responsive, effective problem-solvers dedicated to the economic and cultural advancement of our community.

I am that leader. If elected, my immediate priority will be increasing civil engagement to add voices in shaping our city's future. I will also focus on identifying funding for urgent investments in infrastructure including roads and sidewalks.

As a Water District #54 Commissioner since 2015, I recently partnered with the City of Des Moines to replace a water main and repave a stretch of 8th Ave. I have 8-years' experience in the City of Seattle's human resources department, recruiting and supporting entry and promotional testing for the police and fire departments. I understand how to work effectively within municipalities to make things happen. I have been a Des Moines resident for 15 years. I have the experience to make a difference in city government, and I ask for your vote.

Soleil Lewis

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Education: Bachelor in Political Science, University of Washington

Occupation: Preschool Special Education Teacher, Bellevue School District

Statement: As a lifelong resident of Des Moines, I understand the things we all want for our unique and beautiful waterfront community. My work as a teacher and community advocate has prepared me for public service.

I've dedicated my career to helping students in South King County receive the resources and tools they need to be successful students. In my spare time, I give back to our community by volunteering with ESL students who live in South King county. I will provide complete transparency and accountability in all aspects of our city government and will be accountable to you, the voters. I want to prioritize creating job and career opportunities for our students and young adults so they can thrive in our economy.

I am endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, State Representative Jesse Johnson, Des Moines City Council Anthony Martinelli, and Tukwila Councilmember Cynthia Delostrinos.

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Education: WSU, University of Maryland AA

Occupation: Buyer, Nordstrom

Statement: Des Moines is on the move and leadership is essential. It would be an honor to have your vote and serve again on city council. I have life experiences as a successful businessman, US Army Veteran, former Fire Commissioner, and active community volunteer. I am a husband, father and grandfather dedicated to family, friends, neighbors, and the residents of Des Moines. All this gives me a deep appreciation of what it means to serve.

As your current Deputy Mayor, I have a demonstrated record of broadly engaging businesses, neighborhoods, and our diverse community on matters of interest and concern. Returning to city council, I would: Create an environment of respect and inclusion; promote integrity to earn community trust and respect; communicate clearly with a sense of purpose and mission; motivate and energize others; find solutions when facing difficult issues; enhance economic opportunity; and be accountable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Council Position No. 4

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Education: Bachelors Degree Business Administration/Marketing Western Washington University

Occupation: Delivery Driver and Business Manager Family Limited Partnership

Statement: My name is Daniel Miller, I am running for the Federal Way city council position 4 because I support the Federal Way Police. I believe Public safety, crime prevention, and police protection are the most important functions of city government. Any effort to defund the police department or undermine them is wrong.

Police need to be defended not defunded. I grew up in Federal Way. I graduated from Federal Way High School in 1985. Federal Way doesn't need to become another Seattle. Federal Way needs to have a healthy environment that promotes business, and our residents feel safe.

Businesses have suffered financially this past year due to the pandemic. Some have even shut down completely. The vacant store fronts are evidence of this. Only a community that is business friendly, and our citizens can live and be safe will Federal Way thrive economically. Please vote for Daniel Miller positon 4.

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Washington

Occupation: Administrator, Economic Services Administration, Community Service Office (CSO)

Statement: I am running for re-election because I want to ensure the progress we have made in the last four years continues to move forward. Focusing on Public Safety; Economic Recovery and revitalization of the Downtown core; Fiscal accountability; Affordable housing and reducing homelessness.

Public safety has been and will continue to be my top priority while ensuring police reform is implemented. As Chair of the Finance and Economic Development and Regional Affairs Committee (FEDRAC), I will continue to work in collaboration with other council members, the mayor, business community and residents to better position our community as we begin to enter into the post Covid-19's economic recovery.

I'm honored by the trust you have placed in me to be your voice on the council these past 4 years. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving you on the city council.

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Education: Associates of Arts, North Seattle Community College

Occupation: Housing Coordinator, King County Department of Community and Human Services

Statement: I am housing expert that advocates for vulnerable and marginalized populations. As COVID 19 left so many without jobs, I'm working with tenants to help them stay housed. Keeping tenants housed is important to me. As a resident of Federal Way for over two decades, I dedicate my time to the causes that mean the most to me. Including serving on the Federal Way PDs Chief's Call, Community Representative for I-940, Federal Way Human Services Commissioner, Federal Way Historical Society, and King County Native American Leadership Council Vice Chair.

I am a housing policy expert and a problem solver. I'm excited that Sound Transit is coming and with it Transit Oriented Development which are a great model to help our city become more vibrant and walkable. Transportation and Housing are important to our future.

I understand first-hand how to help our citizens with their ongoing struggles. I'd appreciate your vote.

Council Position No. 6

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Education: B.A. Saint Martin's University; Advanced Municipal Leadership Certificate, AWC; Diploma, Decatur High School

Occupation: Our Councilmember; Executive Director, Audiobook Ministries; Aide, Late Rep. Freeman.

Statement: Martin Moore is running because he wants our community to thrive for everyone.

Martin has a record of success. Four of his many achievements include rental & business assistance during the pandemic for those affected most, creating an online dashboard where the public can track how their taxes are spent, voting to add officers, and championing a Senior Advisory Commission.

In his next term, Martin wants to continue inspiring innovation, creating jobs, getting families back to work, and recruiting more officers to keep our growing community safe. With new growth comes opportunities to enhance government transparency and accessibility that puts *people over politics*. Councilmember Moore is an immigrant, adoptee, and new father. He attended Federal Way Schools and has been an active member of the community for decades. Martin is endorsed by unions, businesses, elected officials, Democrats, and Republicans. Join us in voting for Martin Moore: *a leader serving everyone*.

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Education: Bachelors of Science Degree - Geography from Oregon State University

Occupation: Business Owner of a Manufacturing Company

Statement: As a former Mayor and Councilmember, I continue to remain active as a community volunteer. Also, as the President of the Federal Way Care Giving Network, I worked to help keep families in their homes and provide meals for them. I volunteered with Communities and Schools as a mentor for eight years to help a young man graduate from high school and join the military.

In my years on the council, I helped start the Police Department, build Celebration Park, and City Hall. I served on all committees and as Federal Way's Mayor. If elected, I will donate all my council salary to Federal Way 501C charities.

I support a strong Police Department, fighting crime in our neighborhoods, and in attracting new business to Federal Way. Our hard working families need to feel safe where they live. Please vote for a proven leader; Jack Dovey for City Council Position 6.

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Education: University of Washington M.S. Business and Data Analytics, B.A. Political Science; FWPS Graduate

Occupation: Financial and Risk Management Analytics; Board Member, Communities in Schools

Statement: As we recover from the pandemic, our city has a unique opportunity to rethink how we plan for our future with fresh ideas, modern business skills, and bold visions. As a lifelong Federal Way resident and daughter of immigrant small business owners, I know the struggles working families face.

You can count on me to put people first and fight to create safety and inclusivity for marginalized communities. These values have driven me to work on nonprofit boards to push for education equity within our public schools and toward a career of helping working families find financial stability during COVID.

I'll use my expertise to build youth pipeline programs to retain local talent in our workforce, promote data transparency in government, create strategic plans to address homelessness, and build a climate-resilient economy, all with a focus on fiscal responsibility. Endorsements: Congressman Adam Smith, Representative Jamila Taylor, King County Democrats.

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Education: Associates Degree in Child and Family Studies

Occupation: Retired Child Development Teacher

Statement: I will listen. I aim to uplift, empower, and give hope to our community by helping to solve some of the immediate issues that concern myself and our community members, public safety, homelessness, and equality for all, are a few.

My background includes twenty five years of volunteering for or being employed with child and family service programs. I am a wife, a mother and a grandmother. I am a hard worker, a problem solver, and a strong leader. I am running on my lived experiences. I know first hand what its like to live in a marginalized community.

Our city needs strong leaders who will listen to the concerns of our citizens, leaders who will make policies that will protect our vulnerable communities. Time for change, together we can make a difference. I believe that I can help bring our community together. I am humbly asking for your vote.

Council Position No. 5

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Education: B.S. Geology, Slippery Rock University; B.S. Computer Science, Oregon State University
Occupation: Software Developer and Volunteer
Statement: I am running for city council because I believe that we must be the change we want to see happen. Public services are an investment into ourselves and our community and I know that we can do better here in Issaquah.
To conserve our community health, we must focus on expanding sustainable practices and, more importantly, implementing regenerative practices and permaculture principles on a city-wide scale. Protecting our natural environment and preserving biodiversity are essential to human well-being. Together, we can address the issues of social equity, living wages, reinforcing worker's rights, bolstering tenants' rights, police reform, and improving access to public transportation.
Issaquah deserves leadership who will not only consider the needs of today, but also the future needs of our children several generations from now. We need someone who makes data-driven decisions and writes evidence-based policy. It would be my honor to serve our community as a councilmember.

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Education: University of Colorado Boulder, J.D., Northwestern University, B.A., Economics and Political Science
Occupation: Municipal Relationship Manager with Republic Services
Statement: I will bring a wide range of experience to Issaquah. Having previously served on the Issaquah City Council for eight years, I am familiar with the demands of the job and your high expectations. I have witnessed many changes since moving here 26 years ago. I will capitalize on the gains made and continue to work to address our traffic and growth while preserving our forested hills and clear streams.
It has been my honor to serve cities as a prosecutor, volunteer, and non-profit board member. Currently, I help solve municipal issues in cooperation with city councils and staff in King and Snohomish County. Let me bring this high level of customer service to you. Please vote for Russell Joe.
Endorsed by: 5th District House Representative Bill Ramos, Fred Butler, Former Issaquah Mayor, Barbara de Michele, Issaquah City Council, Jeff Wagner, Covington Mayor, and Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island City Council.

Jason Voiss

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Education: AA Bellevue College
Occupation: Vice President, Voiss Construction
Statement: I am a 15-year resident of Issaquah and vice president of my family's Issaquah business. Our city has so much to offer and goodness to build upon. Working together we can realize even more of Issaquah's tremendous potential.
As I've learned over the years, first with my company and currently while serving on the Issaquah Planning Policy Commission, thoughtful short-term and long-term planning is crucial for creating the vibrant, livable, and sustainable city we all desire.
I also currently serve on Issaquah's COVID Recovery Task Force, created by Mayor Pauly, helping to formulate the city's response to the pandemic with community input. It has been deeply rewarding to listen to and work with the community as we navigate this crisis to brighter days ahead. I look forward to continuing that collaboration, and serving as your next city council member!

Council Position No. 4

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Education: Completed college business law, marketing, and communication courses; Mac Computer Support Essentials Certifications

Occupation: Singer/songwriter, performing introspective and political pop; piano teacher

Statement: As your councilmember, I will offer a unique perspective, fresh ideas, and a passion for Kenmore. I'm sensitive to the needs of others and will advocate for residents who feel their suggestions aren't fully heard.

I left Seattle after 13 years because I no longer felt safe. I want to prevent Kenmore from becoming like Seattle. I'm running to *Keep Kenmore Nice*: a small community where people can enjoy accessible parking, yards, a friendly atmosphere, and nature. Please visit my website to learn about my ideas—and enjoy a campaign music video! I'd appreciate your vote.

I worked in student leadership on North Seattle College's budgetary decision-making fee board and in tech at an innovative elementary school that promotes sustainability, community, and social responsibility. I coached cross-country, served on the green team with parents, staff, and kids to improve our environment, and attended diversity, education, and technology conferences.

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Education: United States Army Aviation Degree, Everett Community College, PADI Degree.

Occupation: Previous: Director, CCE WA Fleet supervisor. Operating Engineer. Aviation Inspector.

Statement: It's clear Kenmore citizens want a transparent city council who responds to their needs and to be proactive not reactive. Government that prioritizes spending, lives within its means while providing safe infrastructures reduces traffic congestion and makes Kenmore a safe walk-able drivable city. Kenmore needs leadership that uses the resources they have wisely and puts a halt to new and increased fees and taxes. The council needs to develop a viable vision for the future to make Kenmore more than a congested bus stop between cities without destroying businesses and Nature. The top priority is to make Kenmore a livable vibrant Safe community, to make the city council more transparent and fiscally responsible. I will work to make city government more transparent and fiscally responsible. I want to make our city the best it can be. Its time for change I ask for your vote to make this happen.

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Education: B.A. University of Washington - Comparative Religion, Political Science

Occupation: Washington State House of Representatives - Legislative Assistant

Statement: Serving my neighbors on the Kenmore City Council is one of the greatest honors I've ever had. I ran on pedestrian safety and government transparency, and *I've delivered*: We have built over three miles of new sidewalks and bike lanes, with *another three miles being built right now*. I also made it so that anyone can stream our meetings live at home and watch their government at work. I've stood up for our mobile home park residents, and led on climate, affordable housing, transit, and protecting those in need in our community.

I am a trusted progressive leader endorsed by: the 46th District and King County Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Representative Suzan DelBene, King County Executive Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, State Senator David Frockt, State Reps. Gerry Pollet and Javier Valdez, and numerous other regional leaders.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Council Position No. 6

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Education: Experiences with City, County, and Legislation Advocacy

Occupation: Retired Disabled Course Coordinator and Sales Rep

Statement: If you have attended meetings in our community, you have likely seen me. I was thrust into advocating for my neighbors, residents, organizations, businesses. Together, we have rallied to protect residents interest, support change, and transparency.

My priority is to protect Kenmore, the Treasure that it is, while questioning, "Are we doing the right thing, the best way possible, to care for our community, while protecting the environment and wildlife?" We need to protect our public spaces for Public use, bring financial Sustainably, curb spending, support Climate Action, and help business thrive. We need to protect our most affordable housing, while adding more low affordable units, for local workers, and our most vulnerable, still protecting all zoning.

I stand for truth, integrity, democracy, and the rights of all residents to be treated fairly. My passion is Advocacy for our residents concerns and being the changes that we want to see.

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Education: Bachelor's of Science, Cum Laude, Information Systems Management, Auburn University

Occupation: Principal Technologist

Statement: A better Kenmore is possible! We have faced many concurrent crises these past few years, particularly in the last year or so, but these problems are not new. And how we respond to the challenges that still lie ahead is up to us. I'm a technologist, Dad, and small business owner. I'm running to create a more connected, engaged, and responsive City Council, centered around the needs of our community. My background in civic technology makes me uniquely suited to advocate on behalf Kenmore residents for more proactive representation on the issues that matter most, including climate and affordable housing. Our campaign is about activating our constituents, and bringing the people of Kenmore together to fight for a better world and a brighter tomorrow. Amidst our continued growth, we have an opportunity to lead as a city, and this moment demands that we must. I ask for your vote!

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Education: Inglemoor High School graduate; University of Washington, B.S. Psychology; University of Vermont, Ph.D. Psychology

Occupation: Program Manager, Homeless Housing section, King County

Statement: Growing up in Kenmore and returning to raise a family, I have a deep commitment to our community. After helping with Kenmore's incorporation and serving on the Planning Commission, I led the Walkways and Waterways bond campaign that is now constructing sidewalks, bikelanes, park improvements, and shoreline restoration. As a Councilmember, I spearheaded Kenmore's climate action plan, led community engagement efforts, and worked to bring housing for all economic levels and thriving new businesses and restaurants to Kenmore.

I am seeking re-election to continue developing inclusive, safe, and affordable neighborhoods, protecting our environment, and creating more places to shop, dine, and play. I have the trust and endorsement of fellow councilmembers, elected representatives, and community leaders for my civic accomplishments, creative solutions, and fiscal responsibility. I understand our community. I care about our community. And I will continue to work hard for our community. I ask for your vote.

Council Position No. 6

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**Education:** Associate of Arts Degree, Riverside Community College; Scripture and Leadership Training Certificate, Seattle University**Occupation:** Kent City Council Member; Parish Administrator, Holy Spirit Parish**Statement:** I'm working to make sure every Kent resident is safe, healthy and has the opportunity to thrive.

As your councilmember, I've led the passage of renter protections, secured significant funding for mental health counseling for Kent youth, and made accessibility improvements to our city council meetings. I've continued to work with our community and police department to improve trust, training and accountability. I've also worked to proactively manage Kent's growth and responsibly manage our budget to jumpstart our recovery and keep Kent affordable.

I'm the only candidate in this race who has consistently shown up for votes and voters. I'm accessible and accountable to everyone. You've seen me in our neighborhoods, events and meetings almost every day - and not just in election years.

Diversity - in all forms - strengthens us. Every Kent resident should feel welcome and respected. I unite people and get results. I'm supported by leaders in both parties, my fellow councilmembers, our entire legislative delegation, community leaders, business owners and faith leaders. It's an honor to continue to serve you. I ask for your vote.

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<https://www.magicofkent.com/>**Education:** Associates Degree United States Army School of Music**Occupation:** Magician**Statement:** SHi, my name is Bradley Ray Cairnes and I was born sixty years ago today, May 28th, 1961 in Renton, Washington and four years later moved to a small single wide trailer near Lake Meridian. Like many young boys I became interested in magic and dreamt of being a famous magician. I never stopped.

I am a veteran of the UnitedStates Army discharged under honorable conditions with the medal awarded for good conduct.

It has come to my attention that there are police officers and other government officials in our region acting outside of the scope of their oath for office and if elected will see to it that the very people our children are taught to trust and respect conduct themselves with dignity and honor and I promise you there will be no other way.

Bradley Ray Cairnes

Council Position No. 6

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Education: BA in English, Washington State University

Occupation: Day Trader, Temp Worker

Statement: In Kent, we have the distinction of being both 5G-free and pot-shop-free. This results in people moving to, and staying in, Kent. I would like to help protect you from 5G and marijuana as your City Council Position 6 member. My name is *Larry Hussey*.

I plan to follow the example set in New Jersey. There, every city opted out of the proposed state marijuana law. I will opt out of our state's marijuana law. On the day before Thanksgiving, *Visa Corp* caused it's debit cards to be declined. The day before Christmas, they did the same with their credit cards. This is the type of consumer news we are not getting in the USA now. I propose that Kent produce a consumer news program regularly for the benefit of American citizens.

My background as a District Governor for Toastmasters District 2 combined with my experience as a clerk for the US Environmental Protection Agency help give me the knowledge to be able to accomplish these things. I almost joined the King County International Airport Roundtable Advisory Committee, but they actually do not serve Kent for some reason.

Council Position No. 7

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Education: BA, Business Administration, Boise State University; MBA Finance, City University; Pacific Coast Banking School, UW

Occupation: Retired Banking CEO and Business Consultant

Statement: As a Newcastle resident for over 20 years, I'm inspired every day by our city's beauty and quality of life. As Newcastle continues to grow, we're faced with challenges, like traffic and affordability, and opportunities – to uplift our diverse community and invest in parks, infrastructure, and community spaces. I am committed to maintaining and building a better, stronger city – leading with accountability and inclusion to create an accessible, transparent, effective local government.

I'm uniquely prepared to bring my decades of proven experience as a business leader and financial manager, along with my extensive record of local community engagement, to represent our values and make progress on our priorities. I'm a focused problem-solver, who will listen to neighbors, collaborate with regional stakeholders and businesses, and advocate for a Newcastle where all can succeed and feel welcome. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: B.A. Engineering Management, Missouri Science & Technology

Occupation: Sr. IT consultant - SAP, Newcastle City Planning Commission

Statement: As a 16-year resident of Newcastle and career technology professional, I am thankful to raise my family in a community that is desirable, safe, and culturally diverse. As one who grew up in a small town, I recognize the unique qualities of our city.

I have spent the past two years as a volunteer on the Newcastle Planning Commission, and I fully appreciate what is required to provide you with essential city services. If elected to City Council, I will work to build bridges, not silos. I will act as your friend and neighbor, encouraging open discussion of issues facing our city. I am an advocate for traffic safety downtown, around schools, and in our neighborhoods.

I will prioritize communication, public safety, and fiscal stability so Newcastle can maintain its desirable qualities while accommodating growth as required by regional authorities. Please vote Chris Villasenor for Newcastle City Council.

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines

Occupation: Plant Electrical Engineer, former maintenance and production supervisor, Nucor Steel

Statement: I am a veteran and 15-year Newcastle resident, who loves our city. Last year, I helped lead the fight against new utility taxes. With your help, we decisively repealed them! I'm running to create a new fiscally responsible council majority for Newcastle sustainability. I'll focus on prioritizing spending for public safety and maintenance of our critical infrastructure. With 20 years of project engineering expertise, I know how to get things done right.

Newcastle must balance the budget. City expenditures must be less than revenue. I'll require the city manager to present a balanced budget without new taxes. The tax and spend council majority increases our taxes to pay for unfunded capital projects and for consultant recommendations they ignore.

I'll value your money and treat you with respect. I humbly ask for your vote. Endorsements: Present and past councilmembers Dave Mitchell, Tom Griffin, Tamra Kammin, Bill Erxleben, Gordon Bisset, John Drescher.

Council Position No. 4

Jackson Fields



Education: Seeking College degree

Occupation: Small business manager

Statement: When elected, I will represent the needs of all people and take action to support their interests and well-being. My generation demands solutions and can no longer accept empty promises.

I have seen first-hand through our family-owned business the inadequate support of small businesses and vulnerable populations highlighted during the pandemic. Our safety net has gaping holes that must be fixed. I will be a voice for residents who have been underserved in our community for too long.

I love this city and have lived here my entire life. Redmond is home to many influential corporations. They have brought us wealth and growth. But our growth cannot continue at the cost of making the lives of vulnerable people and next generations unaffordable. I will work to find solutions for affordable housing, small businesses, community equity, and environmental health. I will be a trustworthy representative. Thank you for your vote.

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Education: Gonzaga University, Bachelor Business Administration; Seattle University, Master in Science of Finance

Occupation: Senior Financial Analyst, The Boeing Company

Statement: I have been a resident of Redmond for nearly 30 years and love our city. It has been truly amazing to be a part of Redmond's transformation from a relatively small town to a still growing, beautiful city. However, as is the case many times, with growth comes some unintended consequences: traffic gridlock, urban planning miscues, and the demise of many small businesses in the community.

As your council member, I will bring my small business, finance, and corporate experiences to serve the people of Redmond and help solve these issues. Additionally, I will do everything in my power to provide city services to all as cost effectively as possible.

Finally, I proudly served my country in the military and took an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States". I promise to take the same approach in serving our city. Thanks for your support.

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Education: Master of Non-Profit Leadership, Seattle University; BA Communication & BA Political Science, Washington State University

Occupation: Development Director, Boys & Girls Clubs; Former Redmond Library Trustee

Statement: I'm running for city council because I believe Redmond can be a great place to live for *all*. I will ensure that every person can have their voice heard. I will collaborate with city leaders to invest in climate change mitigation today and resiliency for what is to come tomorrow.

To council, I'll bring my years of experience breaking down barriers for youth and families; including my work at Youth Eastside Services to secure access to affordable behavioral healthcare for all families, and at Treehouse to promote education success for youth in foster care. I am a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, former 48th LD Democrats PCO, former Sound Transit/Metro Sounding Board member, and active environmental advocate in our city.

Endorsements: 45th LD Democrats; Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; Representative Vandana Slatter; Redmond Mayor Angela Birney, Council President Tanika Padhye, Councilwoman Vanessa Kritzer; Zero Waste Washington Executive Director Heather Trim

Council Position No. 1

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Education: Bachelor's in Education, Tribhuvan University
Occupation: Business Owner, and Civil Service Commissioner, Renton Regional Fire Authority

Statement: I am fortunate to have been able to serve the US Military as a civil contractor in the Iraq War from 2005 to 2007. I live with my wife and son in Maplewood, neighborhood and I believe my personal background and skills afford me knowledge and insight that will prove valuable in this unprecedented time. These experiences shape my mission to provide a voice for the citizens of Renton.

My priorities are the issues that impact each resident's daily life. To meet the challenges of increasing demographic diversity, we must have a comprehensive and adaptable plan: create a friendly relationship between law enforcement and our residents, focus on achieving long-term public safety, reduce crime, expand affordable housing, attract large companies, strengthen small businesses, and encourage tourism. Notable Achievements - Letters of Appreciation from US Military-2006, US Air Force-2006, US Navy-2007, US Marines-2007; Best Employee of the Year-2007, KBR Company, Iraq.

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

Occupation: Current Renton Planning Commissioner; Business Owner and President, Sandler Training

Statement: More than ever, we need leaders with a common-sense approach, strong resolve, and an innate sense of fairness, honesty, and responsibility. As a Renton Planning Commissioner and small business owner, I have the experience to address our community's biggest challenges and deliver results. If elected, my priorities will be to keep Renton as a prosperous city, a community of opportunity, a safe place to live, and a strong regional player.

We must ensure that Renton's growth positively impacts the individuals and families who live here. Coming out of the pandemic, it's paramount that we make the best decisions to ensure a strong economic recovery, create an environment that brings back businesses and high-quality jobs, reduce crime and homelessness, increase affordable housing, and ensure inclusion and opportunities for all Renton residents.

Endorsements: Former Mayor Denis Law, Renton Councilmembers Randy Corman and Ruth Perez; Former Councilmembers Don Persson and Marcie Palmer.

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Education: Double Major Business and Computer Information Science; Troy University, 1996 - 2000


Occupation: Deputy Chief Technology Officer King, County, WA

Statement: As we recover from the pandemic, we need leaders who will ensure Renton comes back stronger than we were before. An active volunteer in our community, I also bring 20 years of experience as an innovator and business leader with a background in aerospace, software development, and local government.

I will prioritize policies that support our local economy, keep housing affordable and maintain our community, celebrate our beauty and diversity, and maintain safety for all -- especially seniors and other vulnerable populations.

When my wife and I moved here over 20 years ago, we specifically chose Renton because of all the opportunities this city represented to us. I still believe in the opportunity that Renton represents, and with your support, I will work every day to ensure the people of our city have the ability to thrive. *Endorsed by Councilmember Ed Prince and many other local leaders and organizations.*

Council Position No. 2

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Occupation: Educator at Seattle University, Former Caseworker for King County

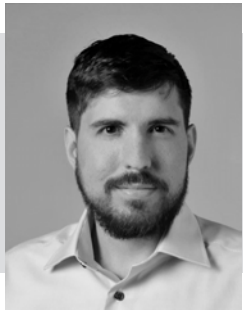
Statement: I am running for City Council because we need decisive leadership to ensure Renton is a place where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

As someone who was born and raised in Renton, and experienced our region's growth and change, I know we need to be proactive in responding to our community's needs. We must address the increasing costs of living, infrastructure concerns, and reviving our local economy. Our leaders must listen to what our community wants, and actively seek out input from those they hope to serve.

My partner and I hope to raise a family here. I see so much hope and opportunity, and I want to continue to give back to the city that raised me. With your vote, we can all work together to make sure Renton remains a place where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their dreams. Sole endorsement of the King County Democrats.

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Education: Ph.D. in Molecular Biology; Bachelor's in Biology

Occupation: Scientific Consultant

Statement: You Can't Button the Sutton!

Do *you* feel unheard? Politics should be local and should never direct your daily life. City Council is an important position and not enough people know the name of the person that represents them. The job of a politician, especially a local one, is to amplify the voice of the people. You need a politician that treats you like an adult. I want to amplify your voice while improving Renton's infrastructure, safety, and natural beauty.

Most of my political experience has been behind the scenes working with soil and water conservation as well as local street cleanup (you might have seen me on Benson or Talbot). I have experience in project management as well from inception to completion; ask me about my graduate school work in neglected diseases. Mainly, I want to ensure that your voice is heard and respected. You can't button the Sutton!

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Education: Community college

Occupation: Computer support for small business and non-profits

Statement: Twenty years ago, my wife and I chose to make Renton our home to raise our three young boys. During this time, I've served on the City of Renton Airport Committee, worked with the grassroots campaign to save our Renton Library, supported the Renton Street Trees initiative, and run a small business through difficult times.

The next few years will be pivotal for our city, and as your councilmember I will: work collaboratively for public safety to reduce criminal activity; promote job growth; and support our parks and trails. I believe in this community and our ability to bring positive change when we work together. By making good long-term decisions now, we can position Renton for success: Where no matter who we are, we can feel safe.

Endorsements: Former Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker, Former Renton Council Members Marcie Palmer and Carol Ann Witschi, and more.

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Education: Renton High School, B.A. University of Washington, MPA. Seattle University, Doctoral Candidate, University of Southern California

Occupation: Professional education administrator

Statement: As a resident and Renton High School graduate, I am proud to call this city my home. I am honored to serve you. I have over 12 years of non-profit and government experience, 15 years of private sector knowledge and over 20 years of community leadership. I want Renton to be the best place to live, for all of us. I plan to work towards the following:

Expand funding for human services that cares for our most vulnerable residents.

Enhance public safety agencies that responds in our times of need. Enrich our parks and the public art programs that define the character of our city. Support quality transportation and public works projects, and will make sure our city's infrastructure is safe, modern, and prepared for decades ahead. It will be my privilege to work for Renton residents and improve your quality of life in the place we call home. I appreciate your vote!

Council Position No. 2

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Education: Masters of Library and Information Science, University of Washington; BA, Comparative Literature, University of Washington

Occupation: Renton City Councilmember and public librarian; former Renton Planning Commissioner

Statement: Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Renton City Councilmember during these unprecedented times. It's been an honor to serve the residents of our great city - a place I call home, just as three generations of my family have before me.

Prior to serving on the Council, I was on the Renton Planning Commission - as its Chair from 2017-2019. That experience guides my priorities on the Council: assuring Renton's growth is smart and sustainable; supporting our Renton businesses in our downtown core; building affordable housing; and, investing in our neighborhoods, infrastructure, and parks.

I'm proud of the work we have been able to accomplish during my time on the Council. We have more work to do around issues of equity, inclusion, affordability, and economic recovery. I will continue to bring steady and supportive leadership to help Renton recover from the pandemic. Thank you for your vote.

Council Position No. 1

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Education: Master’s degree (MFA), Yale University; Bachelor’s degree, Brandeis University

Occupation: Creative Director, Noble House Hotels; and Educator

Statement: I am a first generation Asian-American, born and raised in Michigan.

I was a stay-at-home mom for 9 years before returning to the corporate world. As a single parent, I balanced my career with caring for young children and tending to aging parents.

I am not career politician and have not joined the “correct” organizations or sought endorsements. Instead, I am committed to truth, collaboration, and inclusion. Sammamish is diverse and our leadership should reflect those demographics. I am committed to ensuring that all voices are represented and respected. I have lived in Sammamish for 26 years. Since moving here, I have watched Sammamish nearly double its population to 65,000 (2019 Census), and with that, rampant development. The top issues facing Sammamish are sustainable infrastructure and managed growth. I am running for common sense initiatives so that we continue to rank as one of the “best small cities in America.”

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Education: Fife High School, some college

Occupation: Small business owner, Sammamish Planning Commissioner, PAWS Board Member, Rotarian

Statement: Josh will manage growth, stop the overdevelopment of our city, ensure a sustainable budget, improve public safety, advocate for senior services, increase youth mental health support, and build the roads and infrastructure we need while protecting our environment. Read the details: JoshForSammamish.com/Priorities.

As a Planning Commissioner, Josh champions stricter development regulations to protect our community’s character and real penalties for developers who break the rules. As a board member for the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), he knows we must preserve our environment for wildlife and future generations. As a small business owner, Josh must be fiscally responsible to be successful — a trait he will bring to City Hall to be a good steward of your tax dollars.

“My pledge to you is to work hard, be accessible and transparent, and protect the natural beauty and high quality of life that drew us all to Sammamish.” – Josh Amato

Tarik Hassane



Education: Bachelor Civil Engineering; Geneva School of Commerce, Business Certification; Stanford University Advanced Business Program Management

Occupation: Cloud Hardware Manager, Microsoft; Owner, Agro Trade USA

Statement: I moved to Sammamish for its schools, neighborhoods, and parks. But we are facing challenges: traffic has increased substantially and brought pollution and safety concerns; our local economy is struggling. We need a community driven, sustainable growth plan.

I will advocate for accountability and transparency with active community engagement. As a business owner, I will propose solutions, informed by data and community input; solutions like reducing traffic pollution by increasing electrification infrastructure, promoting safety by installing bike lanes on major roads, and strengthening our economy by encouraging local businesses.

The fiscal responsibility of our government is front and center for me. I’m running because I take seriously the great responsibility to preserve our city and help it grow sustainably, and safely, into a future – into a community – we can continue to be proud to call home. Endorsed by the King County Democrats and 41st Legislative District Democrats.

Council Position No. 5

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**Education:** BA in Education from WWU Graduate work at UW**Occupation:** Educator, retired

Statement: Service to the community has been a priority during my 38 years on Yarrow Point. I chaired the 4th of July celebration twice and served on the Park Board from 1990-1997 and from 2012 to the present. In that position I have been involved in the enhancement of Road End Beach and the playground at Morningside Park, among other projects to steward the public lands of Yarrow Point. These experiences afford me knowledge of town operations and insight into the needs and expectations of Yarrow Point residents. I will make proactive, not reactive decisions based on immediate and future needs. As the only woman running for the council I will bring a different perspective to ensure balanced representation of the community of Yarrow Point.

I welcome the opportunity to further serve Yarrow Point and work collaboratively with the other members of the council.

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**Education:** MBA, Carnegie Mellon University and Computer Science, Purdue University**Occupation:** Product Manager, Facebook

Statement: As a new member of Council, I will bring diversity and promote transparency, accountability and respectful problem solving. I will work to make our community *safer and great place to raise family*, maintain *integrity of our parks and walking trails*, and ensure *construction parking follows town code*.

I'm fortunate to be part of this community since my family and I moved here 4+ years ago. I'm at a stage in my life where I want to contribute more to our community. I live on 95th Ave at the dead end on south side of Sally's ally (near basketball structure). I'm a husband, father, son, brother and Seahawks fan. I have met many of you while playing basketball and soccer with my 8 years old twins and taking walk with my wife Anu and our twins.

I will be *honored to earn your vote and humbled to serve our community*.

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Statement: My name is Steve Bush and I am a resident of Yarrow Point. After the successful sale of Pure Networks, a technology startup I co-founded, our family moved to Yarrow Point in May 2010. I live with my wife Christine Chang, two teenage daughters, and pet Golden Retrievers at the intersection of Yarrow Point, Clyde Hill, and Kirkland town boundaries. In 2013, I decided to leave the workforce and dedicate my time, energy, and resources to family and community impacting projects.

I wish to serve the town of Yarrow Point as a member of the Town Council, position #5. As a member of the Council, I will seek to preserve the character and quality of life in Yarrow Point while improving the infrastructure and services offered by the town. I have served on the Yarrow Point town council since 2014.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Director District No. 3

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Education: BA from the University of Chicago, MBA from the University of Dallas

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Statement: I'm the dad who races to school on bikes every school day. Pre-pandemic, I volunteered in classrooms every other Friday to support our amazing teachers. My daughter's finishing 1st grade at Wilburton and my son's finishing 3rd grade at Spiritridge. They both have special needs. I'm determined to restart the critical services for the most vulnerable students as soon as possible.

I'm the professional who has taught English in Japan, Entrepreneurship at UW-Bothell, coached broadly on the power of authentic communication, and led a non-profit that helped prepare incarcerated individuals with job skills. I'm dedicated to fighting for equity and giving voice to underrepresented in our community.

I'm the immigrant from the former Soviet Union who started 7th grade without speaking English. Inspiring teachers and public schools have given me the tools to succeed. I'm committed to keeping our public schools overseen by an independent, democratically elected board.

If elected, I will be the board member who works to heal our community, asks tough questions and partners with the other board members, and the community to select the best superintendent to lead Bellevue schools into the future. To remain as impartial as possible, I'm not seeking endorsements or campaign donations.

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Education: Master of Science- Florida International University; Medical Doctor- Huaxi Medical School, Sichuan University China

Occupation: Nutrition Service Director, Registered Dietitian

Statement: The pandemic has had a profound impact on our school district. I'm running to bring my passion of being an advocate for our families to the school board.

Known as the "School Lunch Mom" by many in the district, I led the campaign for twenty-minute seating time to ensure that basic health needs of children are met. My two-year advocacy resulted in an updated BSD lunch policy and the introduction of the state legislature HB1272.

Having served on the frontline of the pandemic since day one, I'll bring firsthand knowledge to the safe transition to full-time in-person learning and the speedy recovery of our students academically and emotionally.

My journey as a first-generation immigrant and having a child with special needs have taught me the importance of working with people of all backgrounds. I support a tailored curriculum that suits each student and a devotion to excellence. Through collaboration of all parties, we can revitalize the best K-12 program in the state and welcome back the thousands of students who have left BSD. I believe strongly in transparency and accountability and look forward to helping our students emerge from the biggest challenge of their generation stronger than ever. Thank you!

Director District No. 3

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Statement: It's been a disruptive, divisive year. It's time to come together as a community for our students. My commitment to children's learning and my advocacy for *all* voices makes me the right choice to help our children continue on the road to excellence, equity, and empathy.

Excellence. I've chosen to raise my four children in Bellevue because of our district's academic excellence. I'm committed to advancing our reputation for excellence and increasing rigor and opportunities for all students.

Equity and Empathy. As an Asian American woman who has experienced racism, I know it's important to empower each other. I've used my platform as a small business owner to advocate for equity. My small business has taught languages to thousands of children in support of bilingualism and cross-cultural competency. We need to listen (and be heard) with empathy to heal. I will collaborate with all constituents to ensure a safe and respectful process for recovery from the pandemic. I will be fair-minded, soliciting and respecting diverse opinions to help guide the district.

Endorsements: Chris Marks, Sen. Wellman, Sen. Kuderer, Rep. Thai, Rep. Slatter, Mayor Robinson, Councilmember Barksdale, Bellevue Education Association, 41st and 48th Democrats, Women of Color in Politics, and more.

Director District No. 5

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Gregg Smith



Education: Bachelor's in Business Administration, University of Washington

Occupation: Broadband Business Owner, Volunteer, Entrepreneur, and Management Consultant

Statement: I am running for Board because the Bellevue School District (BSD), once highly sought-after, has fallen behind and lost focus on what matters – *students!* I want to fix this by re-evaluating the needs of our diverse students, then delivering a program, in a fair and equal way, that inspires each student to achieve their maximum potential.

Throughout the pandemic, BSD has consistently failed to meet the needs of its students. Our neighboring districts rose to the challenge, yet BSD readily gave in to unreasonable demands from the Teachers' union (BEA) and our students were left with learning opportunities that ranked at the bottom of the state. BEA and BSD need to be held accountable with more transparency.

Once students are back full-time, there will be the challenge of getting them back to excellence – both academically and emotionally. There needs to be a strategy developed for this.

I bring an abundance of passion and experience, including PTSA VP, Director of after-school enrichment, Room Parent, ambassador for the BSD School Bond, and an active community volunteer. Our schools exist to serve our students. I will work hard to get our students back to excellence, both academically and emotionally. Please vote for me.

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Occupation: Business Owner, Dataworks Consulting, Inc.

Statement: I have been a resident of Newport Hills for more than 20 years and actively supporting my community through my service as Treasurer of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scout Troop Leader, and small business owner. I am deeply concerned by the impact of COVID-19 on our school district and how it has affected the relationships between parents, teachers, as well as the school administration and board. My family, especially my two daughters, has been deeply affected by this past school year as we have observed the pandemic tear at the seams of our community—especially our schools.

My goal in serving on the school board is to engage students, families, educators, and the community to create an equitable and inclusive environment where all students can thrive and succeed. I believe the board should make its decisions transparent to build trust as well as take responsibility for the community's limited financial and environmental resources.

I believe bringing people together and building relationships will enable us to create a better tomorrow for our children and strengthen our community as we all strive to recover from perhaps the greatest challenge of our lifetimes.

Director District No. 5

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Occupation: Former General and Special Education Teacher; Community Advocate for Education

Statement: As we recover from our collective trauma of COVID-19, our children, parents, and broader education community deserve collaborative leadership to rebuild trust and unity. We need a voice for all our children. We need policies that inspire and empower all students to excel and maintain high academic standards, while at the same time address our mental health crisis and support our students' social and emotional needs.

Jane's extensive experience in education and health advocacy, data driven approach, and proven ability to collaborate with our diverse community makes her the right person to face the pandemic fallout, and set a new course for our district's future.

Jane has taught both special and general education, has been a longtime advocate for equity, and has seen firsthand the challenges students' face –cultural assimilation, discrimination, bullying, and mental health issues. She has also worked with highly-capable students to keep them inspired both with and beyond their academics, with exceptional outcomes. Jane will be the voice for all our children.

Endorsed: Bellevue Education Association; 41st & 48th District Democrats; State Senators Wellman & Kuderer; State Reps. Thai, Callan, Senn, Slatter & Maxwell (fmr.); Bellevue Mayor Robinson and Councilmembers Barksdale, Stokes & Zahn; and many more!

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Occupation: Senior Manager at T-Mobile, Community Advocate for Education


Statement: In the pandemic, many children received an inadequate education, teachers felt unsupported, and parents struggled with work and childcare. I am running for school board to improve *communications*, enhance *curriculum*, and build *connections* that will guide our district on a path of recovery.

To help us recover and rebuild trust, I will drive authentic and transparent *communications*, prioritizing our childrens' needs.

Educational excellence is paramount. After a year of virtual learning, we need to expand hands-on learning programs for K-12 and increase STEM electives/internship opportunities across a variety of fields. Let's ensure every child is on a path to finding their passion before graduation.

To build *connection* and support, our district needs to prioritize mental health. I will ensure appropriate access to counselors and family services. This last year, I established social emotional learning groups at my son's elementary school, partnering with a local non-profit focused on compassion and empathy – resulting in positive and profound impacts. As a child of immigrants, a 3rd and 7th grade parent, I have served in school PTAs, *curriculum* adoption committees, and district level equity task forces. I have strong acumen to dig deep, uncover root issues and a heartfelt dedication to our children.

Director District No. 4

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No photo submitted

Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: I decided to run for this position because our schools are in dire need of change. All one must do is look at the numbers to see how far behind we are in the state rankings. I have 3 boys, one graduated from Todd Beamer and my twins went through middle school here. I witnessed first hand working in our middle school the bullying, violence, and lack of structure we have. In one word I saw chaos. It was so bad I removed my kids from the district entirely and moved them to a neighboring one.

I shouldn't have to do this. It's unacceptable. My kids deserved better and your children, all children, do as well. We need for our wonderful teachers to be supported. I saw in person they are not.

Please research how we are doing in our district and choose someone who wants change.

Jim Storvick

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Education: Bachelor's in Biology, Western Washington University after military service

Occupation: Commercial Banking - Management Career

Statement: We deserve a Board of Education with leaders that are transparent and accountable to the community, serving as an open and constructive voice of the community in our schools. We deserve leaders on the Board working wth all stakeholders in the community, and has experience working with complex organizations for results. *I am that leader.*

My family has lived here for decades, my wife and I have raised our children here as they moved through our schools and on to local colleges (UW and Highline). My wife is a local teacher. Both of us have had a wide range of community engagement. My experience includes: FWPS Business Advisory Board, founding committee member of Advancing Leadership, FW Schools Board Member and President (1997-2001) ... and numerous other community activities.

I believe in the "3 R's:" *Respect ... for every student's right to a quality education; Responsibility ... for fiscal and personal accountability and high ethical standards; Results ... for students, educators, and the community.*

I will work for safe, healthy, and productive schools, build support for education, strengthen community ties. and create business and civic partnerships. *Respect, Responsibility, Results ... Vote Jim Storvick for Federal Way School Board, Director District #4.*

Director District No. 4

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Statement: I'm a 25 year resident of Federal Way, I have been an active volunteer in the community and in it's schools. I previously served in the US Army, had careers in banking, mortgage lending, and real estate.

I was appointed to the Federal Way Public School Board in October 2018, elected in 2019, and currently serving as Director of District #4 and Board Vice President. Volunteering in the schools gave me the opportunity to meet parents, school administrators, and students. I keep my ear to the pavement, listening to our families, students, and stakeholders.

I do not come to the table with a personal agenda. My only purpose is to ensure that every student in the FWPS District continue to receive the absolute best education possible. I will continue to advocate for equity, inclusion, expanded opportunities in AP, CTE, and other courses to allow students more pathways to success. It's been my privilege to be a part of the continued growth and success of the FWPS District. With your vote I can advocate for you keeping the district accountable and staying on it's path of doing what's right for it's students.

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**Education:** Washington Military Academy (OCS); MS, Human Resources; BA, Business Management; AAS; High School Diploma.**Occupation:** Founder and President, Safe Homes, a 501c3, non-profit

Statement: "The extent and duration of COVID-19 outbreak remains unknown and the impacts on our communities, schools and our economy are still in flux." It has brought social and racial injustice and inequity to the forefront of education. It has hindered educational opportunities for some of the most vulnerable students. Some students may have found great success in virtual classrooms, while others found freedom from racism, bullying, and harassment while learning at home. Whether our children are in a hybrid or 100% remote school settings; they deserve a quality education.

As the Founder and unpaid Executive Director of Safe Homes, I have served the social-emotional, and informal educational needs of our communities' children for over 25 years. My knowledge and experience will help me to provide leadership and build a vision all can share in. As a former Senior HR Manager, I have established performance criteria and developed policies and procedures concerning hiring, contracting, terminating, and evaluating staff; both classified and certificated. I was responsible for ensuring the five Collective Bargaining Agreements was negotiated in good faith.

The board must be responsive and listen to all constituents. I ask for your vote. It is a time for change.

Director District No. 4

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Education: Brigham Young University, BA Accounting MA Tax

Occupation: Chief Development & Strategy Officer

Statement: I submitted my name as an option to vote for a person who's focus is the parents, students and teachers of our Kent Community. Education occurs in the classroom, not at the district office. A board member's responsibility and loyalty is to be and remain with the community. It is to hold the district accountable. You should feel comfortable coming to a board meeting, addressing the board and feel that your and your student's voice matters. You should feel that the board member is there to be your advocate. There are a number of people running in District 4. As long as you vote for a person who will be fiercely loyal to you, I am satisfied. If you feel I am the best option, feel free to vote for me. If elected, I will be singularly loyal to you and your student.

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Education: Associate of Applied Science - Accounting, six years of college

Occupation: Retired Vietnam Veteran

Statement: I am excited to announce my membership and volunteer on the Kent School Board. I lived in Kent for 30 years. My passion is to help our youth in receiving quality education.

Job Career:

* Four years Air Force Active Duty; * 28 years Air Force Reserves - Flight Engineer & Safety Instructor; * King County Metro Transit - Transit Operator, Public Safety Partnership Coordinator, Safety Committee Member ; * Real Estate, Mortgage and Insurance Agent; * Financial Services Consultant; * Home-Base Business Owner; * Local Youth Pilot Program - Our mission is to provide education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

I appreciate and thank you for your vote.

Director District No. 4

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Education: AAS-Media Communications

Occupation: Father of two, Kent community member, Real Estate Broker

Statement: As a proud longtime resident of Kent, my goal for representing you as a board member is to listen to you, be transparent, represent you in my votes, advocate for our children, and hold our leadership accountable. My wife and I are raising our two daughters here in the Kent School District. My vote as a board member directly affects our children just as it does *your* kids and *our* community. We are all in this together.

I have no intention of voting with my emotions. My voting will be a direct reflection of the expectations of this community for *all* of our children. Your voices in this community will be represented to the best of my ability.

Parents do not have a union; we have a school board and they must reflect us all. Both of my parents were schoolteachers and I understand that we must be *productive not destructive*.

We need to hold our leaders accountable for the selection and evaluations of the superintendent. We need to be fiscally responsible with our budget. And most importantly; as a community it is our voices, strong beliefs and values that create what is possible for our kids.

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Education: BS, Computer Science, M.A. Strategic Intelligence and Analysis. Currently pursuing Doctoral of Law and Policy

Occupation: Small business owner and Telecommunications Engineer

Statement: My name is Awale Farah, and I am a long-time resident of Kent. My four children are graduates of the Kent School District.

The pandemic continues to engender challenges, as the school district emerges from this crisis, I will listen to families to develop successful pathways to learning. I am motivated to bring diverse communities together to share their experiences and expectations of the Kent School District.

Some of my community involvements are being the President of the Kent Kiwanis and a volunteer with Living Well Kent. I serve as a board member for Communities in Schools, Children's Therapy Center, and Greater Kent Historical Society.

My engineering career, including twenty years at Boeing and AT&T, developed my leadership skills through managing teams of fifty employees and overseeing a \$250 million budget. I will work on the goals and mission of the Kent School District and be mindful of the financial responsibilities. It will be exciting to create a "new normal" for our children's education, and I look forward to working with other members of the Kent School Board I am a positive thinker who learns from the past in order to enhance the present and design a better future.

Director District No. 5

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: Parents have questioned what works best as long as formal education has existed. Everybody wants the best education for their child. Our schools closed when mine was in Kindergarten, but in that short time I started questioning the quality of education he may receive going forward.

There's increasing evidence that digital educating inhibits learning. That exposing young children to digital tech causes the brain to wire itself to work in short bursts. Then when they reach high school and need to dig down and do deeper studying, they struggle with it. The brain has not wired itself for that task.

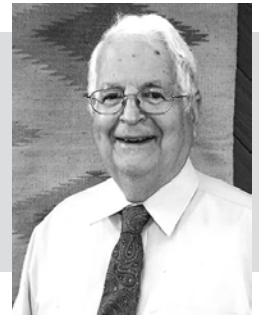
So believe me that I got a sinking feeling when I visited my son's Kindergarten class and saw a cluster of computers there. Will education as it's structured today provide him with the critical thinking skills to successfully navigate the world as it will be 20 years from now? I worry we may be wrong in embracing technology as we have and diminishing the role of teachers in education.

When my child reaches high school I want our schools to be amongst the best in the country. We deserve a Board that will question if we're on the right track.

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Education: Masters of Arts in American Studies, Pepperdine Univ. 1982 Bachelors in Education, Seattle Univ. 1968

Occupation: Retired

Statement: School Board decisions post COVID19 will be crucial as we assess needed changes, consider areas where improvement is needed, and incorporate lessons learned from remote instruction during the pandemic. Class sizes and the need to support instruction at home for everyone created challenges for students and staff this year, exposing differences in learning barriers faced by our diverse student population. Keeping students and staff safe is a primary goal requiring policies which reflect the latest science. The public has been supportive of the district technology programs expanded when I previously served as a school board member, and I support continuing our partnership with Green River College in technology education.

My educational career as a Kentridge High School teacher and ten years of teaching at area community colleges has taught me what teachers need from administration to be effective in their jobs. Previous elected service on the Kent School District Board of Directors, Green River College Board of Directors, and Kent City Council taught me the challenges administrations face and the importance of sustaining programs and tracking expenditures of large public budgets. I believe my experience prepares me to serve you well as on Kent School Board. I appreciate your vote!

Director District No. 5

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Education: High School Graduate

Occupation: King County Government; Community Volunteer


Statement: We all know that our kids are our future. Their success determines which way our city, state and country moves forward. We need to invest early and often in our students, their success, lay a path and strong foundation for their successful future.

As a board member, I will work hard to ensure we have real accountability, transparency and actual results for Kent families. We need to put politics aside and get back to focusing on our kids..

As a parent, I stand side by side with all of you in wanting what is the best for our kids and their futures. I have fought over the years to advocate for education equity.

I serve on the State Commission on African American Affairs, volunteer with KentHope, the Greater Kent Historical Society and City of Kent Cultural Communities Board. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Director District No. 1

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Occupation: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

Statement: America is a nation founded upon the words “all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights” for over 200 years these words have guided us as one nation. We are a people that believe our government officials must “derive their just powers from the consent of the governed”

For those who still believe children should be valued for who they are and not “what they are” as members of any group, race, or ethnicity; I stand for you. Sadly, children, parents, and teachers need protection from greedy, self-interested teachers’ unions and their allies in the state government who believe children and their education are the property of unions and the state. Stand up and be counted. Let children be children, stop burdening them with deviant ideas about sexuality and gender. All too soon the children of today shall bear the burdens of adulthood; it is not for the state to replace a child’s parents.

Stop teaching children to hate their own heritage, ancestors and homeland.

Boys and girls of all races, colors, and creeds; deserve an “America First” education about our country and the values it was founded upon in 1776.

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Education: Dean’s List: University of Washington

Occupation: Ambassador for the NW Sarcoma Foundation (2015-Present)

Statement: I love Northshore. I’ve spent my entire school career here. I’ve received plaudits from Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal, Governor Jay Inslee, and a former U.S. Secretary of Education for my work with various youth organizations. Having also received the U.S. Presidential Scholar Award, the highest student award granted by the U.S. Department of Education, I know what academic excellence looks like. Additionally, as a three-time cancer fighter, I will devote my tenacity to the families of the Northshore District.

I believe no child should be left behind, yet some students have been forgotten: students with disabilities, single-family households, minority communities, and poor internet connections have been disproportionately affected by school closures. As your school board director, I will ensure that all individuals have an equitable place in our schools.

As a gay man, I believe that all students should be prideful about themselves and their education. However, it is shameful that graphic, sexual images may be displayed to our youngest students. As your board member, with oversight of the curriculum, I commit to preserving the innocence of our youth.

I’ll never lose sight of the most critical asset of the district-our children. Let me serve you.

Director District No. 1

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Education: BS; Biology/Chemistry, Univ. of Puget Sound. MS/PhD; Biochemistry/Molecular/Cellular Biology, Northwestern Univ.

Occupation: Primary/Owner, Scientific Consulting company. Northshore School Board Director

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the Northshore School District over the last four years and it would be a privilege to continue to put my passion for public education to work for this community.

This award-winning Board has done great things over the last 4 years, including; increased access to childcare, music, hi-cap, and mental health supports; opening new/upgraded facilities to provide safe learning environments; decreasing opportunity/outcome gaps; adding safety and equity teams in all schools; and advocating with legislators to support our students and community. And we acted quickly to guide and serve our community in a global crisis. I am so proud of the work we have done and the future of education as we move out of this pandemic.

But the work must continue. It is critical to fully fund education, close opportunity/outcome gaps, teach students as individual learners, and provide that support and access in early childhood. My skills and background in science, management, budget, legislative advocacy, team-building, teaching and troubleshooting make me uniquely qualified to serve this critical role.

I would be honored to continue the great work of the Northshore School District and respectfully request your vote.

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Education: MS Security Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology; CISSP; Computer Forensics Cert, UW

Occupation: Cyber Security Leader, Boeing


Statement: I'm running for school board because I'm a concerned parent of an elementary student. I don't have political aspirations. I want to be a positive example for my daughter, demonstrating strong values and community commitment. *Connect* with me and I will 'be the change we want to see'.

My skills as leader of a cyber-team, active listening, critical thinking, being proactive, setting high expectations and making informed decisions will serve us on the Board.

I have watched stress levels and mental health issues escalate in our community. Apps replaced in person time. Connections were severed. Children will enter the next school year with diminished educational and emotional experiences; we need to proactively provide a suite of tools and services and be flexible, delivering the resources needed for children to not just recover but to excel.

Our children need our help to: *Improve* connections among schools, community, and the Board; *Rebuild* our support system focusing on emotional and educational growth; *Deliver resources equitably* to develop the whole child in school and extracurricular activities; *Implement* secure modern infrastructure, drive policy enhancements to foster a safe learning environment. Let's give children limitless opportunities. Let's *Connect*; *Let's be the changes they need.*

Director District No. 4

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Statement: Northshore was a great district with stated aspirations to become amazing. Sadly, graduation rates have declined, and mental health has plummeted. Diversity has driven division and we have been plagued by inaction, lack of transparency, and a frustrated community. With a true diverse background, obsession with academic excellence, and educating the whole child, I’m committed to changing this.

I was raised in Belarus, Europe, graduated top of class, becoming the first engineer in my family to earn a masters’. I’ve benefited from a high-quality and diverse education. Diverse experiences, expectations and ideas from different professions and countries. My bilingual child is entering our district and I’m committed to providing all students with a diverse and high-quality education.

Before moving to America, I belonged to a union. If it works for the people, unions serve their purpose. Balance is imperative. Having experienced both, I’m committed to restoring balance. National pride must also be restored in our youth. Growing up in a country where that was void, I always saw America as a great nation. We must foster this in our public education again.

Family and education shape worldviews. Let’s restore our public education, starting with Northshore. Expand Horizons with Katya.

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 1991, Juris Doctor, University of Washington, 1994

Occupation: I have a restorative justice practice.

Statement: The last year and a half have been so heart-breaking with Covid-19 causing loss of life and jobs, and damaging mental health and relationships. We have much work to do to repair and heal. Our public schools have a prominent role to play in that and we have learned that education can change and innovate. Now more than ever we need sound leadership on the School Board, to rethink the how, what and most especially the why of public education. The world was changing before the pandemic and that change has only accelerated. With your continued support, I will bring the voices of parents, students, and educators together to ensure all of our students are prepared for jobs that do not yet exist, in a world that will look dramatically different than what existed even a few years ago. I believe that every one of our students can and should be a contributing member of our community and I want to be part of the conversation of how we get there.

Endorsements - 1st, 45th and 46th District Democrats, Northshore Education Association, Northshore Education Office Managers, Secretaries and Professional Technical Employees, Rep. April Berg, Rep. Davina Duerr, Rep. Gerry Pollet

Director District No. 4

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Education: BS - Aeronautical Engineering, Air Force Academy; MS - Engineering, USC; MBA, Arizona State University

Occupation: PMO Director, Astronics Advanced Electronics Systems


Statement: Having led military, not-for-profit, and aerospace teams, I bring extensive experience in *training* high-performing professionals across a variety of disciplines. I come from a family of *teachers and a union leader*, providing me with educational perspectives from successful schools nationwide. I also intimately understand the challenges teachers face and the critical role they have in educating our kids. I'm ready to hit the ground running, and lead the mission of *making the best district for students to create their futures*.

Beyond returning kids to classrooms full-time, we must: focus on academics, returning students to grade level standards; extend opportunities for *all* to safely participate in *all* activities; implement budget transparency, operate within our means, and reduce community burden. Our schools are an investment and should yield results, equitably. *All schools must* have equitable access to technology, learning and extracurricular opportunities, including building renovations and improvements.

I will bring my decisive leadership, passion for education, and ability to drive action and get results to ensure that we "strengthen the community through excellence in education" and give our children the education they deserve.

I am ready to lead. A vote for Chris is a vote to Create Futures.

Director District No. 5

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Education: Bachelor's - Business Administration, University of Washington; Juris Doctorate, University of Idaho School of Law

Occupation: Attorney - Felt Law

Statement: It's time for action! We need to *put students first and focus on education*. I know Northshore schools. For nine years, I have been working in classrooms with students, in the PTA, organizing and event planning, and also coaching youth sports in the community. I love when schools work well for children. Northshore School District can do better for *all* our children. Too many children have been left behind. That's why I'm running. As a parent of five in the district, I'm invested in the successful education of *all* children.

Last year was rough, but the inaction of the existing School Board made a bad situation worse. I have seen students succeed and struggle. Our children, families and community deserve a voice.

I am that voice. I am a leader who is willing to listen and collaborate to solve problems. We must *mend the divide* between parents, teachers, administrators, and the union. I'll bring *proactive* leadership, *transparent* communications and collaborative *results*. We're a team!

Professionally, I'm an attorney, with experience in both state and municipal law. I recognize when schools are failing their primary mission, the education of our children. Let's make education priority #1. *Students First*. Vote Amy Felt.

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Education: BA, Northwest University; Certificate in Nonprofit Fundraising Management, University of Washington

Occupation: Individual Giving Manager, Youth Eastside Services

Statement: Our public schools are in uncharted territory. Never before has a pandemic impacted education so drastically. We can't solve this problem with antiquated approaches. Recovery is only possible if we comprehensively address *all* students' academic and mental health recovery. As a parent of three kids, each with unique learning goals, I'm driven to help.

I'm well acquainted with the learning challenges students face when they need more help to achieve academic standards and success. I grew up with a learning disability and yet graduated top of class in college. I know what it takes to get there. *We need a comprehensive recovery plan*. I have that plan: *Recover* student academic, social and emotional wellbeing; *Respond and act* to address the mental health crisis; *Remove* barriers.

We need leaders who enable students to thrive. I devoted my career to advancing the needs of children and youth. I will uphold policies that support families, teachers, and our community at large. I will advocate strongly on behalf of students with diverse learning needs to increase equity for all. I will listen and offer solutions that benefit the community at large. Voting for me empowers district progress. *Recovery Now*. Thank you for your vote.

Director District No. 5

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, University of California, Irvine

Occupation: Business owner

Statement: I started volunteering more than a decade ago in Northshore schools to benefit my children's educational experience. Today, I am running for school board to improve outcomes for *all* students.

I have a proven track record of leading through partnerships with the community, teachers and administrators. I served on volunteer boards of local PTAs and the Northshore HiCap Parents Council. As a former reporter, I covered different districts and understand the complexities of how our public education system operates. We deserve a leader who can navigate the nuances of fully and safely reopening our campuses in the fall. I have the skills required to gather input from a diversity of voices in the community, identify solutions and accomplish results.

My goal is to improve educational equity - particularly removing obstacles for students from marginalized communities. I would bring this important and needed perspective to the board because equity not only brightens the future of our students, it strengthens our community.

Together we can make Northshore a place where *all* students have the opportunity to meet their potential. My endorsements include the teachers' union, Kenmore Council Member Corina Pfeil and Snohomish County Democrats. I humbly ask for your vote.

Amy Cast

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Education: BS Business Management from Binghamton University, Binghamton NY

Occupation: Owner of a website design firm, and leadership consultant

Statement: Since I began serving you on the Northshore School Board eight years ago, I've worked to continuously improve our schools, making us one of the highest performing districts in the state. As we recover from the pandemic and this heart-breaking year, I am committed to using my experience and passion as we face our newest challenges.

In my time on the board, I found new resources, partnerships and programs to build excellence for students, and which were critical to our work to safely reopen schools. I will protect our added college-prep and technical education classes, new choice programs, expanded arts programs and commitment to educational equity. Before knowing how vital the need for space would be, I reduced overcrowding in our classrooms by opening three new schools on time and on budget.

This past year has also shown the importance of supporting our students holistically. Prioritizing the mental health and overall well-being of each child, I ensured that Northshore added more counselors and support programs at every school. It is my commitment that together we will not only recover from this year, but thrive.

Endorsements: 1st LD, 45th LD, and 46th LD Democrats, King County Democrats and Northshore teachers.

Director District No. 5

Amber Wright

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Education: Graduate of Cedarcrest High School, Student at University of Alaska Fairbanks Business School of Management.

Occupation: CMO at Sahasrara Inc, Financial Professional and Accountant at Eupori.

Statement: I wish to help improve the Riverview School System where parents are proud to send their kids. I intend to improve on the curriculum by bringing the focus to real Human Values and critical thinking skills. Parents need to feel comfortable with the materials being taught with a transparent system between the parents and the school.

Our personal medical choices do not need to be public information or required to be disclosed in order to attend school. If a child or young adult wishes to wear a mask, this is their own choice.

I wish to also focus on the development of science and technology studies. There are many exciting and engaging areas that can be brought into our schools to help advance our young adults innovation and natural curiosity. In conclusion, I want to help the schools be the best they can be, and I ask for your vote.

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Political Science, University of Washington

Occupation: Business Manager, Microsoft Corporation

Statement: There are unique challenges facing our school board as we continue to navigate both the pandemic and our growing community. Unique challenges are best addressed by diverse opinions and fresh perspectives. The current school board has been in place since 2015 and the majority even longer. While continuity is important, so is change.

Transparency and communication are vital to fostering and maintaining community engagement to ensure all voices are heard. This is an area that can be improved by our school board. These pillars are critical to ensuring high level of community support.

While I do not have school board or school administration experience, my skills gained during 18 years of corporate work would directly translate to this role. I am skilled at navigating ambiguity, being transparent, and communicating across differences. I have two children in the district and have been part of this community for 14 years.

Sabrina F. Parnell

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Gonzaga University

Occupation: Administrative Assistant

Statement: It is an honor to serve as a board member for Riverview School District. I am a passionate education advocate who cares deeply about our students, staff, parents, and our community. I am proud to help lead the district through the unprecedented challenges of a pandemic. Students are back in the classroom, and we expect a full return to in-class learning this Fall. Through these challenges we balanced the needs of the community, students, and district employees.

My family has lived in Duvall for 19 years. My involvement over the years includes committees, PTSA, the Riverview Ambassador Program, and as a school director.

In the last 5 years Riverview has: increased the graduation rate to 97%, received the Board of the Year award, and is recognized as a national leader in 'student voice.' Much work remains to allow every student to be successful. Please vote to re-elect Sabrina Parnell.

Director District No. 1

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No statement submitted.

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Occupation: General Contractor

Statement: In the past 41 years I've been a citizen of Maple Valley, a graduate of Tahoma, taught public school, owned a local business and led the Maple Valley Lions Club. I'm happily married, a devoted mother of two Tahoma students and a lifelong learner. While being involved with many facets of Maple Valley, I've developed the belief that our students should be the heart of our city. Our school board directors have the charge and opportunity to bring cutting-edge learning concepts and strategies, provide safe and enriching academic environments, ensure equity for all, and support our children in becoming future ready. Amongst this important work will be developing strategies to remedy unfinished learning resulting from the pandemic, support social/emotional challenges and provide future housing solutions to support our thriving population. Joining this work would be my greatest honor. Please vote.

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Education: Bachelor's in Economics, Colorado State University

Occupation: Vice President of Technology and Project Management, Independent Mortgage Banker

Statement: Being a father of 3 and a grandfather of 4, I understand that our children and grandchildren deserve the best education our taxes can provide. The educational standards that have made an American education one of the most respected achievements in the world are changing. We need to get back to those standards and an educational system that expresses our community values and beliefs, focuses on foundational curriculum, drives cognitive thinking and puts substantive skills-based learning back in the forefront. I stand for the children, parents and citizens of Maple Valley who want education to be the spring-board to a meaningful role in American society.

My experience managing processes, projects, people and budgets, coupled with my ability to bring people together for their common goals, makes me a great choice for Tahoma School Board. I humbly ask for your vote.

Commissioner Position No. 3

Douglas Kunkel

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Education: Bachelor's in Geology, Master's in Hydrogeology - University of Idaho

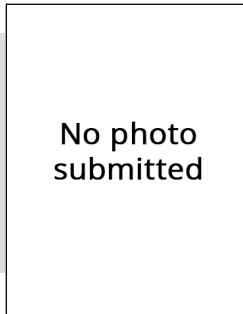
Occupation: Principal Hydrogeologist - TRC Environmental Corporation

Statement: Coal Creek Utility District ratepayers deserve responsive and respectful customer service and high quality water and sewer services at reasonable rates that provide value to them and their families. Our district has some of the best maintained and most up to date infrastructure in Washington and I'm proud to have had the opportunity to be part of the successful management of that essential public asset. My 30+ years in consulting engineering gives me an understanding of the technical aspects of the operation of the district's water and sewer systems and I enjoy using my education and experience to represent the interests of our ratepayers.

It has truly been a privilege and pleasure to represent our district's ratepayers. I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue to serve the ratepayers and work with the district to provide the best possible water and sewer service while striving to control costs.

David Lyons

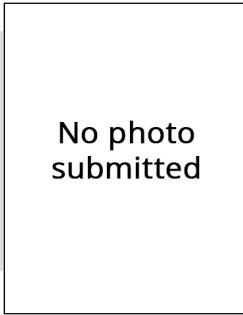
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No statement submitted.

Commissioner Position No. 3

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No statement submitted.

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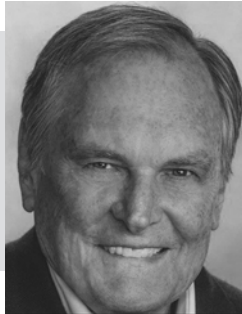
Statement: As Fire Commissioner I will ensure that our citizens receive the highest level of fire protection and emergency services. As a taxpayer I will be fiscally responsible and allocate funds appropriately. I will ensure our firefighters have the tools and training needed to respond to the emergencies of our ever growing community.

With the current challenges and future opportunities we need a motivated commissioner who understands the needs of a fire department and will voice concerns of the community. As a professional Paramedic/Firefighter with 20 years of experience I understand what it takes to bring your family and mine the highest level of service.

My wife and I have enjoyed raising our three young children in the same community I was raised. Our family has considered Kenmore home for 30 years. If we ever need help, I expect the best. That is what I will give you as Fire Commissioner.

Don Ellis

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts-University of Washington, Certified Fraud Examiner 1995-Present**Occupation:** Finance (retired)**Statement:** Don Ellis, a devoted local civil servant, passed away May 25, 2021. His statement is below:

For 28 years I have served a growing community as Northshore Fire Commissioner.

I am passionate about providing Northshore firefighters with quality training and equipment. Throughout my tenure I have worked to maintain a high level of service while managing the tax burden on residents of Northshore Fire cities. Last month (April 2021) the constituents resoundingly voted against merging Northshore Fire Department with Woodinville Fire Department. My position is that the merger would adversely affect the Northshore Fire community and should not move forward. Voters need to be aware that the five elected members of Northshore Fire Board of Commissioners can vote (without constituent support) to move ahead with this merger. Please consider this when you cast your vote for this position (King County Fire Protection District No. 16, Commissioner Position No. 3)



Per state law King County Elections is unable to remove a candidate from the ballot after the deadline to withdraw has passed regardless of circumstances (RCW 29A.24.131). Due to the timing of Mr. Don Ellis' passing his name will appear on the ballot.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Occupation: Auctioneer, Real Estate Broker, H.V.A.C. Management

Statement: I am not a fireman and I'm not related to anyone who is.

Goal: To balance fire and emergency services on both sides of the Sammamish River.

Time is of the essence to save a life when calling 911. The lifesaving measures must be delivered in less than five minutes. Fire Station 51 that's on the north side of the Sammamish River. We have our major high school, two elementary schools, senior center, and a great deal of our Kenmore population on the south side; it warrants an immediate lifesaving capability. Join me to activate an unused fire station on the south side of the river near Arrowhead Elementary. At a minimum we must place a Medic One capacity at that location. Set up a volunteer ride service for any senior that cannot afford a \$1000 ambulance fee. Keep Kenmore Fire personnel in Kenmore their local knowledge is important.

Nate Herzog

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Education: Shoreline Public Schools, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington, Association of Washington Cities CML

Occupation: former City Councilmember; Small business owner: PQR Capitalization

Statement: This past spring, 80% of voters in our community resoundingly opposed the proposed fire district merger. The current Board of Commissioners has unfortunately lost our confidence. I actively campaigned against the merger as I believe there are better ways to solve the problems facing Northshore Fire.

It was an honor to serve two terms on the LFP City Council soon after the city had tripled in both size and population. The issues of growth and budget management require a new set of eyes on the challenges ahead. I look forward to bringing my fresh experience and constructive solutions to the district.

I love our community. It's where I grew up. I've volunteered here (most recently within the Northshore Fire CERT program) and is where I'm now raising a family of my own. I am committed to provide the leadership Kenmore and Lake Forest Park deserve. I greatly appreciate your vote.

Lisa Wollum

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Education: Highline Community College

Occupation: Real Estate Agent, Small Business Owner

Statement: A Seattle local, for the last 17 years I have resided in Kenmore, I can relate to the values of the people in our community. I'm not a politician but instead a mother of three and the wife of a career firefighter and a person who wants the best Fire Protection and EMS service for our community.

. My inspiration to run for this role started during the recent proposed Fire Department merger; needs of firefighters were ignored and emergency response time was not given a priority. We need a more diverse and transparent board and I feel with my unique knowledge we can get the commissioners working together to make a difference.

I will put the citizens of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park first while collaborating the needs of our firefighters- those who truly do the work to keep us safe. Endorsed by Commissioners Rick Verlinda & Josh Pratt

Commissioner District No. 2

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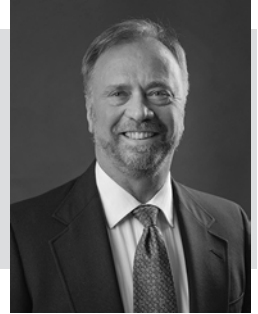
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No statement submitted.

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Accounting Major, University of Washington

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant, Licensed Washington State; Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Statement: Elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2019; having gained the confidence of my fellow commissioners I am currently President of the Board of Commissioners, I also Chair the Finance & Audit Committee.

Re-Elect me as your Hospital Commissioner. I promise to continue making informed decisions based on facts and data. Any decision I make will be in the best interest of our Valley community.

I'll ensure Valley provides high quality, affordable health care to the Valley Community while remaining financially viable.

I'll fight to ensure control of Valley remains local, through the elected Commissioners. You and I pay taxes to Valley. I'll ensure our tax dollars are spent here, in the district, to benefit our community residents.

My leadership and management skills developed over 34 years with the Washington State Auditor's Office, plus my 30 years (active & reserve) military service make me the most uniquely qualified candidate to provide the oversight and leadership needed to ensure Valley is accountable to the citizens. I'll be your watchdog, like I was for the State Auditors' Office. I'll be your eyes and ears to provide the management oversight needed to ensure Valley is managed and operated as efficiently and effectively as possible while providing high quality healthcare to our community. My family have lived in the district for over 30 years, my daughter was born at Valley and my family doctors are at Valley. Valley is an important community resource; we need to protect and ensure it benefits our community- the community that supports it with our tax dollars. I've served the nation in the military, including a tour of duty in Iraq, I've served the State as an Auditor, let me continue serving you as your elected Hospital Commissioner. Re-Elect me as your representative to the Valley Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner District No. 2

Dustin Lambro

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Education: Bachelor's in Politics, Whitman College; extensive training/certification in mediation and negotiations

Occupation: Workers' rights advocate, community leader; President, King County Labor Council

Statement: My family has lived in the Renton area since the 1890s, where I grew up and graduated from Liberty High School. I now own a home in the Talbot Hill neighborhood just south of Valley Medical Center and I am active in my homeowner's association.


Hospital Commissioners, who are elected by voters, no longer have final oversight on issues like patient care, staffing, taxes, and budgets at OUR hospital. Instead, Trustees hand-picked by UW Medicine are in control. As someone who has fought to make government at every level more accountable and transparent, and as a taxpayer like you in this public hospital district, I find this situation to be unacceptable. Commissioners elected by voters should have the final say on issues that impact our hospital and our community.

I was not looking to run for office this year, but I felt a deep obligation to step forward and use the skills I have learned in advancing public policy to help restore a voice for our community in the governance of Valley.

I am proud to be the only candidate endorsed by the King County Democrats, as well as leaders who know my work like Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Congressman Adam Smith, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, and many others. Most importantly, I am proud to be endorsed by the nurses and other Valley health care professionals who are members of SEIU 1199NW. I will always give top consideration to the needs of front-line health care workers at Valley because they know their patients best.

I will hold UW Medicine and the management of Valley accountable to providing the best patient care possible because our community deserves nothing less. I am prepared to get to work on day one, and I humbly ask for your vote.

Commissioner Position No. 4

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Katie Bachand

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Education: College Grad with Doula training from Seattle Midwifery School and Bastyr University

Occupation: Birth and Postpartum Doula

Statement: I would like to represent you as *your* Hospital Commissioner!

Control of Valley Medical Center was taken away from our *elected* Commissioners and given to appointed Trustees controlled by UW Medicine. These Trustees could raise your property taxes to fund whatever they deem to be necessary expenditures, including the salary of the CEO, without a vote from the Board of Commissioners! One goal as your Hospital Commissioner is to ask our legislators to return control of our Hospital District to the voters who support Valley with their tax dollars. You deserve a Commissioner who does what they promised!

That new Commissioner should be me. I am a health care professional and care deeply about our patients and want the best possible health care for all in our Hospital District. I have had medical emergencies and Valley's high quality medical staff saved my life and have helped members of my own family along with many friends and neighbors.

My husband and I have lived in Kent since 1986, where we have raised our 5 children, dogs, cats, and chickens. Our children attended Kent public schools. We are active in our church and in community groups. Working as a Birth and Postpartum Doula since 1983, I have assisted many clients giving birth at Valley's Birth Center. Valley is one of only eight hospitals in Washington that is an accredited "Baby-Friendly Hospital," which is what new parents are looking for when choosing where to birth their babies!

Valley is an important community asset supported through *your* property taxes. We need to assure it has active oversight to benefit *our* community. I would appreciate your vote!

Max J. Heller III

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Education: 1997 High school graduate, certified personal caregiver and massage therapy student

Occupation: Ercm Aviation services Ramp service worker, Elected Democratic PCO

Statement: Why Choose me as your next hospital commissioner?

Hello! I'm Max Heller III, and I'm a candidate for King county Hospital District 1 Commissioner Position 4

Support me as I'm committed to helping those in need while advocating for fair and equal conditions for everybody in Renton.

Since 2015, Valley Medical has continued to be driven down to the ground. Behind the scenes HIPPA laws continue to be broken as sick patients aren't even taken to private rooms to be screened in the ER, women employees are often discriminated against on pay and often overworked and understaffed, there are times that many employees go without break! We are not hiring enough individuals; and it's clear from just speaking to many of the employees at Valley Medical Center and UW Medical that both Hospitals should be Separate private entities , still accepting all insurances and helping those in need. Also we have a huge drug pandemic in Renton ! I have heard from patients and hospital staff alike that so many have been turned away at the door and not even helped. This is wrong! They are seeking help and want to end their addictions. My name is Max Heller III I and am driven by my passion for helping others, and returning valley medical back to an independent hospital and giving the quality healthcare the people of Renton deserve. my husband and I are proud supporters of the LGBTQ community and BLM thank you for your support <http://maxheller4rentoncitycouncil.com> please look at my website and contact me directly with questions or comments

Commissioner Position No. 4

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Monique Taylor-Swan

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Education: Health Training Institute, Highline College

Occupation: Certified Home Care Aid, Board Member Caregivers Union SEIU 775

Statement: My kids were born at Valley and I care deeply about the future of Valley. Seeing the way our district has changed because of UW Medicine and COVID-19 trouble me because our residents are not receiving the respect they deserve. As a board member of SEIU 775 that represents thousands of home health care workers across Washington, I know first-hand how proper staffing means better patient care.

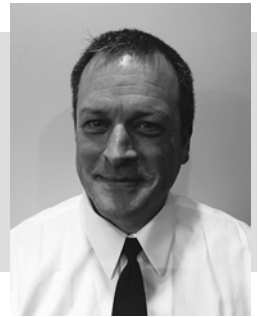
As your Hospital district 1 commissioner, I will work hard to represent and advocate for the residents of Hospital district 1. As a member of the community, I believe in teamwork" it takes to make a community health and prosperous, just as quality healthcare requires. Administration that supports and provides surround care.

As your commissioner, my priorities are for everyone who lives and works in our communities to have access to the best health care available, returning control of Valley back to the elected commissioners, reducing the pay of overpriced executives and using the savings to increase pay for nurses and staff.

As a member of the Renton Inclusion Task Force I am committed to ensuring that Valley has a diverse workforce and treats all residents fairly. We should conduct a comprehensive analysis using an *inclusion* and *equity* lens. Ongoing training workshops on *culturally competent care* is the key. Working together we can bring improvements to Valley for the people in this district. I have a passion to fight for a just and fair society and I want to set an example for other hospitals in the region.

If you elect me as your commissioner, I will bring the vote back to the community and let the people decide for themselves how their care should be. Your vote matters and I hope I've earned it.

Lawton Montgomery



Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: It has been an honor to serve the citizens for the past six years in the position of hospital commissioner.

Please cast your vote for a candidate that will put Valley Hostpital first when dealing with the strategic alliance agreement between Valley Medical and UW.

Commissioner Position No. 4

Parminder Bhatti

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Education: Post graduate

Occupation: Real estate broker

Statement: Hello voters "When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile"

My name is Parminder Bhatti, I have been a citizen of the United States since 2009. I was born and raised in India and came to the USA 25 years ago. I have been living in the greater Seattle area since 2002. I have worked hard to establish myself and my family. My parents joined me from India in 2011 and we all live under one roof. My family is very important to me. From last 20 years I am working as Real estate broker at Skyline Properties, Inc. Bellevue WA. During the time that I have lived in the greater Seattle area I have really appreciated the service by Valley Medical Center. Two of my sons were born there, and my parent continue to use Valley Medical to receive exponential service. During my numerous visits to Valley Medical, I have figured out that helping people is something I myself would also want to do. Medical aid is greatly needed in our area, especially now. I would like to take on the roll to help the employees who save our lives and help us get better every day. The past year, healthcare workers have been doing God's work in helping us all get better. Appreciating the employees of the healthcare system is something that will help our community grow stronger and supportive together. A vote for me is a vote for helping thousands of healthcare workers be appreciated, a vote for me is a vote for everyone to be able to receive proper healthcare accordingly to their needs. I hope to improve the lives of everyone's in the healthcare industry. Healthcare is what keeps us all going. Thank you.

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Education: Pursuant BS-Computer Science, Colorado Technical University; Grand Rapids Community College; Graduate, Rogers High School

Occupation: Software Engineer, former Technology Consultant, President of Renton LGBTQIA+ Community

Statement: As hospital commissioner, I will be someone who bridges Valley Med back to our communities-- not just a vote. I have spent my years pushing for our neighborhoods and ensuring they are supported. I am a pathfinder and solutions builder. Don't take my word for it, view my website with many endorsements from our region. These were earned through the work I have put into building up our communities and pushing for policies that uplift them.

As a commissioner I want to advance more equitable, accessible, affordable healthcare. Valley Medical is one of our region's leading medical institutions with excellent programs for our region's patients. I will push where we can for better patient care, better working conditions for hospital staff, and more affordability from our tax-funded hospital system.

I have established a career of nearly a decade as a software engineer and technology consultant, with businesses ranging from startups to multinational companies. I have served as the president and founder of an LGBTQ pride organization, and I have joined more organizations where I commit myself to putting back into a community that invests so much into me. I volunteer, such as with Emergency Response Teams taking regular, formal training in CPR, AEDs, and more as a way to help peers during an emergency or disaster response; also with the Regional Homelessness Authority for their point-in-time count, and Renton Counts for the US Census, critical to ensuring resources and funding get back to our communities. I strongly believe in equity and inclusion and have advocated for issues including racial justice, LGBTQIA+ equality, and housing.

I have the career experience, community background, and connections you can count on for success at our hospital commission. Thank you for your support!

Commissioner Position No. 4

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No photo submitted

Education: Bachelor's in Nursing, University of Washington; Master's in Business Administration, Western Governors University

Occupation: Clinical Operations Manager- Oncology, Kaiser Permanente- Seattle and Bellevue campuses.

Statement: We deserve a hospital commissioner who has nursing knowledge to serve on the board to help improve patient care through providing insight on evidence based best practices, quality measures and service improvements. We deserve a hospital commissioner who understands hospital operations, business operations, nursing operations and patient care.

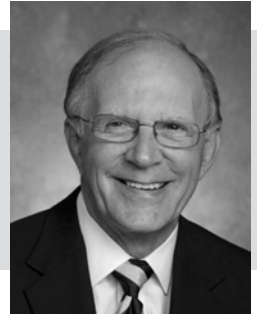
I live in Kirkland with my husband and son. I have the honor to work with a great team and patient population. Last year, I was able to successfully implement virtual care for our patients. I also successfully ran the operations of our oncology infusion centers at full capacity for all patients needing chemotherapy, while observing social distancing and CDC guidelines.

As your hospital commissioner, I want to serve and help the hospital board in providing best and safe patient care by building a strong infrastructure of adequate staffing, technological advances, quality measures and structural and strategic growth. I envision our hospital district to be a role model, and I humbly ask for your support and the power of your vote to make it happen.

Charles A. Pilcher

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Education: BS, Mathematics, Duke University; MD, University of Washington School of Medicine

Occupation: Emergency Physician & ER Medical Director (Retired); Board Member EvergreenHealth

Statement: Serving our community as an Emergency Physician and Commissioner (Board Member) at EvergreenHealth remains an honor. Being the only physician on the Board brings a valuable patient care perspective to the issues we face.

At the beginning of my tenure, I created and have chaired our Board Quality and Safety Committee. I enlisted community members with expertise in aviation, technology and industry to help guide us from a community hospital to a highly respected regional medical center, ranked by Healthgrades in 2020 as one of "America's 50 Best Hospitals." We were also recognized by the CDC, DOH and SKCHD for our team's response to the Covid19 pandemic as we became educators for the rest of the nation for our early experience with critically ill patients.

We take pride in our unique committee of over 40 Community Advisors who meet monthly to receive information and provide input to our Board and executive leadership. That has helped us build a first-class culture that allows us to recruit our amazing staff and reduce employee turnover.

I also serve on our Board Construction, Planning and Strategy Committee, helping to oversee and manage the costs of developing new projects and programs. I also represent Evergreen on the board of the Eastside Health Alliance, a project to improve quality and reduce costs and duplication of services in neurology and cardiology.

I commit to you, our taxpayers, to keep the hospital's tax rate as low as possible while insuring that Evergreen is truly working "to enrich the health and well-being of every life we touch." I am endorsed by firefighters, paramedics, community leaders and neighbors. I look forward to continuing to serve you as we face the opportunities and challenges of healthcare reform and hope that I have earned your trust and your vote.

Commissioner Position No. 4

Katie Grainger



Education: Bachelor's in English, Wofford College; Master's in Cultural Studies, University of Washington

Occupation: Senior Consultant in healthcare, Valence


Statement: I am an advocate for health in our community by promoting awareness for autoimmune diseases and fundraising for cancer research. Having worked for the third-largest non-profit health system in the United States, I see both the challenges facing healthcare and possibilities for reform. I intend to help make healthcare better for all Americans. That starts with impacting decisions made at the local level.

As someone who lives with a chronic disease, I know firsthand the struggles of navigating a healthcare system that is not always affordable or accessible. I don't need to be the medical expert in the room to provide governance that positively impacts our community. I will bring experts together with the people of District 2, so everyone is heard.

As your Public Hospital Commissioner, I will listen with intent and lead by example, being honest and transparent with the public. Most importantly, I will commit to making decisions that are in the best interest of our community.

Our future depends on healthcare, and I respectfully ask for your vote to help make a difference.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Micah Steinhauer

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Education: AA degree

Occupation: Lab technician/Operator

Statement: Hello, my name is Micah Steinhauer, I am currently running for Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Commissioner Position No. 5.

I am a lifelong resident of Washington State, and have lived within the Soos Creek District for the last 25 years. My wife and I have been married 27 years and have raised our two children within this district. Now is my time to give back with my knowledge and experience.

I have worked for a local, neighboring sewer district for the last 31 years which gives me a beneficial first hand knowledge how a district operates. With this experience, I have worked in nearly every facet of treatment and service. I have achieved the highest certification available, (Group IV) from Washington State in this field. This qualifies me to make sound and educated decisions for you when it comes to your Soos Creek Water and Sewer District concerns.

My expertise in this industry makes me uniquely positioned to help make this possible *benefiting you and your family*. Thank you for your vote, I pledge to maintain a high quality safe drinking water, efficient operations and keep low rates within our district.

Alice R. Marshall



Education:

Occupation: Owner, Running Stitch Fabrics

Statement: Alice has worked for over 40 years in the water and sewer industry, including 26 years as a Soos Creek employee. This experience has prepared her to meet the current and future needs of the District and contribute a well-rounded knowledge of water and sewer operations, District policy, history, and future needs to the Board. Proudly serving as one of your current commissioners, she has supported and initiated policies that maintain the strength of the District while keeping water and sewer rates amongst the lowest in King County.

Alice is committed to preserving a tradition of excellent customer service and strategic planning to accommodate the growth and future changes within District boundaries. Soos Creek Water and Sewer District has a unique boundary that overlaps with 6 cities and unincorporated King County. Alice is committed to working with each jurisdiction, providing service to the communities while minimizing the impact to ratepayers.

A lifelong western Washington resident, Alice has lived within the Soos Creek boundary for 30 years and has been a part of the Kent business community for 10 years. Alice looks forward to continuing to represent the community and serving as your Commissioner.

Commissioner Position No. 5

Logan K. Wallace

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Education: Master of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Washington. Washington State Licensed Professional Engineer

Occupation: Senior Civil Engineer, Water Utility District

Statement: As a professional engineer with over a decade of experience in the civil engineering field, including his current position as the Senior Engineer at a neighboring water utility district, Logan has the skills, background, and experience to make informed, strategic, decisions for the Soos Creek Water & Sewer District.

Logan has a proven track record of effective and engaging leadership. A U.S. Navy Veteran, he served on submarines out of Bangor, WA. As the former Chief of Cost Engineering at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District, he has a keen eye for financial management and fiscal planning.

Logan and his wife Alisha enjoy raising their two children in the Kent community, where they've lived for over 15 years. You can often find them exploring the Soos creek trail with their dog Apollo.

Logan looks forward to bringing his experience and honest perspective to the District's Board of Commissioners. He is extremely proud of his career in service to the public, both in the military and as a civilian. As the next Commissioner he is committed to prioritizing affordable rates, fiscal responsibility, strategic planning and exceptional customer service. *He would be honored to serve you as your next Commissioner.*

Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy for Children, Youth, Families and Communities

King County Council passed Ordinance 19267 concerning renewed funding for support of children, youth, families and communities. If approved, this proposition would fund prevention and early intervention services and capital investments to promote health and well-being, including child care; prenatal and newborn family services; youth development programs; social, emotional and mental health supports; and homelessness prevention. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2022 at \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The 2022 levy amount would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3% in 2023 - 2027. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 79.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Dow Constantine, Dila Perera, Ben Danielson,
www.beststartsforkids.org

Every kid deserves a strong start in life and opportunity to reach their potential. Your vote to *renew* this effective, evidence-based levy maintains and expands community led programs proven to help young people succeed at every stage of life. *The measure sets an annual spending cap, funds are overseen by an independent citizen committee and subject to annual audits to ensure transparency and program improvement.*

Investing Early: Helping Kids Thrive

This measure supports prevention and early intervention strategies that have helped thousands of kids stay in school, address personal challenges, and avoid involvement in the criminal legal system – cost effective engagement that facilitates future success. The levy supports equitable investments in children of color to overcome racial injustice, providing important community support. Your vote also expands school-based health programs and counseling services – helping address the alarming increase in youth depression and other behavioral health concerns during the pandemic.

Supporting Vulnerable Families

Renewal continues outreach and partnerships for pregnant and parenting families, so babies and children have the strongest start in life. Your vote will provide thousands of low-income families access to childcare, critical for economic recovery, family stability, and gender equity, especially for moms who left the workforce during the pandemic. In addition, levy dollars have already helped over 10,000 families avoid homelessness. Renewal continues rental assistance and other critical homelessness prevention strategies.

Endorsements: Executive Dow Constantine; County Councilmembers; Mayors and City Councilmembers; SEIU 925 & 775; MLK Labor Council; MomsRising; WA State Nurses Association; KC Alliance for Human Services; Childhaven; Kent Youth and Family Services; Southeast Youth & Family Services; Southwest Youth & Family Services; Youth Eastside Services; 11th, 33rd, 37th, 48th Dems; more!

Explanatory statement

This proposition would authorize an additional regular property tax for six years with a maximum first-year rate in 2022 of \$0.19 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, equal to \$114 for a property with an assessed value of \$600,000. Increases in the following five years (2023 – 2027) would be limited to 3% of the dollar amount of the prior year's levy.

Levy proceeds would support programs and services to improve the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through capital investments, services and supports related to a broad range of issues including: access to safe and healthy food, developmental screening, care for children and youth, social and emotional well-being and mental health, academic support, and prevention and early intervention related to poor birth outcomes, developmental delays, chronic disease, substance use disorders, homelessness, domestic violence and effects of systematic racism and incarceration.

A set amount of levy proceeds would be allocated annually to a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative, a childcare subsidy program, a childcare workforce demonstration project and technical assistance and capacity building activities. If levy proceeds exceed a threshold amount, funding would be applied to grants for repair and expansion of facilities that serve children and youth.

Two advisory boards would provide oversight: a children and youth advisory board and an advisory board designed to improve equity by addressing race and place-based inequities in health and well-being outcomes.

For questions about this measure, contact: Sheila Capestany, Division Director, Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division, (206) 263-7823, sheila.capestany@kingcounty.gov

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy (EMS)

Will East Pierce Fire & Rescue be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents (\$0.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for emergency medical services for each of ten (10) consecutive years to be collected beginning in 2022?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: William Sandlian,
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This is not a new tax! This is a request to reauthorize your previously approved Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy rate of .50 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Your support of the EMS Levy has allowed the District to hire paramedics and support a fully staffed Advanced Life Support (ALS) program. In addition, the citizens of East Pierce Fire/Rescue enjoy the benefits of *Medic Unit transport to the hospital with no out of pocket expenses.*

Continue the highest level of emergency services that you authorized with the previous EMS Levy. Please join us in voting yes to maintain this quality of service to you and your loved ones.

Explanatory statement

For many years, East Pierce Fire & Rescue has asked the voters repeatedly to renew its emergency medical services (EMS) levy. Under current state law, however, the Fire Department can ask the voters to extend this levy for a 10-year period.

The Board of East Pierce Fire & Rescue has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a property tax levy in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for ten (10) successive years. This levy would re-establish the voter-approved EMS levy at 50 cents and would provide sufficient EMS revenue to fund the district's Paramedic program, including the salaries, equipment and medical supplies of firefighter paramedics, and the cost to deliver critical advanced life support care and emergency ambulance transport service.

Approximately 75% of the calls for service by the district are EMS calls. Growth and call volume have increased during the last several years since the voters first approved an EMS levy. The regular property tax levy does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. Without this levy approval the district would not be able to maintain its current excellent level of service.

For questions about this measure, contact: Jon Parkinson, Fire Chief
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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Proposition No. 2 Multi-Year Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 940 concerning an increase in the District's property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to restore the previous voter-authorized regular property tax levy rate for fire and emergency medical services of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for collection in 2022, allow annual increases of up to six (6%) percent for each of the succeeding three (3) years and use the 2025 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies.

Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: William Sandlian,
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East Pierce Fire & Rescue needs your support. We are asking you to please join us in voting *Yes on Proposition 2* to continue funding their operations.

This is not a new tax! This re-authorizes the current Fire Levy of \$1.50 per \$1,00 assessed value. Current rate is \$1.36 per \$1000. The reauthorization would allow the rate to reset at \$1.50 which is approximately \$5.25 a month on a home value of \$450,000. By voting yes, this maintains the current level of service and will add additional staff to open additional fire stations to better serve you and reduce response times.

Please Vote Yes to allow East Pierce Fire & Rescue to maintain the exceptional service level our communities and citizens have come to expect and deserve during the times of need.

Explanatory statement

East Pierce Fire and Rescue is placing a four-year regular levy lid lift proposition on the August 3, 2021 ballot. This proposition will maintain the current level of fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services. This measure will re-authorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the three subsequent years.

This proposition meets the requirement of certain tax laws, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by voters. The voters previously approved the property tax levy rate of \$1.50; this would re-establish that authorized amount. The dollar amount of the levy in the fourth year would be used to establish the base amount for calculating 1% increases in the future.

Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$4,071,376 in projected tax revenue in the first year alone, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.

For questions about this measure, contact: Jon Parkinson, Fire Chief
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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1 Continuation of Benefit Charge

Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to continue a voter-authorized benefit charge each year for up to a ten-year period, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Greg Evans, Jake Koehnen, Gloria Hatcher-Mays,
www.eastsidefire-rescue.org/154/Fire-District-10

Eastside Fire & Rescue was formed on January 1, 1999 by King County Fire District 10 and the City of Issaquah. In 2000, the cities of North Bend, Sammamish and King County Fire District 38 joined the partnership. Each city and fire district fund emergency services separately and contribute revenue to the partnership. Fire Protection District 10 funds operations through a fire levy that is based on the assessed value of a property and is capped at \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and a 'Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).' The FBC has been approved by voters twice before with the initial approval in 2003.

A fire benefit charge is based on a structure's size and use. The fire benefit charge takes into consideration that those who benefit more from fire protection services (such as large, high fire-risk structures) should pay more than smaller ones (such as single-family homes). Over the last five years, operating efficiencies and cost savings from the Eastside Fire & Rescue partnership have allowed the rate to be lowered from an average of \$0.68 in 2017 to \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2021.

The fire benefit charge accounts for 23 percent of emergency services funding and is up for renewal on the August 3, 2021 Primary Election ballot. Fire Protection District 10 continues to work to increase the service level of our agency through the Eastside Fire and Rescue partnership and to return value to the community through that service. We appreciate our communities' continued support of Fire District 10 and ask for your vote in favor of this measure on the ballot.

Explanatory statement

King County Fire Protection District No. 10 as a member of Eastside Fire & Rescue provides emergency medical, and fire protection service to property owners within the District. The Board of Commissioners is requesting that voters approve the continuation of the existing benefit charge initially approved by the voters in 2003 and renewed by the voters in 2009 and 2015.

A benefit charge is not a property tax but is a user fee designed to allocate the cost of the services provided by the District in reasonable proportion to the measurable benefit a property receives. The benefit charge is based on a standard industry accepted formula that takes into consideration fire flows, structure square footage and the type of structure. If the benefit charge is approved the District's statutory tax authority is reduced by \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation.

The Board of Commissioners has determined that a benefit charge, established in conjunction with a lower level of property taxes, provides the fairest, most stable, reliable, and cost-effective method for financing emergency operations of the District and maintaining satisfactory levels of service.

The proposition requests voters to authorize the continuation of the benefit charge to be collected for an additional ten years from 2022 through 2031. Prior to establishing the benefit charge each year, the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing and each year property owners will have the right to petition for adjustments in the amount of the benefit charge.

For questions about this measure, contact: Scott Faires, Budget Finance Analyst, (425) 313-3211, sfares@esf-r.org

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1 Continuation of Benefit Charge

Shall the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges on a permanent basis, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.26.140(1)(c)?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Jennifer Harjehausen, Chris McCartin, Michael Somerville, jennharje@gmail.com

Saving lives, homes and businesses is not something to take for granted. We trust that our fire department will be there when seconds count. Now, it is our time to be there for them.

Voting Yes on Proposition #1 ensures continued, sustainable funding for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority. Proposition #1 simply reauthorizes the use of a Fire Benefit Charge in a two-part funding system in perpetuity. It is not a new tax. Every six years the department spends over \$200,000 to put this issue on the ballot. By making the Fire Benefit Charge authorization permanent we are saving taxpayer dollars for an unnecessary election every six years and that is proven by the fact that this very same issue has been authorized by overwhelming majorities in 2010 and 2016 by all of us. This is a commonsense issue and speaks to the transparency and fiscal responsibility that we should demand of our department. State law already limits the use of the Fire Benefit Charge to be no more than 60% of the operating budget.

Please vote Yes for continued practical funding and support of the very service that might save *Your* life or home one day.

Explanatory statement

The Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority "Puget Sound Fire" is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency medical services in your community. For the last twelve years, the Puget Sound Fire has funded these services primarily through a combination of property taxes and voter approved benefit charges.

Under state law, voters must renew the use of Puget Sound Fire's current benefit charge in 2021. A benefit charge is not a property tax. The benefit charge is a user fee designed to allocate the cost of the services provided by Puget Sound Fire in reasonable proportion to the measurable benefit a property receives. The benefit charge is based on an industry accepted formula that takes into consideration fire flows, the square footage of structures, the type of structures and various risk factors.

The Puget Sound Fire Governance Board has determined that permanently establishing the benefit charge will provide a long-term, stable, reliable and cost effective method for financing the operations of Puget Sound Fire and for maintaining satisfactory levels of service.

Under state law, regional fire authorities which collect benefit charges have reduced taxing authority. Benefit charges can constitute no more than 60 percent of a fire authority's annual operating budget and the fire authority's maximum property tax rate is reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

If approved, Proposition 1 would permanently continue the current funding methods utilized by the Puget Sound Fire to provide emergency medical and fire protection services.

For questions about this measure, contact: Greg Markley, Division Chief, (253) 740-5100, gmarkley@pugetsoundfire.org

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1**Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

The Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2021-07, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

This proposition authorizes the District to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2021 and collected in 2022. The funds will maintain and improve fire protection, emergency medical services and facilities, replace apparatus and equipment, and provide for firefighter safety. The maximum allowable levy in 2021 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

No statement submitted.

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Explanatory statement

Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will

authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 for collection in 2022 (the current levy is approximately \$.82 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). The dollar amount levied in 2021 shall serve as the District's tax levy base and in 2022, absent further voter approval, the tax levy will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

For questions about this measure, contact: Jay Wiseman, Fire Chief, (425) 434-6333, jwiseman@spfire.org

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 3, 2021, of a proposition providing for resident oversight and authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a six-year consecutive period at a rate of not more than \$0.19 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year, and limiting annual levy increases to three percent in the five succeeding years, all for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention strategies and a capital grants program to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their communities.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. In 2015, King County enacted Ordinance 18088, placing a six-year Best Starts for Kids levy on the ballot. King County residents voted and approved the Best Starts for Kids levy to fund programs and services that support promotion, prevention and early intervention for King County's children, youth and families.
2. The goals of the Best Starts for Kids levy that voters approved in 2015 are to ensure babies are born healthy, King County is a place where everyone has equitable opportunities for health and safety as they progress through childhood and communities offer safe, welcoming and healthy environments that help improve outcomes for all of King County's children and families.
3. Since its inception, the Best Starts for Kids levy has funded five hundred and seventy programs and has reached over five hundred seven thousand babies, children, youth and families throughout the county with community-driven programming. Levy programs trained sixty-eight thousand child care providers, pediatricians, community health workers and other staff who work with children and youth on healthy child development and racially and culturally appropriate care. The Best Starts for Kids levy distributes resources across the region, focusing investments on those most in need.
4. In June 2020, the council directed the executive in Motion 15651 to produce an assessment report to inform deliberations regarding renewal of the current Best Starts for Kids levy. The report includes assessment of early measurements and successes, challenges in launching this first levy, an analysis of the levy's advancement of equity and early recommendations for renewal. Executive staff combined findings of staff research, a community survey conducted in June 2020, community input from ten geographically based virtual community listening sessions as well as five virtual stakeholder listening sessions, and input from ongoing Best Starts for Kids community partner learning circles. In total, almost seven hundred and twenty community responses informed completion of the report. The council accepted the assessment report in Motion 15769.
5. The existing Best Starts for Kids levy will expire at the end of 2021. Renewal of the Best Starts for Kids levy requires voter approval. Acknowledging the importance of the Best Starts for Kids levy in serving the county's children, youth and families with upstream promotion, prevention and early intervention programs, and, in light of the current impact the COVID-19 pandemic, has had on the health and well-being of the children, youth and families of King County as well as the regional economic and human services systems including child care, the Best Starts for Kids levy warrants renewal.
6. Over twenty-five thousand babies are born in King County each year. County residents under twenty-five years old comprise thirty percent of the population. Fifty-three percent of the people under eighteen years old in King County are Black, Indigenous and People of Color.
7. Research shows that there are significant disparities in the health and well-being of King County residents. The percentage of children five and under living in poverty is as low as five percent in some regions of the county and as high as fifteen percent in other regions. Infant mortality is four times higher for American Indian/Alaskan Natives compared to whites and more than two times higher for African Americans. Thirty-eight percent of toddler and preschoolers are not flourishing and resilient in King County, and that number rises to seventy-one percent for elementary-aged children. Among youth, thirty-three percent report depressive feelings and twenty-four percent report using alcohol or other illicit drugs. Twenty-six percent of youth say they do not have an adult they can talk to and thirty-three percent do not feel strong connection to their family. Two thousand students, disproportionately low income and Black, Indigenous and People of Color,

drop out of school each year in King County while research shows that by 2024, almost ninety percent of living wage jobs in the county will require some sort of post-secondary education.

8. Child care is unaffordable for many families in King County, and child care for our youngest residents now costs more than in-state, public college tuition. King County's child care workforce is disproportionately made up of women and Black, Indigenous and People of Color, as well as immigrants and refugees. Wages remain low, with providers earning near-poverty-level salaries.

9. In 2010, Ordinance 16897 was enacted, establishing the King County Strategic Plan, 2010-2014. In 2015, the council passed Motion 14317, updating and revising King County's vision, mission, guiding principles and goals. Included within the county's goals are improving the health and well-being of all people in King County, implementing alternatives to divert people from the criminal justice system and ensuring that county government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public.

10. The county's guiding principles in the King County Strategic Plan, 2010-2014 command that pursuit of the county's goals should address the root causes of inequities to provide equal access for all. In 2015, the county established the office of equity and social justice and, the following year, the office of equity and social justice produced the 2016-2022 Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan. King County actively engages in equity and social justice efforts to eliminate racially and ethnically disparate health and human services outcomes in King County, and this is a priority that shall guide the council and the executive in the process of designing, administering and evaluating the policies and programs related to the renewed Best Starts for Kids levy, if approved by voters.

11. In 2014, Ordinance 17738 was enacted, establishing the youth action plan task force and providing policy direction regarding the development of a youth action plan. In addition to their work with the youth action plan, the youth action plan task force members helped shape the current Best Starts for Kids levy. In 2015, the council passed Motion 14378, adopting the completed youth action plan. The youth action plan continues to provide guidance and policy direction for the Best Starts for Kids levy.

12. The strategies supported by the Best Starts for Kids levy achieve a variety of outcomes. Headline indicators used to measure these outcomes for children under six include the following: babies born with healthy birth outcomes; children who are flourishing and resilient; children who are ready for kindergarten; and children who are free from abuse or neglect. Headline indicators for children and youth five to twenty-four years old include the following: third graders who meet reading standards; fourth graders who meet math standards; youth who are flourishing and resilient; youth and young adults who are in excellent or very good health; youth who graduated from high school on time; youth and young adults in school or working; high school graduates who earn a college degree or career credential; and youth who are not using illegal substances. Headline indicators for Communities of Opportunity include: adults reporting good or excellent health; youth who have an adult to turn to for help; individuals engaged in civic activities; households paying less than thirty percent or less than fifty percent of their income for housing; local residents who are displaced; youth who eat fruit and vegetables at least four times a day; households with income above two hundred percent of poverty; and youth and young adults in school or working.

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. "Child care workforce demonstration project" means a strategy to improve the provision of child care in King County supplementing wages of a test group of persons who provide child care in exchange for wages and then reporting out on the effects of the strategy upon the quality of child care, including, but not limited to, the strategy's effects upon workforce turnover, workforce experience of poverty and workforce experience levels.
- B. "Children and youth" means persons through twenty-four years old.
- C. "Communities of opportunity" means the strategy described in Section VII of the Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan, that is Attachment A to Ordinance 18373. Communities of Opportunity is designed to improve

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equity by addressing the race- and place-based inequitable health and well-being outcomes in King County. Communities of Opportunity supports communities in improving the health, social and economic outcomes of those specific communities, and does so by partnering with communities to shape and own solutions.

D. "King County child care subsidy program" means a strategy to reduce or fully subsidize the cost of child care to low-income families in King County.

E. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with Washington law.

F. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy and any interest earnings on the moneys.

G. "Limit factor" for the purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW 84.55.010, means one hundred three percent.

H. "Strategy" means a program, service, activity, initiative or capital investment intended to achieve the purposes described in subsection 4.B. of this ordinance.

I. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assisting organizations seeking or receiving levy proceeds to enable the organizations to apply for, implement and improve delivery of a strategy or strategies for which expenditures of this levy are eligible.

J. "Youth and family homelessness prevention initiative" means an initiative intended to prevent and divert children and youth and their families from becoming homeless.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal. To provide necessary moneys for the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2022, at a rate not to exceed \$0.19 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the levy amounts in year two through six shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, the levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor as defined in section 1 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the best starts for kids fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.

A. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, such sums from the first year's levy proceeds as are necessary may be used to provide for the costs and charges incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

B. After the amount authorized in subsection A. of this section, the remaining levy proceeds shall be used to:

1. Promote improved health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as the families and the communities in which they live, including, but not limited to: capital investments for buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to, housing, that serve children and youth; ensuring adequate services and supports for pregnant persons and newborns; access to safe and healthy food; developmental screening for children and youth; programs that care for children and youth when they are not at home including child care and out-of-school-time programs; programs and services that promote social and emotional well-being, mental health and a sense of belonging, connection and positive identity in children and youth; and programs and services that provide academic support and promote academic achievement;
2. Prevent and intervene early on negative outcomes, including, but not limited to, poor birth outcomes, developmental delays, chronic disease, social emotional isolation, mental health challenges, substance abuse, dropping out of school, homelessness, domestic violence and effects of systemic racism and incarceration;
3. Reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county; and
4. Strengthen, improve, better coordinate, integrate and encourage innovation in health and human services systems and the agencies, organizations and groups addressing the needs of children and youth, their families and their communities.

C. Of the eligible expenditures described in subsection B. of this section, an amount of each year's levy proceeds shall be allocated first for the purposes in subsections D. and E. of this section. In the levy's first year, which is 2022, the total amount allocated for the purposes in subsection D. of this section shall be twenty-two and one-half percent of the first year's levy proceeds remaining after the amount authorized in subsection A. of this section. In the levy's subsequent years, the amount to be allocated for the purposes in subsections D. and E. of this section shall be allocated so that the six-year total sum of levy proceeds allocated for the purposes in subsection D. of this section shall be no less than two-hundred forty million dollars. The implementation plan required by section 7 of this ordinance shall describe the annual allocations of levy proceeds that accomplish allocation requirements of this subsection C. of this section. After the annual allocation of levy proceeds required by this subsection C. of this section, each year's remaining levy proceeds shall be divided in the following proportions and used for the following purposes:

1. Fifty percent shall be used to plan, provide, fund and administer strategies focused on children and youth under six years old and their caregivers, pregnant persons and individuals or families concerning pregnancy.
2. Thirty-seven percent shall be used to plan, provide, fund and administer strategies focused on children and youth age five or older;
3. Eight percent shall be used to plan, provide, fund and administer Communities of Opportunity; and
4. Five percent shall be used to plan, provide, fund and administer the following:
 - a. performance measurement of levy-funded strategies, evaluation and data collection activities;
 - b. stipends for children and youth serving as appointed members of the King County children and youth advisory board under conditions prescribed by the final children and youth advisory board update report required by section 6 of this ordinance in the final form of the children and youth advisory board update report that the council adopts by ordinance.
 - c. services identified in subsection B. of this section provided by metropolitan park districts in King County. Of the moneys identified in this subsection C.4.c., an amount equal to the lost revenues to the metropolitan park districts resulting from prorationing as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, up to one million dollars, shall be provided to those metropolitan park districts if authorized by the county council by ordinance;
 - d. services identified in subsection B. of this section provided by fire districts, in an amount equal to the lost revenues to the fire districts in King County resulting from prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, for those services, to the extent the prorationing was caused solely by this levy and if authorized by the county council by ordinance; and
 - e. services identified in subsection B. of this section provided by public hospital districts, in an amount equal to the lost revenues to the public hospital districts in King County resulting from prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, for those services, to the extent the prorationing was caused solely by this levy and if authorized by the county council by ordinance.

D. Except for levy proceeds reserved for the purposes in subsection E. of this section, the levy proceeds annually reserved in subsection C. of this section shall be used to plan, provide, fund, administer, measure performance and evaluate a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative, a King County child care subsidy program, a child care workforce demonstration project and technical assistance and capacity building activities, including one million dollars annually for a capacity building grant program that includes providing support to grantees to assist with the development of infrastructure in geographic locations lacking services or service infrastructure. The grant program to support capacity building that includes providing support to grantees to assist with the development of infrastructure in geographic locations lacking services or service infrastructure shall be described in the implementation plan required in section 7 of this ordinance and must include the development of new organizations and expansion of existing organizations. The youth and family homelessness prevention initiative, King County child care subsidy program, child care workforce demonstration project and technical assistance and capacity building activities required in this subsection shall be described in

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the implementation plan required in section 7 of this ordinance.

E. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the total projected levy proceeds exceeds eight hundred twenty-two million dollars, the levy proceeds greater than eight hundred twenty-two million dollars shall be used to provide grants designed to support repairs and expansion of buildings and facilities, that serve children and youth, and to support the construction of new buildings and facilities that will serve children and youth. Such buildings and facilities that serve children and youth shall include, but not be limited to, housing and child care, early learning and recreational facilities. However, the total levy proceeds used to provide grants shall not exceed fifty million dollars. Additionally, if the total projected levy proceeds falls below eight hundred seventy-two million dollars, the amount of levy proceeds allocated for the purposes of this subsection shall be first reduced before any other reduction in the total amounts allocated for the purposes in subsections C. and D. of this section. This capital grants program shall be described in the implementation plan required in section 7 of this ordinance. Additionally, the executive shall propose in the implementation plan required in section 7 of this ordinance the amount of levy proceeds to be allocated for the capital grants program and a process for determining annually if a reduction to the amount of levy proceeds allocated for the purposes of this subsection is necessary and the amount of any such reduction. The executive shall also propose in the implementation plan required in section 7 of this ordinance a policy for prioritizing capital investments in new buildings or facilities as compared to capital investments in existing buildings or facilities.

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 03, 2021, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION ____: The King County Council passed Ordinance ____ concerning funding to improve the well-being of children, youth, families and communities. If approved, this proposition would fund promotion of positive outcomes, prevention and early intervention related to: child care; healthy pregnancy; newborn family supports; youth development; community well-being; and crisis prevention and intervention for children and youth, including homelessness prevention. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2022 at \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation with the 2022 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3% in 2022 - 2026. Should this proposition be:

Approved? ____

Rejected? ____

SECTION 6. Governance. The King County children and youth advisory board described in K.C.C. 2A.300.510 shall serve as the oversight and advisory board for the levy and its strategies, except for Communities of Opportunity, if the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county. The communities of opportunity-best starts for kids levy advisory board described in K.C.C. 2A.300.520 shall serve as the advisory body for Communities of Opportunity if the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county. If the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county, the executive shall by October 01, 2021, transmit to the council for consideration and adoption by ordinance a best starts for kids governance update report that describes and explains necessary and recommended changes to sections of the King County Code and applicable ordinances that describe the composition and duties of the King County children and youth

advisory board and the communities of opportunity-best starts for kids levy advisory board. A proposed ordinance or ordinances shall accompany the best starts for kids governance update report, which ordinance or ordinances, upon enactment, would accomplish the changes recommended by the best starts for kids governance update report. Among the purposes of recommended changes listed and described within the best starts for kids governance update report shall be to update the King County children and youth advisory board's duties and composition as needed to enable the King County children and youth advisory board to oversee and advise on the levy and to extend the existence of the communities of opportunity-best starts for kids levy advisory board to coincide with the levy. The executive shall consult with the King County children and youth advisory board and the communities of opportunity-best starts for kids levy advisory board in preparing the children and youth advisory board update report.

SECTION 7. Implementation plan.

A.1. Not later than July 31, 2021, the executive shall transmit to the council for review and adoption by ordinance a proposed Best Starts for Kids implementation plan that identifies the strategies to be funded and outcomes to be achieved with the use of levy proceeds described in section 4 of this ordinance. The Best Starts for Kids implementation plan shall also include a framework to measure the performance of levy strategies in achieving their outcomes and require an annual report on levy expenditures, services and outcomes, including:

- a. total expenditures of levy proceeds by program area by ZIP Code in King County; and
- b. the number of individuals receiving levy-funded services by program area by ZIP Code in King County of where the individuals reside at the time of service.

2. The executive shall develop the proposed Best Starts for Kids implementation plan in consultation with the King County children and youth advisory board and the communities of opportunity-best starts for kids levy advisory board. In developing the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan required in this section 7, the executive shall consider and promote harmony with the previous Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan that is Attachment A to Ordinance 18373, specifically describing which strategies from the previous Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan shall continue in the proposed Best Starts for Kids implementation plan. Additionally, in developing the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan, the executive shall ensure that residents throughout King County and in any city in King County can access levy-funded strategies regardless of the availability of similar services and programs provided by their city or in their community. In developing the proposed Best Starts for Kids implementation plan, the executive shall also to the maximum extent possible take into consideration the King County Youth Action Plan, adopted by Motion 14378.

B. Levy proceeds may not be expended for the purposes described in section 4 of this ordinance until the effective date of the ordinance with which the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan is adopted.

SECTION 8. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

SECTION 9. Ratification and confirmation. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the general election on August 3, 2021, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.



Your signature matters.

Under Washington State law, the signature on your ballot return envelope must match the signature that's on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted. That means we check every single signature on every single return envelope in every single election. Each election, about 1% of ballots are returned either without a signature or with a signature that doesn't quite match. Don't let that be you.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check and your ballot gets counted:

- If you register online, we pull your signature from the Dept. of Licensing, so check the signature on your driver's license or state ID and try to match that as closely as you can.
- Your signature does not need to be written in cursive or nicely or even legibly, it just needs to match the one that we already have on file. If you have a chicken scratch signature, that's okay! Just make sure you scratch it out the same way each time you vote.
- If you have no idea what signature you might have used or it's been a while and your signature has changed, you can always update your signature simply by returning a paper voter registration form. You can download a paper registration form at bit.ly/WAVoteRF. Returning a paper registration form will add your updated signature to your file.
- Track your ballot to ensure that it gets counted. If there's an issue with your signature, you'll see it there on the online ballot tracker. You'll find the ballot tracker on our My Voter Information tool at kingcounty.gov/elections.

If there is an issue with your signature not matching or if you just plain forgot to sign, we will send you a letter and, if we have it, we'll reach out by email and phone as well. To make sure your ballot is counted, you'll need to fill out and return a simple form before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16.



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- **By email:**
Take a clear photo or scan and send to voter.services@kingcounty.gov. This is the fastest way to return forms to us. A clear photo is the key to success here!
- **By mail:**
Send to 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057
- **In person:**
You can return it to any Vote Center on or before Election Day or to our Renton headquarters (919 SW Grady Way, Renton) after Election Day.
- **By fax:**
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