

August 3, 2021 Primary and Special Election

King County  
**Official Local Voters' Pamphlet**

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 Your ballot will arrive by July 19

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 **King County**  
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## 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](http://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](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov)  
 online: [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://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
<b>Renton</b> 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.
<b>Bellevue</b> Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, July 31, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<b>Federal Way</b> 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.
<b>Kenmore</b> Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
<b>Kent</b> Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
<b>Seattle</b> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

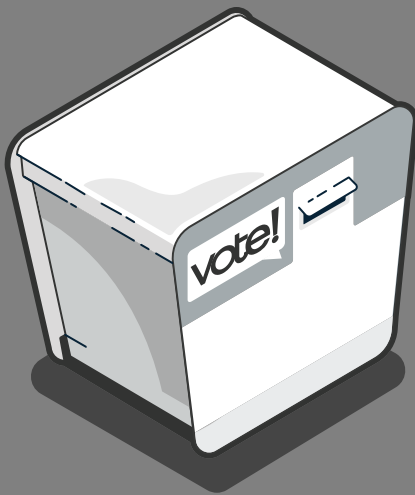
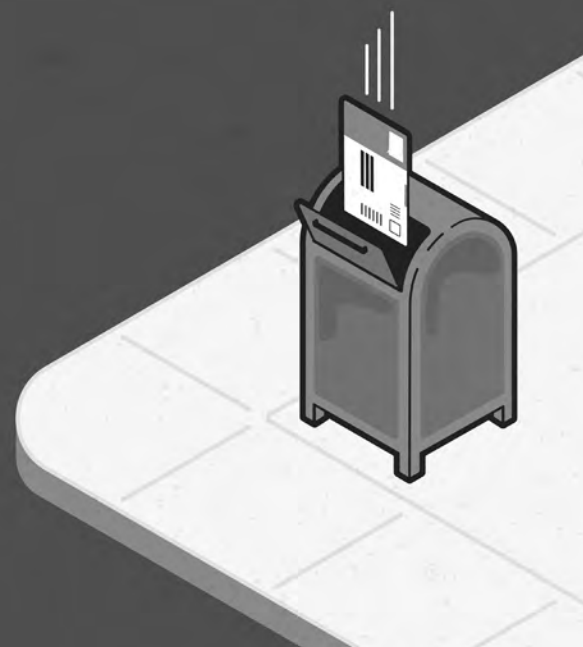
We will have Vote Centers open for those who need assistance or have missed the deadlines but ask that those who are able to utilize the online tools do so.

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



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

## Seattle drop boxes

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

<b>Green Lake/Phinney</b>
Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115
<b>Lake City</b>
Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125
<b>Magnolia</b>
* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199
<b>Northgate</b>
North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103
<b>Queen Anne</b>
* Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119
<b>Rainier Valley</b>
Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118
<b>Sand Point/Laurelhurst</b>
* Magnuson Park (near The Brig), 6344 NE 74th St, 98115
<b>South Lake Union</b>
South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109
<b>South Park</b>
South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108
<b>University District</b>
University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by north entrance on NE 41st St), 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, 98195
<b>West Seattle/Delridge</b>
Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116
High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126
<b>new</b> South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106
<b>White Center</b>
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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 <sup>1</sup> )	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

<sup>1</sup>Seattle 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?

View contributors for candidates and measures

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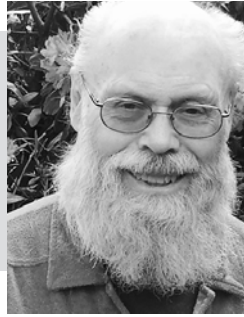
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## Executive

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## Goodspaceguy

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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.

## Dow Constantine

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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.*

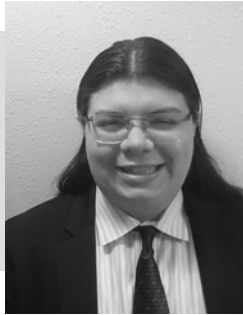
*Progressive, visionary leadership—that's why I'm endorsed by Governors Inslee, Gregoire, and Locke; 40 Democratic legislators; MLK Labor, SEIU, UFCW, Nurses, Firefighters, and Building Trades unions; Washington Conservation Voters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; and diverse community leadership. My 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.*



## Executive

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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.

## Joe Nguyen



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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.

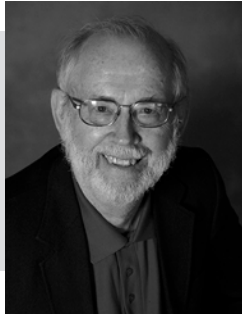
When a terrible car accident left my father quadriplegic, our neighbors built my family a ramp that we couldn't have afforded on our own. That compassion is what motivates me to serve: the drive to build a future I'll be proud for my three young kids to inherit.

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

## Bill Hirt

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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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 measure statements.

## Council Position No. 1

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No photo submitted

**Education:** Raisbeck Aviation High School

**Occupation:** Student

**Statement:** I hunger for more knowledge and experience so that I may serve my people and home well. What I have learned has guided me to realize the true importance that even the smallest details can hold. I want to inspire our community to be unified in this world, so that we may rise past all the challenges we face together.

I want to ensure that every citizen of Burien is heard, respected, and listened to. While being the vessel that carries forth the will of our city. I look forward to seeing our city grow and I want to be a force in pushing it forward.

As a councilman I will put my heart into supporting my people. I want to be there to ensure my community is being heard and respected. If elected I will seek to facilitate community discussion and insight on all matters.

## Martin Barrett

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Administration, Seattle Pacific University

**Occupation:** Co-Founder, Sozo Gifts

**Statement:** *"Is it good for Burien?" is the only criteria a Burien city council person should consider.*

I moved to Burien with my wife 26 years ago for the family-friendly environment. Raising our three children here, we loved the diversity that filled our dinner table with kids from the Highline School District.

I started a small business in Burien and quickly recognized the widespread immigrant spirit here, of optimism and resilience that seeks a better life for family. Burien's ethnic diversity and spirit is a treasure we must cherish.

I stand for a better life for all Burienites which includes: safety, clean streets, supporting small and startup businesses, dignity for those on the margins, quality affordable housing, a spirit of unity that builds on our diversity, great restaurants, cafes, art and music venues. The only endorsement I seek is from the people of Burien with their welfare being my only interest.

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**Education:** Highline School District Graduate - Evergreen High School - Cascade Middle School - Shorewood Elementary

**Occupation:** Economic Development Manager, King County Government, Department of Local Services

**Statement:** Burien is a place that supports and loves its local small businesses and aspires to be a community that is welcoming to all that live here. It is a place that shows you can have the values of a small town, without sacrificing our policies that protect the most vulnerable in our communities. I've been proud to serve on the Burien Planning Commission and Burien Economic Development Partnership and chair both commissions and am asking for your vote for Burien City Council.

As a council member, I will focus on ensuring a pandemic recovery that centers on safety, equity, and sustainable economic opportunity for all; housing solutions that allow Burien to continue to be a home for working families; and strategies to help strengthen our local small business and worker economy.

I'm ready to steward Burien forward, and I humbly ask for your vote to help make that happen



Council Position No. 3

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Education: Frontier High School, Cerritos College

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Executive Mentor

Statement: Burien has been my home for over 25 years. My children attended Gregory Seahurst Elementary, St. Francis, Sylvester, Highline High School, Kennedy High School, and Highline Community College.

I'm running for City Council because I'm concerned about the direction of our city. I've been a driver for Meals on Wheels for 10 years and volunteered at Union Gospel Mission for 6.

We need to focus on the needs of our community and do what's best for all the residents and businesses of Burien.

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Education: University of Washington and Highline Public Schools

Occupation: Accountant

Statement: I am a lifetime Burien resident, involved in our community since high school, when I served on the Teen Council.

I am deeply concerned about the homelessness epidemic. Unsheltered individuals are at higher risk for physical and mental health issues as well as more susceptible to becoming victims of crime.

Last summer, nearly a thousand of our neighbors showed up to a rally in town square calling for reforms to policing, yet the council has not opened a conversation on this subject.

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Education: Ascend Seattle (University of Washington), Latino Business Action Network Program (Stanford Graduate School of Business)

Occupation: Founder and CEO of Ahora Construction.

Statement: Being Mayor of Burien means being a servant-leader where every resident matters and every person's voice carries weight.

I'm proud of the progress we made together these past four years and the job isn't done. Let's continue the work to include everyone: women, small and minority-owned businesses, organized labor, families, youth, environmental justice, and public safety.

## Council Position No. 5

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**Education:** Associate's in Early Childhood Education, Focus in Special Needs

**Occupation:** Spanish Interpreter, Activist

**Statement:** I moved to Burien in 1999 as a single mother seeking new opportunities and to build a home for me and my three sons. Since then, I've seen Burien undergo many changes, but I know we still have a long way to go.

I'm excited to give back to my community as a city councilmember and be a part of that change. Right now, I work freelance as an interpreter assisting doctors, social workers, and law enforcement. I volunteer my time helping people in disadvantaged communities navigate the court system, social services, and health care access.

I am proud of my ability to listen and connect with people from all backgrounds. I want to make everyone feel that they are represented and heard by their local government. I want to be your voice, I hear you! Te oigo!

## Alex Simkus

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**Education:** B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Montana State University

**Occupation:** Burien Business Owner

**Statement:** I am a third generation Burien business owner and Highline School District graduate. I have lived in Burien my whole life, currently Boulevard Park, and have seen both positive and negative changes. I am running for City Council to solve increasingly complex problems by working with all Burien residents.

Working families struggle every day to continue living here and didn't need the burden of an 8% utility tax, especially during a pandemic. Burien needs more affordable housing as well. I will support code and zoning changes to make Burien a better place to build. As a small business owner, I will do everything I can to make sure small businesses thrive. I will take my business experience to council, and fight for pragmatic solutions that benefit all Burien residents.

We can do better. We will do better. I ask for your vote. Visit alexsimkus.com for more information.

## Sarah Moore

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**Education:** BS Biology, Bates College, Lewiston ME


**Occupation:** Covid isolation facility manager. Previously, Pacific Science Center exhibits manager.

**Statement:** Burien is growing, in population, complexity, and the challenges we face. We need leaders who will intentionally foster this growth, respecting Burien's history while embracing our future. I will lead our city on climate action, stewarding the water, air and land that define and impact us all. Housing is a human right; I will address housing stability, engaging regional partners to develop resources to keep people in their homes, and to create homes and shelter for those who are unhoused.

Safety is more than law enforcement. I will advocate to increase human services, build tools for responding to people in crisis, and use our resources to address root causes of crime, including poverty and mental illness. Vote Sarah Moore, a leader for a stronger, more equitable Burien.

Elected experience: Chair, ACLU Burien People Power; Secretary, Burien/White Center Community Support Network; Vice Chair, Burien Parks and Recreation Commission

Council Position No. 7

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**Education:** S.S.C.C. and the U of W

**Occupation:** Special Ed Para Educator and small business owner

**Statement:** I firmly believe people should be valued as individuals and not judged by the color of their skin any more than it would be right to be judged by your height, where you were born or what you like to eat. Any actions by government that encourage sorting people into categories I believe to be wrong. My desire is to encourage a City that is livable and business friendly enabling people to live and shop locally. We should celebrate the contributions people bring to this area. All efforts should be made to keep the tax burden low while funding things such as parks that make living more enjoyable. I work with youth in order to equip them to reach the goals they might set for themselves. I feel people should be trusted to enjoy themselves as they see fit e.g. celebrating with fireworks. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Education:** CNA (Excel Health Career Training), WIC Breastfeeding P.C. (Public Health)

**Occupation:** Homemaker, Sales Associate

**Statement:** As a mother and former Highline Public School student, I have a vested interest in a safer Burien. I'm running for City Council because it's time to prioritize the needs of Burien residents. I'll maintain our welcoming city while making Burien safer. Neighborhood safety has suffered with decisions like Enhanced Service Facilities and DESC. For the sake of our children, that must change.

My mother immigrated here to give me a better life. I've been homeless and I've struggled. My focus is on supporting small businesses and providing economic opportunity so all people can help themselves. I'll bring a useful perspective because I've experienced, firsthand, Burien's challenges.

I believe in transparent government that represents Burien's interests. Burien deserves council members who aren't focused on running for higher office while pretending to care about our community. I'll always do what's best for the people of Burien.

Elissa Fernandez



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**Education:** Liberal Arts

**Occupation:** Household Manager and Educator

**Statement:** My family has been proud to call Burien home since we became homeowners in 2009. Twelve years later, as mother to children walking Burien's streets, and attending Highline schools, my concern with safety has grown as thefts and violence have only increased. I am highly motivated to drive positive changes and help build our city into a community where we all feel safe.

We must target our efforts toward a safer Burien for its residents by cleaning up our public spaces, not by becoming home to a facility intended to house the problems of greater King County. We must foster a healthy commercial environment where small businesses can thrive.

We need council members invested in Burien, not partisan politicians seeking congressional seats. I know Burien would benefit from the nonpartisan ideas and earnest desire for improvement I will bring to the council. Thank you for your vote.

Patty Janssen



**Education:** Kennedy Catholic, Graduate - South Seattle Community College, Business

**Occupation:** Sales Manager- Wholesale Food Industry

**Statement:** Burien needs improved public safety and a healthy economic development plan, with a commonsense approach in putting these into action. *The paramount duty of our elected officials is the safety to the citizens of their respective cities.*

My considerable experience and volunteerism with the Burien Police Department has prepared me to take on this challenge. I am ready to make an even greater positive impact for our community.

Burien resident for 30 years, volunteering since 1994, founding member of Burien Citizen's Patrol, Burien block watch steering committee member- Volunteer of the year 2008 - Tutored at risk youth at Hazel Valley Elementary 1994-1997. Burien business owner "Kid's to Go" Private shuttle service 95-98 We need strong leadership that will be tough on crime. I am not a career seeking politician, rather a community leader with Burien's best interests in mind. I would appreciate your vote!

## Council Position No. 7

### John White

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**Education:** EMBA, Foster School of Business, University of Washington

**Occupation:** CEO, Antaeus Foundation Equipment; Corporate Director Piledriving Operations, PACO Ventures

**Statement:** I'm running for Burien City Council because I want to see Burien prosper both economically and as a community.

Decisions are made in Burien without key stakeholders being given a relevant chance to be heard. The current method that our city government uses to make important decisions is not balanced. We must change the culture of city government.

If elected, I will work to make sure that: We have government that works for the people; Our community and 18 neighborhoods are strong and connected; We celebrate our diversity; Safety for all is a priority, supporting the LEAD program as one of many tools; Visionary Economic Development through solid policy and planning is continued and taken up a level. There is much we will do to bring our community members together for a healthier, more inclusive, and economically vibrant future. I am not Left, I am Not Right, I am Burien-Unite!

### Krystal Marx

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**Education:** Highline College A.A. in Sociology

**Occupation:** Burien City Councilmember, Deputy Mayor (2018-present); Executive Director, Seattle Pride

**Statement:** It's been an honor representing Burien since my first election in 2017. I'm running for re-election because I believe Burien is a vibrant, welcoming city and we need leaders who believe and lead with that philosophy.

My first term in office was focused on working diligently on issues that matter most to Burien residents: homelessness and public safety. I'm proud of the work we've been able to accomplish on homelessness. In particular, we passed a suite of tenant protections so people facing eviction can stay in their homes rather than living on our streets. Recent reports put Burien as the 2nd lowest crime rate in south King County. That's because we lead with services like our LEAD diversion programs.

You deserve principled, proven leadership as we recover from the pandemic and tackle our region's biggest challenges. I ask for your vote again so we can continue our progress and recovery.

Council Position No. 5

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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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**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. 6

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**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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**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

## Larry Hussey

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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. 6

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**Education:** BA in Italian Studies Gonzaga University; JD Gonzaga University School of Law (summa cum laude)

**Occupation:** Attorney; Councilmember, Mercer Island City Council

**Statement:** As a 20-year resident of Mercer Island, it is my honor to be serving on our City Council. During my tenure, my colleagues and I worked with the City Manager to lead the City away from a predicted financial crisis into financial surplus. City departments have been restructured and we now operate more efficiently. My priorities remain the same: public safety and strong support for law enforcement; efficient financial management; mobility and transportation advocacy for Island residents; preservation of parks and open spaces.

I will continue to advocate for our community's needs, as I did when I voted to maintain funding for school counselors and to protect our parks. I am also looking at opportunities to change City policy to enhance retail in Town Center.

I'm proud to be endorsed by local community members, including Councilmember Salim Nice. I will work hard for you - please vote for Lisa Anderl!

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**Education:** Bachelor's, Urban Forestry, UW; Master's, Forest and Ecosystem Science, State University of New York

**Occupation:** Capital Project Manager, King County Natural Resources/Parks; Girl Scout Leader

**Statement:** A scientist, mother, and volunteer, I am running for City Council because I want to bring people together to ensure our Council reflects our shared community values. I know we can work better, together. I also promise to bring more engaging public outreach to Council discussions.

My priorities include fully funding Mercer Island Youth and Family Services, restoring and protecting our parks, sustaining middle-income housing, creating affordable housing options for seniors wanting to downsize, replacing our antiquated water system to keep our drinking water safe, and creating a unified vision for a beautiful and vibrant town center.

I am proud to be endorsed by the King County Democrats; Senator Lisa Wellman, Representatives Tana Senn and My-Linh Thai; City Councilmembers Wendy Weiker, Craig Reynolds & David Rosenbaum; former Representative Judy Clibborn, and many more. But the endorsement that really matters is yours. I hope I can count on your vote.

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**Education:** Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD in Aerospace Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Occupation:** Aerospace Systems Engineer

**Statement:** My wife and I moved to Mercer Island for its schools, spacious and safe neighborhoods, and parks. I value hard work, good environmental stewardship, and education. While my background focuses on engineering, I have experience with utility rights-of-way and soil conservation. I'll bring a science-based viewpoint and additional data-driven decision making to the Council. In my job I bring together a variety of viewpoints and craft a timely solution beneficial to all, experience that is directly applicable.

My passions would focus around supporting Mercer Island's parks, schools, and residential character. I'm a strong proponent of making decisive decisions to avoid the costs of inaction.

As a councilmember, I would ensure that we maintain sufficient Police/Fire services and promote efficiency vs. outsourcing services, especially with growing car prowls here. A city councilmember's job is to listen to and represent constituents - I will hear every Islander, especially when our beliefs differ.

## 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.

## Joe Todd

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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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**Education:** Master's, University of Liverpool, UK; Bachelor's, Seattle University; Lindbergh High School, Nelsen Middle School

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

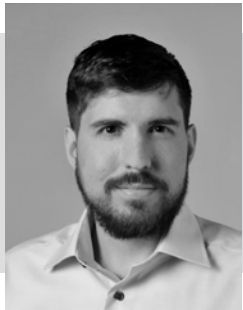
**Statement:** I am running for City Council because we need decisive leadership to ensure Renton is a place where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

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!

Ben Johnson

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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. 2

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**Education:** Business, Renton Technical College and Evergreen State College

**Occupation:** Retired military

**Statement:** I'm an Army veteran, mother of two, published author of four books, and a business owner. I love and understand the people of SeaTac and I'm the only challenger in this race who cares enough to attend council meetings as a resident. Outsiders with deep pockets are infiltrating our city to promote their own agenda. Let's keep SeaTac local. I've brought communities together by supporting orphaned children of veterans through the VFW. I've written award-winning policies for the Army, college institutions, and Washington State. By creating the Citrus County Community Alliance, I connected minority students with community leaders and helped overcome racial barriers, providing uplifting experiences and opportunities to contribute. As your council woman, I will strive to equally serve one and all regardless of race, religion, income, gender, or age. Our differences make us stronger. Serving our community is in my blood and I humbly ask for your vote.

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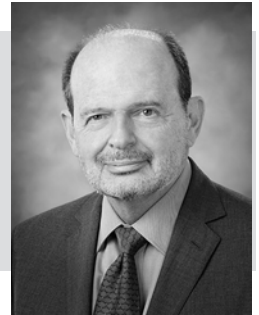
**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Communications. Certified in Grant Writing. Graduate programs in Nonprofit Management & Business.

**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Statement:** "Evolution" For All People. "Evolution" - Change towards improving that which exists, preserving good characteristics & losing detrimental characteristics. We deserve who listens to your ideas/concerns inclusively in decision making. We deserve who's aware that change is random, slow, good/bad. We deserve a leader aware that natural selection isn't the primary intent of evolution, its retention of whatever is working. *I am that Leader!* My family lived here (4) generations and now I am raising my son. I found that in our political, judicial, & economic system we have clerical errors resulting to discrimination's that violate Rights in the "Equal Opportunity Policy" pertaining to jobs, education, medical, housing, policing, & crime. "Evolution" is rewriting the policies that violate All Rights Acts pertaining to oppression, murders, police brutality, judicial misconduct, & crimes. If there's no justice, there's no peace. Providing more Power to the People. *I humbly ask for your vote!*

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**Education:** Tyee H.S., Highline College, The Evergreen State College, UCLA Professional Certificate, SeaTac Community Leadership Academy

**Occupation:** Councilmember, litigation support & administration services, & machinery services, Notary

**Statement:** Having twice served on the SeaTac City Council and as Vice Chair of SeaTac's Planning Commission, I am seeking re-election as Councilmember to continue the City's good work and services. While experiencing the greatest COVID-related financial impact in the state, SeaTac balanced its budget without decreasing our high level of compassionate services. We did this without raising taxes, particularly on our most vulnerable, or laying off valued and necessary City staff. By any measure of success, SeaTac is one of the best-run cities in the State and provides more support to the poorest among us than many other Washington cities combined. I am proud to have been part of this success. On Council, I will continue to advocate for public safety, equity, livability, sustainable balanced budgets, affordable work-force housing and a mutually beneficial relationship with SeaTac Airport, our primary economic engine. It has been a privilege serving you.

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**Education:** Green River Community College

**Occupation:** Community Organizer, UNITE HERE Local 8

**Statement:** It's my job to help workers in SeaTac and throughout our region increase their wages and receive better benefits. I'll take that experience to do everything I can to improve the quality of life for all who live, work, visit, and run small businesses in SeaTac. My priorities are keeping homes affordable so people aren't priced out, building a SeaTac with well-maintained roads and working street lights so every neighborhood is safely lit, building new sidewalks, supporting our small businesses to ensure they have the tools and resources to recover after the pandemic and ensuring accountability for every tax dollar. I am proud to be endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, King County Councilmembers Dave Upthegrove and Girmay Zahilay, Port Commissioner Sam Cho, SeaTac City Councilmembers Takele Gobena and Senayet Negusse, Pacific Northwest IronWorkers, Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council, and your SeaTac Firefighters. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



## Council Position No. 6

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**Education:** Urban League Job Readiness, Centralia Community College, Grays Harbor Community College, and Edmonds Community College

**Occupation:** King County Elections, Ironworkers Local 86, Commercial Plumber Local UA32

**Statement:** I've been on both sides of the law and continue to repay my debt to society. I've experienced some of the worst people anywhere and know first-hand, the movement to defund the police is insane. Insane! Police are vital. I understand that some people should not be police officers. There's good and bad on both sides, but we need better communication. Honestly, to keep SeaTac safe we need more police, not less.

I'm campaigning for law and order. Healthy communities need safety. Once we are safe, let's help everyone to thrive. I volunteer with youth football and help guide at-risk kids down the right path. I've been in their shoes with no mentorship and understand the challenges. I focus on helping those who want a second chance and deserve it when they put forth the effort. Our community is a village, and we are only as strong as the weakest.

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**Education:** AA, Bellevue College; BA, Seattle University; MSW, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Social Worker, Highline Public Schools

**Statement:** As a school social worker and a 14-year resident of SeaTac, I serve those who struggled to gain access to basic needs prior to COVID and continue to struggle today. I am running to help build back a better SeaTac for all and not just some. If elected, I will engage with our residents, focus on affordable housing, and fund basic needs as well other priorities.

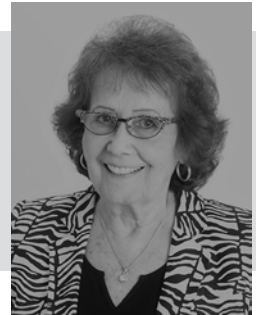
We can create a stronger SeaTac by prioritizing the needs of our working families; providing support for our small businesses; and re-investing in our Human Services Department by reallocating funds. We can build a SeaTac that represents and honors the rich diversity of our residents while focusing on the needs of our most vulnerable community members. I will listen to you, the voters.

Endorsed by: State Representative Mia Gregerson, SeaTac Councilmembers Takele Gobena and Senayet Negusse, King County Democrats and Teamsters Joint Council. 28.

## Pam Fernald

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**Education:** Foster HS, Highline College, ongoing learning

**Occupation:** Retired/ Boeing 38 yrs - Systems Analyst/Certified Software Test Engineer

**Statement:** As an incumbent, I will continue my long record of service, common sense and integrity; remain accessible to all; continue championing safety/crime prevention to secure a clean, safe, livable SeaTac; remain an advocate for sensible stewardship of tax dollars, fostering greater fiscal responsibility/transparency. I will advocate for senior citizens, whose hard work built this city, and for children, who are our future. I strongly believe that SeaTac residents and businesses deserve an ethical council committed to them only--not partisan organizations / outside special interest groups.

I have a broad record of civic/city involvement including: co-founder/co-chair of Neighbors Without Border Action Committee, Block Watch Captain, NNO Host, graduate of Citizen's Police Academies, Citizen Leadership Academy, CERT. Current Chair: Public Safety and Justice; Tree Advisory Board; Sidewalk Committee; past Deputy Mayor.

I respectfully request your vote so that I may continue working for all who call SeaTac home.

# Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

**There's still time to assign your vouchers!**

## **What is the Democracy Voucher Program?**

All registered voters in Seattle and those who applied for the program receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers they can use to donate to participating candidates running for mayor, city council, or city attorney for the 2021 City of Seattle elections.



## **Where can I find the list of participating candidates?**

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

## **When should I use my Democracy Vouchers?**

Democracy Vouchers are valid until November 30, 2021. However, participating candidates may only receive a limited number of Democracy Vouchers. The longer you wait to use your Democracy Vouchers, the more likely your preferred candidate may have reached their fundraising limits.

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

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

## **Can I give my Democracy Vouchers all to one candidate?**

You can give all your vouchers to one candidate or divide your vouchers to multiple candidates.


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

Yes, using a Democracy Voucher is the same as making a donation to a campaign. When you assign a Democracy Voucher, your name and your selections are reported on our website.

**Questions? Contact us!**

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## Andrew Grant Houston

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**Education:** Bachelor of Architecture, BA in Urban Studies from University of Texas at Austin. Licensed Architect.

**Occupation:** Architect / Owner, House Cosmopolitan. Interim Policy Manager, Councilmember Mosqueda.

**Statement:** I am a queer Black and Latino Architect, a housing activist, and a high-risk individual. In March 2020 when the COVID-19 crisis began, my small business contracts fell through. In June, I heard the sounds of helicopters and flashbangs as residents marched in the name of Black lives and against state-sponsored violence. In September—during the worst wildfires the West Coast has ever seen; an orange sky with smoke seeping through the cracks of my old windows—I read the City had 95 shelter spaces for 5,500 people.

In Seattle we have a strong mayor system. That means the Mayor controls whether the City chooses to act—or not—in the midst of an economic crisis, a housing crisis, and the climate crisis. The inaction thus far in Seattle is unacceptable.

I am running for Mayor in this moment because for too long career politicians and lawyers have said the right thing without doing it. No more empty promises: I will fund our Seattle Green New Deal; say no to sweeping our unhoused neighbors; reform and defund our police to create true public safety; and build the housing we need.

Most of our problems come down to housing justice: where homes are allowed to be (or aren't), how many we have (or don't), and how much they cost. Creating a new system is the first step on a new path to achieving so much of what we want. So let's elect someone who understands the system and can make it more sustainable quickly while ensuring community comes first.

If you are looking for a candidate with clear plans that is committed to serving two terms—so we can finally be the city that we say we are—then I am your candidate. After four years of inaction, it is time for a Mayor of action.

## Lance Randall

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**Education:** Morgan State University, Political Science Degree; University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute, Graduate

**Occupation:** Political Scientist, Economic Development Practitioner, Small Business Owner and Musician

**Statement:** Seattle is a beautiful city suffering from a dreadful lack of leadership. Bickering, finger pointing, and ideological posturing have hurt our residents and undermined our national reputation. I have a plan to bring people together, create a more fair and sustainable future, build working coalitions, strive for equity, and rise above the infighting and inertia that have held our city back for so long. It is way past time to stop talking about our problems and start taking steps to solve them.

For 30 years I have used my skills as a political scientist and my economic expertise to create jobs and bring people together. I am an entrepreneur who has held leadership positions with businesses, non-profit organizations, federal and state lawmakers, local mayors, public-private partnerships, and educational institutions. My background and experience fully prepare me to lead Seattle at this critical moment.

As recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic gets underway, now is an excellent time to reassess how our city does business. Seattle can be a model of effectiveness, sustainability, and accountability to its citizens. Becoming that model requires a new attitude of responsibility at City Hall. I have developed a platform detailing my plan to address some of Seattle's biggest challenges – dignity and housing options for people experiencing homelessness; turbo-charging our economic recovery; increasing public safety; and mitigating climate change to name just a few. My platform is an investment in our people, our culture, and our future.

Seattle is at a crossroads. Our next mayor will either set us on a bold new course of responsible leadership or simply continue business as usual. We cannot afford another four years of talking without taking action. I am running to chart a new course, to provide transformational leadership for a transforming city. I ask for your vote.



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## M. Lorena González

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**Education:** J.D. Seattle University, 2005. B.A. Washington State University, 1999. A.A. Yakima Valley Community College, 1997.

**Occupation:** Civil rights attorney and Seattle City Council President

**Statement:** I'm running for Mayor because I have the experience and leadership ability needed to bring people together to truly solve homelessness and housing affordability; expand mental health services; demilitarize police and hold them accountable while ensuring public safety; and build a city of connected, livable, safe neighborhoods that *all* have affordable childcare, vibrant public schools, parks and public transit.

I'm a first time mom and a proud first-generation American, who grew up as a migrant farm worker in central Washington. I worked my way through community college, WSU, and Seattle University Law School. As a civil rights attorney, I won cases for victims of sexual assault, wage theft, elder abuse, and police misconduct and brutality at the hands of the Seattle Police Department.

I decided to run for elected office after seeing how hard things were becoming for workers and people of color. Housing is too expensive. Wages are too low. Big corporations have too much say. Police are not being held accountable nearly enough. As Mayor, I'll change that.

As the first Latina elected citywide in 2015, I've brought people together to *reduce homelessness* through rental subsidies for residents with disabilities, and neighborhood-based homelessness outreach. We've begun to *demilitarize police*, expand *civilian oversight* and shift resources to *community-based safety programs*. We've *protected hotel workers* from sexual assault and *improved childcare and early education* by doubling preschool slots and expanding pre-K facilities. We've *helped Seattle's small businesses and families* survive the pandemic with grants and flexible zoning laws, and we've enacted *sensible gun safety laws*. I'll build on this progressive record as Mayor.

I'm endorsed by Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, local district Democrats, and healthcare, hospitality, grocery, childcare and other essential workers and labor unions because they know my values and that I fight for them. I ask for your vote.

## Casey Sixkiller

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**Education:** B.A. Dartmouth College, Government and Native American Studies

**Occupation:** Previously Deputy Mayor, City of Seattle; COO, King County

**Statement:** I grew up in Seattle and am raising three young kids here. I'm running for Mayor so every family sees a future in Seattle. This past year was one of the most challenging in our city's history. Despite great wealth and opportunity, too many families are being left behind. Our neighborhoods are struggling with empty storefronts, homelessness, and crime. Instead of coming together to meet these challenges we are being held back by divisions.

I have spent my career advancing practical, progressive solutions at the federal, regional, and local level. I have formed partnerships to create new housing and shelters, expand access to parks and green spaces, advance equity by dismantling institutional barriers, and secure millions of dollars to restore critical habitat, replace failing bridges, and invest in high capacity transit.

Growing up in Seattle, we didn't agree on everything, but we found ways to make progress on important issues. Now is our opportunity to rebuild a stronger and more equitable Seattle with fresh ideas and bold actions. As Mayor, I will pilot a guaranteed basic income program so families of all income levels can build futures here; help our small businesses recover from the pandemic; expand and make childcare more affordable; invest in our neighborhoods so they are safe and thriving; and restore our parks and streets to their intended uses by adding 3,000 new permanent places for people experiencing homeless to call home.

I am the only candidate with experience running large organizations. I know firsthand that change requires vision and partnership. This moment demands a leader who will sit down with those on the other side of an issue to find common ground and move us forward. I will work every day to show our kids we can achieve the future we all want for Seattle.

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## Clinton Bliss

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**Education:** University of Washington Family Medicine Residency. UCLA Geffen School of Medicine.

**Occupation:** Family Doctor. Emergency Room Physician. Small Business Owner. Father.

**Statement:** Are you suffering from compassion fatigue? Are you frustrated with the lack of planning and progress in police accountability and the ever expanding tent encampments in our city parks? I am too. As your mayor, I will act with the vision, courage and compassion needed to address these and other pressing issues.

As a graduate of a top ten US medical school, I've spent my career as a medical leader developing sustainable systems that provide compassionate care for all. As a leader, I understand that core values like police accountability and civil rights can never be safely negotiated away.

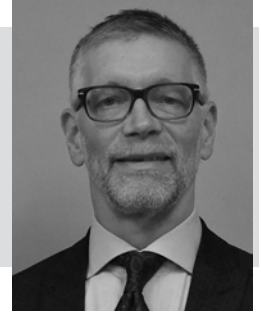
The Seattle Police Department has been under federal decree since 2012 for repeatedly *violating our resident's civil rights*. The judge determined these violations stemmed from a lack of police oversight. Specifically, our police union contract protects rogue police officers from disciplinary action and prosecution. In response, our city negotiated minor revisions to the existing police union contract in 2018. In 2019, the federal court found the city remains in violation. The city currently has no timeline for resolution.

In 2019 the 9th Circuit Court ruled that charging a person with vagrancy when they have nowhere else to go is cruel and unusual punishment and a *violation of their civil rights*. In response our city allows living in tent encampments and promotes policies and legislation encouraging theft, vandalism, and violent crimes as a way to meet basic needs.

*We need solutions. Protecting Civil Rights is non-negotiable.* If elected I would *immediately*: 1) Provide basic emergency food, shelter, security, and treatment to our residents who have no other options. 2) Permanently remove tent dwellers from city parks. 3) Nullify any section of the police union contract that limits accountability and oversight. Vote for wise action! Vote for Doctor Bliss! Join me in solidarity!

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**Education:** a lifetime in the working class struggles in various unions and industries

**Occupation:** rail worker and member of SMART-TD union

**Statement:** The working class faces the deepening economic, social, and political crisis of capitalism. The bosses continue to drive to solve the crisis of their system through attacks by attacking our wages, safety and working conditions. But as coronavirus lockdowns are lifted and growing numbers of vaccinated workers rejoin the workforce, better conditions are being created for workers to come together on the job to beat back those attacks. Miners in Alabama, workers at ATI steel mills in the Northeast, and nurses in Massachusetts are setting an example by using their unions to resist and fight back. The Socialist Workers Party urges support and solidarity with these struggles. On this course, we can build and use union power.

There are no Seattle solutions! The SWP's fighting working-class program leads toward political independence from the parties of the bosses, the Democrats and Republicans. We demand a federally-funded public works program to put millions to work at union-scale wages building hospitals, schools, housing, mass transportation and much more that workers need. For cost-of-living clauses in every contract and retirement benefits to offset every rise in prices! We demand amnesty for all undocumented immigrants in the U.S., to unite workers and cut across divisions the bosses use to drive down wages.

Cops who kill and brutalize people must be prosecuted. Fight racist discrimination and the entire capitalist injustice system, with its frame-ups, onerous bail and "three strike" prison sentences! Defend women's right to family planning services, including safe, secure abortions. We stand against the increasing anti-Jewish attacks from both the right and the left.

Defend the right to vote, free speech and assembly and the right to bear arms under attack from Democrats and Republicans alike. Stop FBI and government spying, harassment and disruption. No to reactionary "cancel culture".

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**Education:** Seattle University, my major was public administration  
**Occupation:** Opening up a nonprofit organization. "Peculiar People In Transformation"

**Statement:** Bobby J Tucker (BT); For Seattle's Mayors; (BT-Cares); A man of God; The Leader For Seattleites

Building a team not to shelter the homeless, enough of that. Let us house the homeless. Education builds character and confidence, let us build the confidence of the people. Securing our children's future, and making sure they have a future I will be a leader who listen, your voice will not go in one ear and out of the other one. We are here to take care of your needs. Notice I didn't say Me! Because it's going to take all of us working together! Leadership matters. I'm a leader that cares I will lead with quality, integrity, and honesty Our children deserves better and in order for them to get what they deserve, we have to take the example of Nehemiah 2:18 "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me: as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Systemic racism; Unfair treatment by the justice system; Denied fair and affordable housing; Good paying jobs; Discrimination

What has happened in Seattle could have been prevented. Regardless of what has happened can now be fixed by me Bobby Tucker with a team who seriously cares about all of those who are living in the city of Seattle and beyond.

Here am I Seattleites; Vote for Bobby Tucker; For Seattle's Mayor; BT-Cares

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**Education:** I am running as a spokesperson for the Anti-Apartheid/ Reparations-Now Movement. My issues and solutions:

**Occupation:** The Peoples' Champion Fighter

**Statement:** Raise awareness that Seattle is on Duwamish Native American land, and colonialism is no longer acceptable. The outgoing Mayor's biggest mistake was failing to investigate the Gates and Allen family related corporate RICO Racketeering that has been blocking the progress of the African American Heritage Museum and Cultural Center since 1998. This unconstitutional corruption will be opposed in the courts and on the street.


Repair-ations must be paid to "Africatown" to repair / correct the cultural and economic damage done to the refugees from the European colonial settler terrorism / slavery. End the ethnic cleansing / "gentrification" of Blacks out of Seattle's historic Central Area (aka Africatown).

Remove the names / images of the "North-American Hitlers" Washington and Jefferson, those mass-murderers of Native American "Indians" and "owners of hundreds of "slaves". Stop Schools from teaching any children that Washington and Jefferson ("Indian" killers / slavers) were champions of "freedom, justice, equality and democracy", when they were in fact brutal "terrorists".

End homelessness by providing land, materials / expertise for homeless to build their own mortgage-free housing. (Have you ever seen a homeless bird?) Our City and State must each form their own bank to finance ending homelessness through sweat equity. Limit "police" to 5-year terms, in which they must complete teachers' certificate qualifications and then teach for 5 years before returning to law enforcement, to prevent PTSD and stop criminals from hiding behind government-issued badges / guns.

Since race is arbitrarily based on "skin color", re-define "race" based on hair color, which is much easier to change—especially for "white minded" integrated Negroes like Court Justice "Uncle" Clarence Thomas.

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**Education:** BA from WSU, majoring in sociology minor in psychology

**Occupation:** CEO Your Gift of Life, previously Seattle Super Sonic #40

**Statement:** James Donaldson is a lifelong Democrat, a 7' 2" tall former Super Sonic, and a former local businessman. Today he runs a non-profit helping at-risk youth with mental health challenges. He's running for mayor to restore trust in our police, bring more compassion and accountability to the homelessness crisis, and do more for affordable housing. He also knows rebuilding our local small businesses, from local restaurants to neighborhood shops, is vital to our city's livability.

Donaldson shares our city's values -- issue after issue his ideas are in line with the voters of our city. 71% of voters support James' policy to reform the police, not defund police. 72% of voters favor James' plan to reduce homelessness by increasing access to mental health and addiction services. 56% of voters agree with James that we need more for affordable housing.

The remarkable issue is how few Seattle politicians agree with Seattle voters. Seattle politics is often a fight between well funded special interest groups, who drive the council towards the extreme. Things are so bad that Seattle's government is used as a warning to cities world wide of the harm politicians can do.

James' basketball career took him all over the nation and world. He's seen examples of how other cities are solving problems. In Vienna he saw how they encouraged both private and high quality public housing, and better ran a transit system. In Newark, New Jersey they reformed policing to focus on de-escalation and haven't had an officer fire a gun in a year. In Amsterdam they've modernized their city to be foot, bike, transit and car friendly. Better leadership can bring these answers to Seattle.

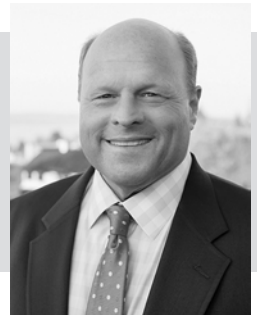
James Donaldson is a lot like our city. Optimistic. Compassionate. Innovative. Just like Seattle, he's overcome personal challenges to rebuild.

## Arthur K. Langlie

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**Education:** Whitman College, Bachelor of Arts in History

**Occupation:** Executive Vice President at Holmes Electric

**Statement:** Seattle needs a reboot. Our homelessness crisis is getting worse. Downtown is deteriorating. Businesses are closing. Residents feel unsafe. Roads need repairs. No one is taking responsibility. Art Langlie believes best practices, not political games, are what we need. The city needs new skills and experience to solve our homelessness crisis, restore a vibrant downtown, put more "safe" in public safety, and rebuild infrastructure. Passing the buck ends with Art Langlie.

Years of social service volunteering have taught him the solutions that work. Art is the only candidate with a comprehensive plan to end this homelessness emergency. He'll measure results, increase mental health and recovery services in Triage Centers, and rapidly build housing with wrap-around services. Read the plan: [ArtLanglie.com/Homelessness](http://ArtLanglie.com/Homelessness)

Seattle must address the inequities that result from past redlining, gentrification, the imbalanced distribution of educational and medical resources, and inconsistent access to government decision making. He champions a balanced, pragmatic approach to bring our diverse community together and solve problems. Misguided proposals like defunding the police without a plan make us less safe. Solutions to complex problems, not simple soundbites.

The city's primary responsibility is delivering basic government services with excellence. That means creating a sustainable budget. That means reforming public safety. That means restoring our downtown. That means creating a business environment that creates jobs. That means fixing potholes and repairing bridges. We need to get the basics right. As a successful business and non-profit leader, Art is the only candidate who will take responsibility and get it done.

*"I will be transparent and take responsibility to solve the challenges before us. I am a new voice with a fresh vision, not part of the political class that brought our city to where it is today. I know that together, we can do better."* – Art Langlie

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## Colleen Echohawk

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**Education:** Associates, Shoreline Community College; Bachelors in Multicultural Studies, Antioch University

**Occupation:** Former Executive Director of the Chief Seattle Club

**Statement:** *Seattle is a great City but our leaders are failing us.* City Hall has become dysfunctional. Thousands are sleeping outside. Housing is unaffordable. Small businesses are going under. Police reform has failed. The middle class gets squeezed harder every day. We're all exhausted by Seattle politicians saying the right thing – but not doing the right thing when it matters. I've been doing hard things that matter my whole life.

*Ending the humanitarian crisis.* I've spent the last 7 years fighting for our homeless Native community as Executive Director at Chief Seattle Club. We're building: \$180 million in affordable housing. We're innovating: Surplus trailers on parking lots called Eagle Village, modular housing in Lake City, 200 family units with a longhouse. We're succeeding: During the pandemic, we moved entire encampments from the International District and Pioneer Square to the safety of hotel rooms. I'm leading: I have a 22-point Emergency Housing Action Plan to bring everyone sleeping outside into safety in 14 months following the election. My plan: [echohawkforseattle.com/emergencyhousing](http://echohawkforseattle.com/emergencyhousing).

*Holding the police accountable.* As a longtime community police advocate, I'm done with racism and brutality with zero consequences. As a Community Police Commissioner, we fought to block the current police union contract, but the Mayor and Council buckled – rolling back reforms on racial bias and violating the federal consent decree. Seattle's next Mayor will hire a new Police Chief and negotiate a new police contract – determining the future of reform. My plan: [echohawkforseattle.com/policereform](http://echohawkforseattle.com/policereform).

Affordable housing, racial justice, equitable recovery, climate change, transit, education, the West Seattle Bridge – we have so much important work ahead of us. It's time for a *new generation of leadership in Seattle*. I believe in this City. If you'll believe in me, together we can make Seattle the city we all love.

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**Education:** Green River CC. Economic World Studies Business Affairs. National Crime Prevention Council..

**Occupation:** Retired from King County Metro

**Statement:** The state and the condition of our city is critical. We are in the midst of redefining life in the present and what it will become in the future. Seattle citizens are resilient hard working and caring devoted people, who are dedicated to a real change . We must become bold leaders for the present and the future of our city. Yes , We do have a lot of work to do with developing cultural competency. Homelessness should not exist in our city. We are a city of destiny a place where quality lifestyles will constantly be Developed. I will pledge to develop new streams of revenue. I will work hard to develop new leaders from our youth. Skilled with the 3 L's the ability to Listen, Learn and then Lead. "I must acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of the Seattle area, the Duwamish People and Costal Salish People past and present." I promise that all citizens of Seattle are included, no one will be excluded , unless they exclude themselves . The Change Is Here.

Thank You

Don L Rivers



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## Bruce Harrell

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**Education:** Proud SPS graduate (and parent); Garfield High (Valedictorian); University of Washington, BA and Law School

**Occupation:** Attorney representing workers, small business; City Council (2007-2019)

**Statement:** The people of Seattle are starving for effective leadership: a Mayor who makes no excuses and addresses urgent needs. With your vote, I'll be Seattle's second Black and first Asian American Mayor. My father was among the first Black union lineman at City Light, my Japanese mother cruelly interned during WWII. They raised me in the redlined Central Area. The struggle for equity and justice echo in my family, informing my legal career representing workers and small businesses, and public service fighting for a Seattle where all can thrive.

*The homelessness crisis is our first priority.* Inaction and finger-pointing is not only frustrating—it's inhumane. My plan includes: minimum \$140 million in federal relief funds for *immediate* housing and individualized services; city resources to accelerate rehousing and support; cleaning up parks, school properties, and sidewalks. Plans and progress will be accessible to everyone, inspiring trust and engagement.

*We'll unite around an economic recovery for all,* assisting downtown and neighborhood small businesses, and establishing a "Seattle Jobs Center" connecting people to careers. We'll expand childcare through the Family and Education levy, and build housing and transit so working people and young families can call our city home. I worked to pass Seattle's \$15 minimum wage—a commitment to fairness and equity rooted in my family's experience.

*I'll improve public safety and build trust in our police,* with a personal commitment to culture change. I sponsored Seattle's first anti-bias police law and championed body cameras. Let's reimagine policing—not threaten defunding—and keep *all* communities safe.

Early endorsements: former Governor Gary Locke; former Mayors Norm Rice and Wes Uhlman; Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland; State Senators Reuven Carlyle, Jesse Salomon; State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos; community leaders Chris Bennett Sr., Pastor Leslie Braxton, Frank Irigon, Doug Baldwin; ATU 587 (Metro drivers), construction trades; more!

## Stan Lippmann

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**Education:** Physics: BS NYU 1981, MA JHU 1984, Ph.D. 1989, Law: JD UW 1998

**Occupation:** Physicist

**Statement:** I still believe Seattle will be the City of the Future. All the pieces are here, but not integrated. how do we retain our uniqueness but by realizing Denny's Dream on the beach at Alkai. The elements have lay dormant since the hippie 60's: Space Needle, the Monorail, the Westin tower. The elements of Sky City. Like in the Jetsons, a 12 story Westin segment, 12 condos per floor, between 400 and 550 feet. The Space Needle cost \$2.5 million silver dollars in 1960. That's about \$50 million today. Adding 144 dwellings might double the cost, but mass producing 2000 of them hexagonally across the City would bring unit price back to \$50 million, \$100 billion to blanket the City with equitably minimal local environmental impact. 288,000 City owned affordable units. The State Constitution mandates support for education, costing \$250,000 K-12 per child and corrupting our youth all my life. Instead, every school-aged child's parents can choose to avoid dehumanizing their children by putting them into the corporate rat race, ultimately to never be able to afford to buy a house and start their own family. Instead each of our children will have a good start and life-long anchor of love to our beautiful city. Suspended at 100 ft level are the SkyStations, where you can travel to any other SkyStation. Dual cables are strung between the towers on 3 sides to suspend twin-beam for the Inductrack gimballled SkyShip. First SkyFerry service between first two towers for 1 minute service from Coleman Ferry Dock to California Ave. The SkyFerry holds one car or a bus and will get you to West Seattle in a couple of minutes. Or buy or create your own Jetsonmobile and fly Seattle solo. Together we can soon become the most progressive City on Earth.

## Mayor

## Jessyn Farrell

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**Education:** Proud graduate of Shoreline public schools, the University of Washington, and Boston College Law School

**Occupation:** Senior Vice President, Civic Ventures; former State Representative, 46th District

**Statement:** A just, equitable and thriving Seattle is possible, but we must come together with common purpose to make it a reality. City Hall politicians have tried and failed to solve our housing and homelessness crisis. *We need new leadership.* I'm the only candidate with the proven ability to build the broad coalitions needed to tackle our toughest issues. *I will hit the ground running, stop the infighting, bridge divides, and deliver results.*

As executive director of the non-profit Transportation Choices Coalition, I helped transform mass transit in the Puget Sound. As a state legislator I improved people's lives: leading passage of landmark paid family leave, creating more affordable housing, and securing billions for light-rail expansion and other public transportation investments -- all while dealing with a Republican-controlled Senate.

*Governor Inslee chose me to lead the state's COVID economic recovery task force because I know how to solve problems.* Under my leadership, we secured \$50 million for small businesses left out of federal pandemic relief.

As a single mom with three kids in public schools, I'll make sure every kid in every neighborhood has safe parks, streets, and sidewalks -- and is free from the threat of gun violence. I'll add housing with supportive services, ensuring people can access the mental and health treatment they need and get help finding work. I'll build 70,000 more affordable homes and get the city back on track delivering basic services.

I'm endorsed by progressive elected officials, small business owners, environmental, labor and community leaders: Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, Andrea Caupain, Dominique Davis, City Councilor Dan Strauss, former and current state legislators David Hackney, Kristine Reeves, Cindy Ryu, Gerry Pollet and Brady Walkinshaw; Sheet Metal Workers Local 66. I grew up in Seattle and Lake Forest Park, attended public schools, UW, and law school.

## City Attorney

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## Ann Davison

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**Education:** B.A. Sociology, Baylor University; J.D., Willamette University College of Law

**Occupation:** attorney, arbitrator, teacher, mom

**Statement:** I'm running for Seattle City Attorney because our city must reconcile that it is failing to meet the needs of the most vulnerable as well as the basic functions of protecting public health and safety.

When I moved to Seattle in 1996 for a job in the Sonics' front office, our city had found a way to meet those needs. Before my first child was born, in 2008, walking to the courthouse downtown was safe. By the time I had my second child in 2011, our streets were becoming dangerous. Now, employees and jurors are told not to use the main entrance because it's so unsafe. The same can be said for many of our neighborhoods.

My kids began to ask questions about why people were living alongside Seattle's roadways in unconscionable conditions, less humane than in a UN refugee camp where I worked with people fleeing civil war. Even our children know what's happening in our city isn't right.

The City Attorney is a critical link to public safety, downtown and in our neighborhoods, deciding when to prosecute many types of criminal activity. I will provide balanced leadership that makes us smart on crime: *proactive* not reactive. I will be a collaborative leader bringing *compassion*, seeking *progress* and establishing working relationships within our city and region to restore public safety. By fixing this critical link of public health and safety, we begin to see improvement in the livability of our city. With your vote, we can create a safer, more compassionate city for all of us.

**Endorsements:** Ed McKenna, Judge, Seattle Municipal Court (Retired); Chris Bayley, King County prosecutor (former); Louise Miller, WA Arts Commission (former), Seattle Opera Board; Tom Hansen, author (in recovery); more endorsements at neighborsforann.com

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**Education:** J.D. Seattle University School of Law, University of Washington Bachelor's degree in Anthropology.

**Occupation:** Owner at NTK Law. Public Defender. Bartender and Server.

**Statement:** I am running for City Attorney because Seattle must stop doing what we know doesn't work.

The Seattle City Attorney's office only deals with low-level offenses. As a public defender, I've defended people who were prosecuted for stealing a sandwich or wandering into the street while in crisis. We must stop spending the majority of our city budget on policing, prosecuting, and jailing specifically the poor, the disabled, and BIPOC. These prosecutions do not solve the underlying problems, and don't make us safer. Seattle is facing a crisis due to a severe lack of affordable housing and available treatment and health care options. Prosecuting people trying to survive these crisis conditions only creates further desperation and instability, and it must stop immediately.

State violence has been rising steadily over the years, as police budgets grow and police themselves are not held responsible for the consequences of their actions. Lawsuits against police that actually make it into court are settled with taxpayer dollars. Neither the individual cops, nor the department suffer any consequences. This is especially evident displacing vulnerable community members through sweeps. Police are bold and brazen in their abuses of power because they know they can't be touched.

We have the opportunity to make real change in Seattle. Seattle would benefit by treating the poor and unsheltered with compassion instead of spending lavish sums of money punishing and destabilizing them. We have a climate and housing crisis because we let corporations off the hook and cling to antiquated zoning laws that preclude affordable housing and density. Changing these things will actually make our city safer, more equitable, and more environmentally sustainable. We've built a system that is not working, and it is time to dismantle it from the inside. Your vote for me will help make that a reality.



## City Attorney

## Pete Holmes

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**Education:** BA, Yale University; JD, University of Virginia

**Occupation:** City Attorney; former chair, Office of Police Accountability Review Board

**Statement:** As Seattle recovers from the pandemic and continues addressing critical issues of policing, criminal legal reform, and turnover in City Hall, I'm proud to provide consistent, principled, and progressive leadership for our city--at a time when we need it most. Seattle elects an independent City Attorney to provide important checks and balances with the Mayor and Council, as well as advocate for the people of our city. Our office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes and supports victims impacted by domestic violence, gun violence, and other harms. We lead on police reform, and hold powerful corporations accountable. Now is not the time for an untested voice in this critical office.


*Improving Public Safety:* We are dedicated to enforcement of the most serious crimes, and partner with proven diversion programs to help people afflicted with addiction and behavioral health issues get treatment and support instead of cycling through jail. We're removing firearms from our streets and fighting for stronger gun laws at every level.

*Demanding Police Reform:* I've personally led our decade-long partnership with the Department of Justice to reduce excessive force at the Seattle Police Department--earning the praise of the Federal monitor supervising this effort. We have new laws in place to make lasting and overdue change, but we still have more to achieve.

*A Level Playing Field:* Having tackled equity priorities like vacating marijuana charges, fighting Trump's racist immigration policies, and defeating Tim Eyman's attacks on transit, we are now defending our right to tax wealthy corporations, hold polluters accountable, and keep people housed post-pandemic.

*Endorsements:* Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Prosecutor Dan Satterberg, County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, Reform leader Lisa Daugaard, State Senators Rebecca Saldaña, David Frockt, Jamie Pedersen, State Reps Nicole Macri, Kirsten Harris-Talley, Javier Valdez; Alliance for Gun Responsibility Victory Fund, MLK Labor Council, local Democratic groups, and more!

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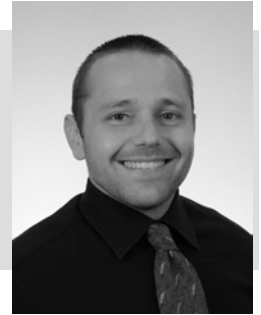
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## George Freeman

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No statement submitted.

## Alexander White

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Biology and Minor in Biochemistry, University of Washington**Occupation:** Small Business Owner


**Statement:** Do you believe Seattle is a better place now than it was ten years ago? As a native Seattle resident, I have worked in the Seattle fishing industry, in an Amazon fulfillment center, and have owned a small business for the last 12 years. I am also a renter. I have seen our incredible city go through dramatic growth and exciting change and the rising challenges that can no longer be ignored. From rising rents and high cost of living to the crises of those experiencing homelessness and increasing property crime; we are all affected.

Everyone is connected in our city. When a small business shuts their doors, we are all poorer because of it. When a person experiencing homelessness is suffering and experiencing mental illness, we share in their suffering. When a crime is committed, we all incur a cost. No one wins when the voters lose confidence in our elected officials that we put in place to protect our interests.

Seattle is one of the most beautiful places in the world with an abundance of natural beauty. We have developed a society of wealth and, I believe, an empathic, caring population. There is no reason why we cannot shape policy together where we can all thrive, but most importantly, be heard.

If elected to city council I will commit to long term solutions to lift our community, remove barriers to mental health and treatment for drug abuse by working with trained professionals. I will work hand in hand with the small business community, empower the courts to serve justice and enforce laws, support our first responders, and strive to give voice back to the voters. You will be heard. I will forgo political activism and divisive politics and focus on running our city for a safer, stronger Seattle.

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**Education:** Mortgage Lending and Finance, Real Estate, Business Marketing and Design**Occupation:** Former Mortgage Lender**Statement:** "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered." - Thomas Jefferson

Millennials are now at an age where they are reflecting on their lives and are asking themselves what kind of society they want to build for our future generations. We need representation!

My career in mortgage lending gave me a comprehensive understanding of how money circulates, federal and state finance laws, core practices of the real estate industry that inhibit affordable housing, a skillset for navigating through bureaucratic procedures, and simplifying complex ideas of discussion to the average person. In addition, my knowledge and dedicated work with the homeless community over the years signals the need for creative and innovative leadership to solve the current and looming crisis at hand.

Seattle is enriched with technological talent sourced from all over the world. We now have the capability to transition our financial system out of a traditional banking system and onto a decentralized blockchain (without the need for banks) in a very environmentally friendly capacity. Residents would be able to audit the city budget, vote for new city projects, stimulus aid, fund effective non-profits with grants similar to a Kickstarter or GoFundMe platform. Although this technology is not widely understood, it is the future.

I fully believe that my leadership among many of my other ideas surrounding blockchain, affordable housing, homeless crisis, transparency, police budgets, addiction crisis, healthcare, and public interface, will solve many of the systemic issues at large. Please visit my website for full plans of action on issues Seattle seeks to reform.

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**Education:** Studied Psychology, University of Louisville**Occupation:** Bartender - Culture Kitchen/MoPOP, Self Employed**Statement:** "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful" - Samuel Jackson.

It's important we re-evaluate our position before going forward: eliminate underperforming/failing programs, research how and why they were unsuccessful. A thorough review of our spending to reveal any misuse or illicit dealings; you'll be the first to know. Re-investing in the health and wellness of our residents would come next. Finally, redirecting money to our failing infrastructure, relief for landlords, business owners, reclaiming our parks and open spaces, investing in projects/ideas for future generations to enjoy. Transparency in all areas, accountability for every decision and integrity should be non-negotiable, because when we change our perspective on the issues everything else will change along with it.

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, an only child raised by a single black mother independence was expected, never the option. In October 2017, I moved to Seattle for the opportunity at a better life. Shortly thereafter, I found myself alone - living out of my car while working two-jobs, and barely surviving in a strange new city. Twenty-two *long* months later I secured stable housing, paid-off my debts but more importantly I became accountable through self-discipline and sheer determination. My lived experience is the perspective I feel we need in this moment.

I'm a gay black man, having worked with the public for 20 years in various roles I communicate with authenticity, from a place of sincerity and understanding. People are textured complex beings that command a more nuanced approach. Possessing this keen insight and depth is the critical component Seattle lacks in its decision making. I appreciate the opportunity to share my ideas and look forward to meeting you in the future. Thank you for your time.

## Council Position No. 8

continued **Brian Fahey**

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submitted**Education:** No information submitted.**Occupation:** Property Management Engineering Manager

**Statement:** My name is Brian Fahey, I have been a trade-worker my entire working life. I started in the HVAC trade when I was 13 helping my neighbor start his business and assisting with install work throughout my summer vacations. I did this until I moved to Seattle in 2003. Since moving here, I continued my career in the HVAC trade to the point of managing multiple Class-A High-Rise operations in downtown. Because of this I am very familiar with the benefits of preventive actions rather than reactive.

I am running for Seattle City Council because I feel we need pragmatic leaders who use tried and true, fact-based approaches to sensitive and emotional issues to ensure the best possible outcomes. I believe that campaign finance is one of the largest issues we face in a representative democracy. I feel that all constituency-based races should have to use the democracy voucher program. Our leaders need to be beholden to the people not corporate donors. I also believe that we as a city should do more for ourselves when it comes to education funding. In my opinion our education funding should be permanent and tied to a progressive B&O tax to reduce the burden on the surrounding areas and eliminate the need for levies. Your children deserve better than the unstable system we give them.

In terms of some of the social issues hitting our city right now, again I believe the pragmatic and evidence-based approach is the best. We need a police force that respects our city and its views, we also need a police force that our city respects. Accountability is what is missing to allow good police to flourish. We should do more to encourage Seattle residents to become police in the city they call home.

**Jesse James**jesseawake2@gmail.com  
jessejamesforseattle.com**Education:** Ballard High School, Shoreline Community College**Occupation:** Musician, Video Editor, Restaurant Worker

**Statement:** I feel a lot of citizens' voices aren't being heard when it comes to how our city is governed. I want to be that voice. This is the reason I founded *The Players Party*: a grassroots movement of small business owners, local musicians, and everyday people to help bring new voices and fresh ideas to Seattle.

I am a strong advocate for the legalization of poker/card casinos since we are a city that values personal freedoms, and more tax revenue is always useful. I also believe in *Freeing the Democracy Dollar*, making it so citizens can donate usable Democracy Vouchers to anyone on the ballot. I believe the current program gives incumbents and established career politicians an unfair advantage.

On the topic of taxation, I believe before one considers raising or lowering taxes, you must first make sure tax money is being used efficiently and effectively. Quite frankly, I don't see this happening in Seattle. The homelessness and housing crisis have only gotten worse, despite all the tax money we clumsily throw at these issues. As a council member, I would consider my first priority to look into how our tax money is being spent; Is this money being used effectively? What's working? What isn't? One clear loser is Seattle's unnecessary, ineffective, and excessive Sweetened Beverage Tax...

When it comes to the issue of the police, I take the reform side of the argument. It's clear that changes need to be made, but those changes are complex and cannot be boiled down to a simple slogan.

In closing, I'm a savvy, young populist who will fight on behalf of the people and small businesses, always! A vote for me is a vote for a new voice for the city, and the first step to bringing Seattle into the future.

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**Education:** BSCE with distinction and Mathematics Minor, UNR; MS in Civil Engineering, UW; PM Certificate, UW

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**Statement:** We all feel the Council is leading in the wrong direction. Incumbent politicians have yet to find solutions for increasing homelessness, failed roads and infrastructure, and closed businesses. Most lack training in understanding day-to-day operations required for a thriving city. I am asking for your vote to bring plain speaking, common-sense solutions to replace current mismanagement.

I am a 28-year resident of Seattle, my wife and two daughters were born here. I am a licensed bridge structural engineer (PE SE) owning a Seattle small business since 2005. Current work includes the Northgate truss bridge over I-5 and pedestrian bridges over SR520 near Microsoft. As *your* council member, I will lean heavily on my analytical, engineering, and infrastructure background to bring rational decision making and progress control follow up to Council actions.

Frustrated, I watched as downtown became lawless and boarded, 911 response times increased from lack of staffing, a good police chief was forced to resign, and West Seattle shut off from the rest of the city due to poor maintenance and continual mistakes in administration of valuable infrastructure. Our homeless challenges became extreme and unaided, while parks and schools were made inaccessible as living space sanctuaries for addiction and mental problems. With each new development we lost critical canopy/old trees along with affordable rental housing, replaced five-to-one by unaffordable homes stressing existing sewers.

Seattle needs a council member trained in infrastructure to ensure the city is improved, supported, and made better for everyone. West Seattle cannot continue to have access blocked. Homelessness must be addressed immediately. Most importantly, all people must be dealt with compassionately but consistently in justice commensurate with the problem.

I am proud to live in Seattle. I have the background needed to help bring back the city we love. I would appreciate *your* vote!

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**Education:** Studied Cultural and Economic Anthropology at Columbia University in New York City

**Occupation:** Retired


**Statement:** I am seeking public office to stop the transformation of the City of Seattle into a broken-down, impoverished, crime ridden and drug infested slum. The cause of this ongoing transformation is not the lack of resources. Rather, the cause is a combination of wrong policies and gross mismanagement. This includes the defunding of law enforcement and enabling "non-profits" to promote a growing "homeless industrial complex."

The combination of all of this has created an open-air concentration camp of dying drug/alcohol substance abusers, the mentally ill, and the poor. No one wants to live in a city where homeless tents, drugs, trash, and crime own the streets.

The first responsibility of city government is public safety. The restoration of a fully funded public safety delivery system involving the coordination of the Seattle Police Department, the Fire Department, First Responders, and Human Service Providers is my first priority. Conditions must be created where the homeless must go to emergency transitional shelters where individuals are screened, their problems defined, and then forwarded into either drug/alcohol substance abuse treatment, psychological care, or work counseling. Along with this, city ordinances prohibiting the occupation of public areas by encampments must be enforced along with zero tolerance for anti-social behavior.

The future of the Seattle area rests on building an advanced 21st century science-technology manufacturing hub for the world. This is where the new jobs will come from. Unfortunately, the transformation of Seattle into a place where homelessness, crime, and drugs proliferate has greatly jeopardized this future. I was born in Mexico and have lived and loved Seattle for 41 years. I want a better Seattle and I know you do too. Let's work together to bring that about.

## Council Position No. 8

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**Education:** College, University, Master degree in Engineering & Management

**Occupation:** Business Consultant

**Statement:** Are we better now than 4 years ago? Stop fascism with idiotic face!

I, Alex Tsimerman, speak to you Seattle emerald degenerate super smart freaking idiot, who bring Seattle to number one fascist city in America with Nazi-socialist-Gestapo principle. That always choose dirty garbage rats that drink from fat cat toilet and who make your life miserable and brought us to total collapse. Enough is enough it cannot go forever.

No Taxes for first \$100 spent on food, dress, everything. We pay \$100 billion for taxes. Enough is enough. Give ordinary people a little bit of air for breathing.

We are stuck in Seattle between Amazon and illegal immigration and there is only one way to bring the City back to normal life— move 100,000 Amazonian from downtown and 100,000 not legal immigrants from city.

We need to guarantee affordable housing for everybody and stop speculation and start taxing 25% for every foreign house buyer. We need to fix our crazy traffic problems, which has totally destroyed our lives and our cars. To stop homeless, I will ask local billionaires to give 1% of their wealth so we can fix this problem once and forever. We need to open Bertha Room in City Hall one time per week for open public conversation and honest candidate forums. This can stop the people from being controlled by Nazi-Socialist-Democrats-Mafia. Elect me as City Council, I will work for free and all management will be only from Seattle and Salary will be no more than average income. We need to elect business people like Alex Tsimerman who can operate a City which has \$6 billion, 12,000 employees and 700,000 citizens. StandUP America, StandUP Seattle so we can bring us back to normal life. *No more demonazigestapo kliter bigger than a donkey's tail.*

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**Education:** Masters in Public Administration, focus in health policy, from TESC, BA from University of Washington

**Occupation:** City Councilmember; former Labor leader, Children's advocate, public health policy

**Statement:** Emerging from the pandemic, we have an opportunity to come together, roll-up our sleeves, and build a stronger, more equitable Seattle. I've dedicated my career to building coalitions and getting results by bringing diverse perspectives to the table, and passing progressive policy to challenge the status quo.

In my first term, together we passed progressive policies to make Seattle more equitable. I led the broad coalition to pass JumpStart Progressive revenue creating over \$214 million annually for housing, small businesses, equitable development, and Green New Deal investments. I passed wage & leave standards for ap-based drivers, workplace & healthcare protections for hotel workers, hazard pay for grocery workers, and the nationally acclaimed Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. I passed energy efficient standards for City buildings, and funding for more affordable housing in Seattle, to address carbon emissions and climate injustice.

In the wake of COVID, I hope to have your support to return to help small businesses, workers, and our environment to improve the health & stability of Seattleites. I will fight for more affordable housing across our city, police accountability, upstream investments in homelessness prevention strategies, and for workers and small businesses simultaneously to create a more equitable Seattle.

**Endorsements:** Rep. Jayapal, Attorney General Ferguson, Seattle's Democratic legislators, KC Democrats, the 11th, 32nd, 36th, 46th Legislative District Democrats, MLK Labor, all SEIU locals, UFCW 21, Seattle Building Trades, Teamsters, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Vote Mama, Latino Progress, Latino PAC, Emily's List, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, NW Women's Political Caucus, more!

*It's an honor to serve you in these challenging times. As a lifelong advocate for children and working people, the daughter of educators, wife, and new mom of a beautiful babe, I am committed to building a future Seattle where all can be housed, healthy & safe.*



## Council Position No. 8

## Kate Martin

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**Education:** Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, New York

**Occupation:** Planning + Design Consultant, Affordable Housing Provider

**Statement:** My name is Kate Martin and I know we agree that Seattle needs better government. As pressing problems go unsolved while bigger and bigger budgets are consumed, my heart breaks. This is my town for 42 years. I raised my family here, have my business here, and have worked shoulder to shoulder with fellow volunteers from one end of this city to the other for decades.


It's clear that our most pressing problems are actually getting worse. Homelessness, support for the mentally ill and addicted, public safety, and affordable housing are all "crises". We, the taxpayers, are doing our part - voting for higher taxes with the promise it will help - but those promises have been broken. Why does the council keep failing? Why do we the voters accept these failures? I see a few answers.

First, democracy is under attack in our city. Special interest power is too great, and elections have become squabbles between the city's most powerful groups. We must fully realize the *district-level democracy* we voted for in 2013. District-level plans and electing district councilmembers to shepherd those plans will make all the difference. Second, there's too little *intellectual and professional diversity* on the council. Today, it's an echo chamber that can't even notice it's failing. I'll bring debate, professional problem-solving skills, and a focus on proven solutions.

Seattle's history is great and it wasn't that long ago that we were safer, healthier, and better housed. While we can't fix these problems overnight, it's time we recompose the council to get Seattle on track.

Please visit Elect Kate Martin and The Seattle Journal to learn more. I ask for your vote and truly cannot wait to serve you as the next Position 8 Seattle City Councilmember. Thank you for your consideration.

## Council Position No. 9

continued **Brianna K. Thomas**

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**Education:** B.A. Political Science, University of Washington**Occupation:** Chief of Staff to Seattle City Council President Lorena González

**Statement:** I am running because I am ready to lead on the policies we need to move this city forward. I am proud to have supported efforts that put Seattle at the national forefront of workers' rights, livable wages and police accountability, from inside City Hall and in the community as an advocate and organizer. From the fight for \$15 in SeaTac to the passage of Honest Elections, I know how to deliver.

Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic must be equitable for the families, workers, and businesses most impacted. I will prioritize supporting small businesses, and our arts and cultural communities that are the vibrant backbone of our city. I'm committed to reimagining our entire criminal justice system - not just sentencing and policing - and doing the hard work of building trust between communities of color and law enforcement. I will champion building a sustainable Seattle that is affordable, transit-connected, and accessible, and allows seniors to age in place with respect and dignity.

Seattle deserves compassionate and effective leadership to navigate these unprecedented times. I'm running for Seattle City Council because it's time for real results, not just rhetoric - lifting *all* of our neighbors up, and making sure no one is left behind. I humbly ask for your support.

*Endorsed by King County Democrats, 11th, 36th & 46th LD Democrats, Teamsters Joint Council, SEIU 925 & 775, NW Carpenters Union, Aerospace Machinists Union 751, National Women's Political Caucus of WA, and elected leaders including Seattle City Councilmembers Lorena González, Lisa Herbold, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lewis, and Sally Bagshaw (fmr.), State Senators Joe Nguyen, Steve Hobbs, Mona Das and Rebecca Saldaña, State Representatives David Hackney, Debra Entenman, Cindy Ryu and Liz Berry, former King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Seattle School Board Director Zachary Dewolf, and Seattle Port Commissioner Sam Cho.*

**Lindsay McHaffie**

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**Education:** Community College focus on business and economics, No Degree**Occupation:** Stay at home mom, Small Business Owner, Independent Contractor

**Statement:** As part of a low income family, I have struggled and navigated my way through the homeless system in Seattle. I have jumped through the various hoops, traveled to multiple locations for assistance without a vehicle. Relying on the bus system is difficult to do, because the buses are not consistent. The bus is usually late or early, resulting in being late to appointments. The lightrail gets packed during rush hours, causing transmission of viruses. The monorail is wonderful, but only travels a short distance. Roads are deteriorating, constantly being cut into for new construction. New roads are getting tolled, fueling the income inequality. Traffic lights are poorly timed, creating a gridlock of cars and angry citizens.

I am a veteran, and have witnessed how the government spends tax money irresponsibly. Waiting to spend the money until right before the new budget is released. This is done to keep the budget. It is a use it or lose it system, so it will all get used right before the deadline on arbitrary items to ensure the same amount of money or more will be given in the new budget. I would like to be on the finance committee to audit all of the beneficiaries of the city taxes. Abusing the budget in this way is common practice, and needs to end. The city needs to live within its means, and stop enabling budget abuse.

I am a very well rounded, level headed individual, who just wants to help everyone live their lives how they see fit without government interference. I may not have the fancy degree, but I do have real life, practical experience to bring to the table. I am running my campaign with zero financial contributions, because it is not necessary to raise money to be successful.

## Council Position No. 9

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## Rebecca L. Williamson

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**Education:** Roosevelt High School, North and Seattle Central Colleges, educated as participant in working class struggles

**Occupation:** Walmart worker. Worked in union jobs in factories and warehouses.

**Statement:** The Socialist Workers Party joins the working-class demand for an immediate, massive public works program, funded by the federal government to put millions to work at union-scale wages building hospitals, child care centers and other things workers need. Jobs not handouts. Cost of living adjustments to raise wages, social security, disability each time basic prices go up.

An increase in job actions by thousands against the bosses' offensive is a welcome sign. They need *help* to win! Teamsters at Minnesota's Marathon Petroleum in Minnesota, Alabama Miners at Warrior Met Coal, and Steelworkers at Allegheny Technologies need our solidarity. Victories can help build a desperately-needed working class leadership. Through a fighting labor movement, we can build *our own party — a labor party* – to fight to take political power out of the hands of the bosses and bankers represented by Democrats and Republicans.

To strengthen our class, we also urge you to join these fights: arrest & prosecute cops who brutalize working people; speak out against Jew-hatred; recognize a Palestinian state and Israel; immediate government relief for small farmers and farm workers; defend a woman's right to choose abortion; amnesty for immigrant workers. Oppose the death penalty; defend freedom of speech against cancel culture.

The 'systemic' problem we face today is *capitalism*, the system based on exploitation of labor and nature, which uses racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression to divide and exploit working people. Capitalism cannot be reformed and must be overthrown. Only a workers and farmers government can begin to uproot the social problems we face for all time. Oppose the U.S. embargo on Cuba! Join monthly actions here. Revolutionary Cuba is an example to emulate.

Join the Socialist Workers Party 2021 campaign! To learn more, go to: *themilitant.com* and *pathfinderpress.com*.

## Nikkita Oliver

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**Education:** UW School of Law, J.D. 2015; UW College of Education, Masters of Ed. 2016

**Occupation:** Attorney; Non-Profit Executive Director; Adjunct Professor.

**Statement:** In the last year, Seattle has had a reckoning with racial inequality, a battle with a devastating pandemic, and is facing a continued climate crises. Will we continue to rely on policies of the past -- many of which brought us to this point -- or is it time for a fresh perspective rooted in community care?


As an attorney who has supported clients through school exclusion, eviction, and anti-discrimination cases, Nikkita Oliver (they/them) understands transformative solutions to the problems facing our city come from those most impacted.

A vote for Nikkita is a vote for a city that embodies racial and economic justice. A city with labor protections for freelancers and prevailing wages and healthcare for frontline workers. A city that enacts progressive revenue to meet the basic needs of Seattleites, including housing for all. A city that takes bold action to address the climate crisis by working towards free transit, and by reforming a zoning code that restricts our supply of affordable housing.

Together, we can build the city we say we are - a city where all are welcome and none are excluded.

**Endorsements:** Author, Ijeoma Oluo; 11th LD Democrats; UFCW Local 21; SEIU 925; ATU Local 587; UAW 4121; WFSE Local 1488; Seattle City Councilmember Tammy Morales; King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay; Washington State Representatives Tarra Simmons and Kirsten Harris-Talley; Washington State Senator Rebecca Saldaña; former King County Councilmember Larry Gossett. Professional Experience: Executive Director of Creative Justice (a youth-focused restorative justice organization); Attorney; Adjunct Professor at Seattle University School of Law; Community Organizer. Community Service: Nikkita organizes with grassroots efforts such as Restorative Community Pathways, #NoNewYouthJail, Decriminalize Seattle, and the building of the Youth Achievement Center (co-located housing and services for youth in Seattle).

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**Education:** SUNY Purchase Bachelor of History program with a minor in music production & composition.

**Occupation:** Creative Eco-Conscious Marketer/Publicist & Business Development Consultant; musicmaker

**Statement:** Environmentalism. Compassion. Diversity. Inclusion. Equity. I'm a Big P Progressive.

The crossroads we're at demand bold, swift action. Through my extensive work for the non-profit, natural foods and music industries, I've innovated, creating public-private and other partnerships that make dollars go further, getting stuff done. I've worked with mayors, councillors, celebrities -but I won't waste my word allotment here bragging. Instead, policies...

For decades, politicians here rolled out ten-year end-homelessness 'plans', declared homelessness a crisis and congratulated themselves for producing hundreds of units of social housing, when many thousands were needed. I'll introduce legislation to create a housing Public Utility District to build many thousands of 'green' supportive, affordable rental and first-time home buyer units around Seattle. Let's end the piecemeal approaches. Our wealthy city must have adequate hygiene stations and public restrooms for all, as the pandemic underscored. I have detailed plans.

We must re-do public safety, starting with residency requirements. A small, well-trained, elite armed division should supplement a larger public safety department that addresses the needs of our growing city. We can provide much day-to-day safety via 'By-Law', mental health and community officers -without guns.

As the only member of Council with significant arts industry experience, I'll fight hard for housing, financial opportunities and relief for our music, film, theatre, culinary and other artistic industry creators who've defined Seattle so much. Imagine more community centers, with arts/music studios and commissary kitchens.

Let's make SeattleSubway's comprehensive subway system vision map a reality, putting humans above autos. I'll promote a comprehensive grey water (reuse) program, increase the number of trash bins on our streets and tackle graffiti fairly, equitably and effectively. And, my proposals come with funding mechanisms. Want big bold action and systemic change for the better? Then elect bold leaders, instead of career politicians. Vote Xtian Gunther.

## Sara Nelson

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**Education:** BA in Political Science, University of California; PhD in Cultural Anthropology, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Co-Founder/Owner, Fremont Brewing

**Statement:** Seattle, I love you, but we need to talk. This is one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world, but our Council's mismanagement is making it unlivable for many residents. From the housing and homelessness crises to basic services, Seattleites are tired of big promises, undelivered. *It's time for a City Council that keeps its promises!*

As we recover from COVID-19, we must build our city back better and more equitably. Neighborhood businesses are struggling and too many people have lost their jobs, but Council's not acting with urgency to help. I created a local small business, Fremont Brewing, that's a national industry leader in sustainability and treating employees right. As a former Council Aide, I helped pass landmark legislation on the environment, transportation, and economic development.

On City Council, my focuses will include: 1) *Addressing Our Homelessness Crisis* through "Housing First" policies, working with proven service providers to house the homeless, provide mental health and addiction services, and restore our public spaces; 2) *Delivering Basic Services* by maintaining our infrastructure like community centers and bridges, instead of prioritizing flashy projects; and, 3) *Making Progress on Public Safety and Police Reform*, while ensuring everyone who calls "911" can expect a fast, effective response. Every Seattleite deserves to wake up to a safe, clean, equitable city with a local government that does its job.

Seattle *can* get back on the right track! It starts with electing leaders who will be held accountable for delivering *measurable results*. My name is Sara Nelson, and I ask for your vote.

*Endorsements include: Seattle Firefighters; Seattle-King County Building and Construction Trades Unions; Ironworkers Local 86; Former Representative Gael Tarleton; Former Councilmembers Richard Conlin, Heidi Wills, Tom Rasmussen, Jan Drago, and Jean Godden; Denis Hayes and other environmental leaders; and more.*

## Council Position No. 9

## Corey Eichner

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**Education:** Doctorate in Law and Policy, Northeastern University; Master's in Education Administration, Western Washington University

**Occupation:** High School Assistant Principal, Seattle Public Schools, Lincoln High School


**Statement:** Every day, I invest in the future of Seattle as an Assistant Principal in our public schools; however, at this critical time, I see how Seattle can do so much better for our kids and community. I see polarization in the City Council and city government that stops collaboration and progress today and for our future generations. We need new leaders able to push past this divide. I'll get us back to the basics: *equitable and progressive policy that solves problems* in a practical "get things done" kind of way.

I've spent the last 18 years serving our youth as a teacher and assistant principal (currently at Lincoln High School in Seattle), working with students and families from all different communities across our region - from Shoreline to South King County. I've fought for reform and investments in our education system to ensure students and families furthest from educational justice have the access and opportunities they need to succeed.

I prioritize outreach and collaboration because you cannot solve a problem unless you really understand what is not working. We must act now. Inequities continue to exist throughout our city. The homelessness crisis is growing. Our city infrastructure lacks affordable housing, a comprehensive transit system, robust support for small businesses and an action plan to combat climate change. Our most vulnerable populations, including our kids, need help, and we need leaders who will answer the call.

Seattle will continue down the wrong direction if we don't change paths. We need new leadership that will fight through our current division and actually move us forward. We have an opportunity for a new approach that will prioritize a city government that works for the people. I know my fact-based, collaborative approach can show real progress for Seattle. I ask for your vote.

## Director District No. 4

continued **Jenny Gallagher**

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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 with 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

Trudy Davis

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**Education:** Howard University, PIMA Medical Institute

**Occupation:** Self Employed

**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

continued **Bryon Madsen**

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submitted**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.

**Willie Middleton, Sr.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/wmiddletonsr>**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.

Awale Farah

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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

continued **George Alvarez**

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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.

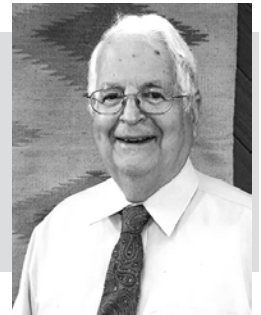
So believe me that I got a sinking feeling when I visited my son's Kindergarten class and saw a cluster of computers there. Will education as it's structured today provide him with the critical thinking skills to successfully navigate the world as it will be 20 years from now? I worry we may be wrong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

**Tim Clark**

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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

Sara Franklin

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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 Position No. 2

## Janelle Lucero

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**Occupation:** Small Business Owner and Mother

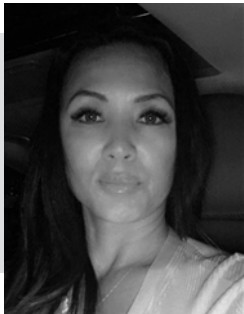
**Statement:** This year brought immense challenges for the youngest members of our city and those supporting them. I feel called to join the effort required to ensure the success of all students and I will work to understand the issues and policies impacting them and advocate for the success of MISD.

As a parent, board member, and community advocate, I will be committed to the legacy of academic excellence and prioritize holistic policies that empower our children and prepare them for the future. I will listen and educate myself on the challenges the district faces in order to make the best possible decisions.

My children will receive a public education on Mercer Island. As a parent I rely on my support system and want to contribute to a school system that gives hope and a future to each child it serves. I appreciate your confidence and humbly ask for your vote.

## Elle Nguyen

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**Education:** B.A. in Biblical Study/Theology and M.A. in Practical Ministry at Regent University

**Occupation:** Investment Strategist

**Statement:** I will make sure we protect and preserve our most precious asset, our children. Recent government mandates and legislature overreach have placed our children's learning institutions into virtual programming centers. Critical Race Theory and the legislature approved "Sex Education Bill" are prime examples why government does not belong in deciding education curriculum.

A vibrant School Board must pay close attention to all its curriculum being taught to children at every level of education. Our schools must strive for continuous improvement. It is vital we provide students with all the necessary tools to succeed, both educationally and professionally. Academic success must be the primary focus of our fabulous educators. Washington is blessed with exceptional teachers that rely on a parent-teacher collaboration; relationship is crucial to student development and must be cultivated. My children are my top priority. I ask for your vote to allow me to be your children's advocate.

## Dan Glowitz

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**Education:** J.D., University of Michigan; BA - Political Science, Amherst College (magna cum laude); MIHS (1999)

**Occupation:** Attorney (focused on corporate governance and intellectual property); stay-at-home parent

**Statement:** Mercer Island *should be a beacon* that shows what's possible in a small, well-educated, and passionate community that values education.

Our school system and our city have prospered by maintaining high academic standards and by earning the public's trust. As a board member, I will strengthen this legacy by promoting open dialogue and ensuring that decisions are driven by data. My legal background has prepared me to work collaboratively while asking hard questions. Volunteering on Mercer Island has inspired a heart-felt belief that a more equitable future depends upon our children receiving a well-rounded education that focuses on fundamentals and doesn't reduce the curriculum to catchphrases. Together we can prepare students to thrive and tackle tomorrow's problems in an interconnected world by providing a supportive environment with enough mental health counselors to meet their urgent needs.

**Endorsements:** 41st LD Democrats; Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker; David D'Souza; Ralph Jorgenson; Kristy Sieckhaus

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**Education:** University of Wyoming, Fine Arts and Education

**Occupation:** Dad, Community Volunteer, Advocate for Students and Public Education

**Statement:** As a School Board Director, I work tirelessly to honor our district's history, and to enrich and protect resources for each student. I am focused on strategic advocacy, policy development, and student centered priorities such as rigorous learning, inclusive and equitable environments, and safe and supportive school communities. I serve as a liaison to district advisory committees and collaborate with cross-district workgroups addressing emerging critical issues. As a regionally elected member of the *WSSDA Legislative Committee*, I regularly convey our children's needs and aspirations to policy makers from Olympia to Washington D.C.

It is an honor to serve our District. I will continue to ensure that each child, regardless of race, characteristic, or circumstance, has the support and resources they need to create their future. [www.BrianGianniniUpton.com](http://www.BrianGianniniUpton.com).

**Endorsements:** Senator Lisa Wellman, Representative Tana Senn, Representative My-Linh Thai, Former Representative Marcie Maxwell, MISD Pathfinder Dawn Bennett, WA 41st Democrats, WA Stonewall Democrats



Director Position No. 4

Joanna Sheppard



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Education: Mercer Island Schools Alumna; Associate in Arts and Sciences, Bellevue College; STARS Child Care Certification

Occupation: Early Childhood Educator

Statement: Joanna is a Mercer Island resident of 20 years. She graduated from Mercer Island schools where our strong community shaped her. As an early childhood educator, Joanna has experienced firsthand the impact 2020 and virtual learning has had on our students.

During the transition from virtual to in-person learning, we must meet the needs of the whole student by fostering an inclusive environment and prioritizing mental health.

Joanna is running for school board to take an active role in educating the next generation. As a director, she will work with parents and school administration to advocate for student well-being and academic success. "I want to ensure that our children have safety, success, and stability in their education system. I would be honored to serve our community on the school board, and I thank you for your vote." -Joanna

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Education: BA Political Science, Master's in Education- University of Minnesota; MPA (2022)- UW Seattle

Occupation: High School Teacher, Kent School District

Statement: As we emerge from this pandemic the upcoming years will be pivotal. We need strong, knowledgeable leadership to navigate both the challenges Covid has caused, and the opportunities the evolving landscape has created. As an educator with experience assisting the US Department of Education in higher education policy, I would help our community roadmap a sustainable and dynamic path forward; one that centers on student success and wellbeing.

This work cannot be done alone. I truly believe our city's greatest asset is our community members. When our policies discourage community input, we cannot capitalize on innovative ideas. As a fierce proponent of collective input and collaboration I would create more avenues and greater opportunities for community dialogue with the board and district. I would also fulfill the board's oversight role and ask the tough, necessary questions on your behalf. I would be grateful for your vote.

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Education: JD, American University. BA, Business Administration, Franklin and Marshall College, MIHS Class of 1990

Occupation: Attorney, King County Department of Public Defense

Statement: Mercer Island School District is committed to providing an excellent education for our children and dedicated to the value that 'Students are the Priority.' As Director, it has been my duty to ensure that every decision made by the District is made with that value at the forefront. We need leaders who are committed to our vision to serve all students, to hear and balance many voices, and to make the right decisions.

I'm running for school board to put my qualifications and values to work. I have spent 21 years advocating for children and families in the legal system. I listen carefully, know every child has unique needs, consider all viewpoints, solve challenging problems with few resources and make critical, life-changing decisions. The Mercer Island community, our families, and our kids expect and deserve the best outcomes, and I am committed to building on our very successful history.

## Director District No. 1

continued **Brian M. Travis**

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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

Jacqueline McGourty



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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.

Elizabeth Crowley



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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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**Education:** Belarusian National Technical University, Master's Degree, Industrial Heat-Power Engineering**Occupation:** Current: Energy Consultant, BEE Consulting; Prior: Design Engineer, NAFTA**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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**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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**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. 4

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**Education:** Masters in Business Administration, Harvard Business School; B.A. Harvard University

**Occupation:** Parent, education advocacy volunteer, Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council, finance professional

**Statement:** Public education transformed my life. That is why I want to be your next School Board Director. As a child of working class immigrants, I started school as an English as a Second Language student. It was a public school teacher who identified my hearing disability and got me the support I needed to fulfill my potential. My family takes great pride that I am the first woman in my family to receive a college degree.

I bring professional skills in finance, data, operations, and management that are needed to better support our district. Queen Anne, Magnolia, and Ballard schools are part of the fabric of our neighborhoods and yet face important challenges.

Seattle Public Schools can do better. The talents and commitment of our teachers, building leaders, and staff are there. I see it every day as a mother of four current and future students, PTSA president, and member of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. We must support them with a budget and board that reflect our values. We can simultaneously tackle equity, academic quality, operational efficiency, and support for students and teachers.

As Director, I commit to: (1) Establishing mental health as an essential service to reengage students who are falling behind, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic. (2) Making tangible progress on inclusion. (3) Securing needed transportation and assistance for families. (4) Recruiting, supporting, and overseeing a superintendent with a strong vision for our district's future. (5) Diving into capital and operating budgets to ensure academic quality and spending accountability. (6) Strengthening community, city, county, and state alliances to improve funding, wrap-around services, and outcomes.

Thank you for your support and vote. Endorsements: 36th District Democrats, State Senator Reuven Carlyle, former School Board Directors Eden Mack and Kay Smith-Blum, Education Advocate Summer Stinson, and others: <http://vivian.school/>

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**Occupation:** Educator & School Principal

**Statement:** *Life is learning, learning is life.*

I'm seeking election to the Seattle School Board as an education reform advocate and professional educator for 40 years in 11 countries worldwide. I am a professional educator, not a politician, and we must professionalize the School Board.

I am a non-partisan non-corporate independent candidate without affiliation with any political party, special interest, or corporate business. I served as K-12 School Principal in 5 countries (USA, Vietnam, Cambodia, Iraq, Pakistan) and K-12 and ESL Teacher and Curriculum Specialist in 11 countries worldwide (USA, Turkey, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, U.A.E., Germany, Pakistan) as well as ESL/ELT Training Manager and International Education Consultant.

Public education is not a corporate business nor a government bureaucracy, it is a mutual partnership among students, teachers, and parents in an shared learning community to meet the educational and personal development needs of our children and youth. All students matter equally and fairly without bias or discrimination. The School Board and Seattle's public schools need an experienced domestic and international professional educator and school administrator to reorient and redevelop public education for the future of our youth, and for their parents, and our communities. As a School Board member, I will personally visit each school to meet with principals, staff, teachers, and students to obtain their input and feedback on their school's curriculum and educational services and on their needs for improving instruction and student achievement.

Working together as students, teachers, parents, and School Board in a mutually supportive and cooperative educational organization we can transform public education into an effective learning community that enables our youth to attain and achieve all they can be. I ask for your vote and support.

Director District No. 4

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**Occupation:** Parent, Educator, Performing Arts, Life Long Learner

**Statement:** I am the only candidate who is an educator. As a parent, teacher, and lifelong learner, I believe that a quality public education is the greatest gift we can give our children and our community. I will bring bold and accountable leadership to the Seattle School District. Our public system must work harder to make learning accessible for children of all abilities. The systemic racial, cultural, and economic inequity in our schools must be addressed now. All services must be delivered equitably and effectively, 100% inclusive, and center on each child's needs.

All parents must know about district and school level decisions through clear and timely communication. The COVID 19 pandemic was hard on kids, parents, and caretakers, and there must be transparency in how our school district moves forward. We will get there because I will listen to you.

We must reinvigorate multiple pathways for students. Career-based education for apprenticeships in the trades, academic preparedness for college, and robust arts education gives our kids a lifetime of options and pride. Our city leads in science, technology, innovation, and the arts. I want all kids to have access to those opportunities.

Having four students in Seattle Public Schools is a joy as they learn, grow, and succeed in their own ways. As a family receiving special education services, I appreciate and understand how valuable early intervention and appropriate supports can be. This attention to our students means graduation and success. Accessing these services is a challenge and that must change.

I am a Coe Elementary PTA board member, local chair of the National PTA's Reflections Art Competition, and a board member of Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks. My union memberships in SAG, AFTRA, AGVA, AEA and my endorsement by the 11th LD Democrats make me the clear progressive choice.

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**Occupation:** School Board Director; Nonprofit consultant for system change centering antiracism

**Statement:** We have an amazing opportunity, as we emerge from pandemic disruption, to re-construct education to truly serve all students. I am a changemaker with a proven track record of system change through centering community voice. A proud single mom, I am a longtime advocate for children and families. I led a statewide CASA program to advocate for youth in child welfare. I was an Executive Director of a Seattle Helpline to support vulnerable families. Now as a consultant, I help nonprofits break down racially-based structures and barriers. Prior to my appointment to the School Board, I was a regional PTSA leader representing NW Seattle and a classroom volunteer.


My goal is to build a citywide educational community and a commitment to transparency and continuous communication. We must listen carefully to the voices of youth and families in order to create educational programs that serve individual learning and growth needs.

Together, we can ensure that every student leaves Seattle Public Schools confident in their value and abilities. With your support, I will continue to center our educational policies and programs to focus on making education accessible and targeted to all students, particularly Black and Brown students, students furthest from educational justice, with and without disabilities, who have been systematically marginalized.

As a school district and city, we must protect and lift up those most at risk of falling through the cracks, while reforming structures that marginalize or exclude. In an innovative city like Seattle, I know we can do better-- and do right by kids from all walks of life and lived experience.

*Endorsed: Seattle Councilmember Dan Strauss; School Board Members Rankin, Hampson, DeWolf, Rivera-Smith, and Hersey; SCPTSA President Manuela Slye; SCPTSA District 3 Director Sam Fogg*

## Director District No. 5

continued **Dan Harder**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering

**Occupation:** Mechanical Engineer

**Statement:** The well-intentioned effort to combat bias in our society has turned into something deeply disturbing. I've lived in Capitol Hill for twelve years. I watched the events of last summer, where the peaceful protests degenerated into violent riots. As I sat at a sidewalk café, college-aged and younger protestors threatened and cursed at me when I recorded video. An apartment building was almost set on fire with people inside, as was a local police station. I was later shocked to realize that many of the young people leading and participating in this chaos were and are motivated by a radical ideology they learned in our schools: Critical Race Theory.

The premise of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and "anti-racism" is that all social disparity is the result of systemic racism, and that group identity, not individual character, is the core of who you are. It teaches that the ends justify the means and that two wrongs make a right. CRT teaches students to hate each other, their country, and if they happen to be white, themselves.

CRT is fully endorsed by the SPS board through policies and curriculum adopted over the last few years. A video discussing "targeted universalism" on the SPS website endorses racial preferences. SPS "anti-racist" policy 0040, adopted last year, defines "whiteness" and "white supremacy culture" as "U.S. culture" and "a focus on individuals over groups".

If elected, I will advocate for the removal of CRT from Seattle Public Schools curriculum and prioritize academic excellence over activism. I will also work to improve student safety, what with the recent creation of homeless camps on school property in some areas of Seattle Public Schools District 5. I would be honored to represent you on the Seattle School Board.

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## Director District No. 5

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**Statement:** I am running for Seattle School Board because I believe that every child - I mean *every* child - should have access to a high quality public school education.

For 34 years I've called the Central District home, and as a Seattle Public Schools mom I have experienced the promise and the failure of our schools. Too often, demographics like race, zip code, socio-economic status, different abilities, first language, or the location of a child's school determine the quality of education a student receives. *This inequity is unacceptable.* We can do better for our children.

This past year has pushed our students and families into survival mode, as they have navigated the virtual classroom and faced the physical, emotional, and mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we re-enter schools, our students deserve a champion who will put *their* needs first. SPS has historically failed to serve Black students and students of color, and we must close this opportunity gap. Our schools and teachers should understand the social-emotional needs and barriers facing marginalized students. I will ensure we invest in K-12 anti-racist curriculum, and will champion evidence-based metrics of success over standardized tests that leave so many students behind.

As a former Midwife, Social Worker, Maternal-Child Health professional, PTA member, and public servant, I will continue to work hard to identify the challenges facing Seattle Public Schools and I will collaborate with others to build effective and enduring solutions. Our students shouldn't have to operate in resiliency mode to succeed in our public schools. *Our children are our future, and it's time we invest in their success.*

Endorsed by King County Democrats, 11th & 36th LD Democrats, Emerald Youth Organizing Collective, Women of Color in Politics, Seattle School Board Director Zachary DeWolf, and Seattle Council PTSA President Manuela Slye.

## Commissioner Position No. 3

## Danielle Magistrale

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No statement submitted.

## Tyler Byers

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**Education:** Central Washington University

**Occupation:** Paramedic/Firefighter, Lacey Fire District #3

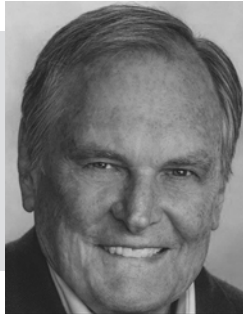
**Statement:** As Fire Commissioner I will ensure that our citizens receive the highest level of fire protection and emergency services. As a taxpayer I will be fiscally responsible and allocate funds appropriately. I will ensure our firefighters have the tools and training needed to respond to the emergencies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

### Patrick O'Brien

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**Education:** W.W.U. B.A. Alternative Energy Bio Mass Conversion

**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 Position No. 3

### Angelina Gause



**Education:** Central Washington University; BA Law and Justice

**Occupation:** Operational Lead FedEx Express

**Statement:** My name is Angelina Gause. I am a lead at FedEx Express. In my former career I was a police officer. In my current and past careers I have learned leadership and serving my community.

I have lived in Burien for over 25 years. I have seen great change in our community and I believe I can be a positive force in this growth. I have had many firsts in my family. I was the first to graduate from college and now the first to run for office. I was raised in south Seattle in the Columbia City neighborhood. I was raised to believe that diversity is strength.

My goal is to bring my strong work ethic and common sense to the position. My first responsibility is to the community and to make decisions to keep costs down. I ask for your vote to add another first to my list.

### Darold P. Doell



**Education:** M.B.A. Auburn University, B.A. Washington State University

**Occupation:** Project Management Consultant

**Statement:** During my tenure with King County Water District #20, I have facilitated numerous system upgrades including the rehabilitation of water main piping, the installation of new electronic systems that serve our reservoir, and the procurement of new security surveillance systems to protect District property and assets. I have also pursued increased certification training of our field technicians and assisted with the merger of Water District #20 with Water District #49.

As your Water District #20 Commissioner, I will continue working hard to provide our community with the purest, cleanest water available at the lowest rates possible. I am a non-partisan, lifelong resident that has and will continue to represent each ratepayer with fairness and equality. A vote for me will get the ratepayers a Commissioner who possesses the skills needed to keep Water District #20 running smoothly.

I would be honored to have your vote once again. Thank you!

### Brooke Teegarden



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**Education:** Bachelor's in Communication, University of Portland

**Occupation:** Project Manager for an international company specializing in construction software

**Statement:** Our commission combines decades of experience, but is dangerously outdated in communication and transparency. The district's website is the only communication method available, and is mobile-unfriendly, with barriers to obtaining records or attending meetings. No minutes or records are available, the most recent regional updates are from 2015, and the annual water quality report is provided in dense jargon with notes that state *"This is important. Have someone translate for you."*

Our sewer district maintains records of minutes for all meetings going back eleven years, a translatable website with one-click meeting links, and detailed information for agendas, contacts, and questions. This should be our baseline, with additional communication to engage public education and interest.

This water district should be "someone to translate for you" and clearly communicate technical information to the public. I will overhaul and modernize these practices, because our local government should be as crystal-clear as our water.

## Commissioner Position No. 3

### Nigel Keiffer

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**Education:** Studied at University of Texas at El Paso, Technical and professional Development courses throughout career.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Statement:** Throughout my public service career over the last 45 years I have served the citizens of the City of Seattle and King County. Fifteen years with the City as an Engineering Technologist and Senior Real Property Agent and thirty years with the County as an Engineer. I retired last year but believe I can still be of service to the Commission and local government. Throughout my public service career I have respected my fiduciary duty to the public and I have never betrayed the public trust. I respectfully request your vote of trust.

### Charlotte I. Haines



**Education:** No information submitted.

**Occupation:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** Plentiful, clean, affordable water is a basic human need. For 90 years, North City Water District has met this need—amidst tremendous growth and countless changes in water system operations, while maintaining infrastructure well above national standards.

Through 19 years as a Commissioner, I have an in-depth understanding of the unique role and value of a special purpose water district—from strategic water system planning, operations, and management, to regulatory compliance and fiscal responsibility.

As a life-long resident of Shoreline, I have sponsored neighborhood groups when the City of Shoreline incorporated in 1995, founded the North City Neighborhood Association (NCNA), and volunteered at the North City Jazz Walk, Celebrate Shoreline, and the Holiday Tree Lighting. As your Commissioner, I will continue to work hard for you and your family to maintain the high level of service you have come to trust from the District. I humbly ask for your vote.

### Denise Fulford-Foster




**Education:** Tax and Accounting

**Occupation:** Enrolled Agent, Tax Advisor, Accounting and Small Business Service

**Statement:** Having been a resident of Shoreline for 27 years, I have always wanted to be more active in the neighborhood and city. However, between raising a family and working full time, it has proved difficult. Now Semi-retired, I'd like to take the opportunity to try and give back to the community I love.

In my nearly three decades of living in Shoreline, I've seen it change from a sleepy bedroom community to a busy city, struggling with the change needed to grow, and still try to keep the small-town ambiance. One thing that is important to all of us in the Shoreline and Lake Forest Park areas, Water! I believe that our water commissioners need to have a common sense and business acumen but also have a flexible oversight for the future.

## Commissioner District No. 2

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## Reyna Maria Kaut

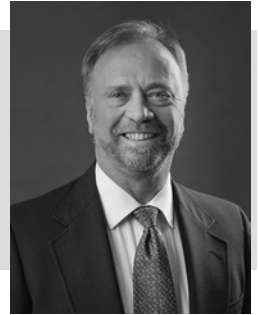
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No statement submitted.

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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

continued **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



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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 Hostipal 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.

## Winter Cashman

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voteforwinter.com**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.

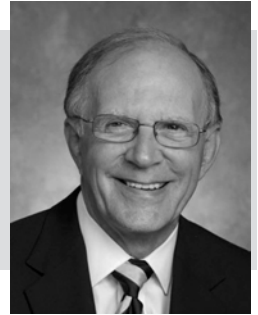
I live in Kirkland with my husband and son. I have the honor to work with a great team and patient population. Last year, I was able to successfully implement virtual care for our patients. I also successfully ran the operations of our oncology infusion centers at full capacity for all patients needing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

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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.

## 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 84.*

### Statement in favor

Submitted by: Dow Constantine, Dila Perera, Ben Danielson,  
[www.beststartsforkids.org](http://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](mailto: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 Increase in Property Tax Levy Rate for a Six-Year Period (2022-2027)

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 2021-02 concerning an increase in the District's property tax levy. For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire and emergency medical services, this proposition would restore the District's regular property tax levy to a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2022. The 2022 levy amount would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 6% in the succeeding five years (2023 – 2027), and the dollar amount of the 2027 levy would be used in computing the limitations for all subsequent levies as provided in 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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

#### Statement in favor

Submitted by: Denny Lockett,  
[dlocks4mee@comcast.net](mailto:dlocks4mee@comcast.net)

Every six years the voters are asked to renew the funding levels for King County Fire District # 2 (The Burien/ Normandy Park Fire Department) as mandated by Initiative 747.

The Fire District is proud to provide some of the best emergency medical care not only in the US, but worldwide that includes some of the highest documented survival rates for patients in cardiac arrest. The Fire Department has provided this care even during the COVID pandemic. Additionally, during the COVID pandemic the Fire Department expanded the services to the community by providing mobile vaccinations for some of our most vulnerable and at risk people. The efficient fire protection and prevention services provided by King County Fire District #2 not only save lives and property, but also result in reduced insurance rates for business owners, home owners and renters.

The successful passing of Proposition 1 will restore our funding to the prior voter-approved level of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property value so that we can continue providing the outstanding service our community deserves. Failure of Prop 1 will negatively impact the safety and lives of the citizens the Fire Department faithfully serves. Please vote "Yes" on Prop 1.

#### Explanatory statement

King County Fire Protection District No. 2 (the District) is placing a property tax lid lift proposition on the August 3, 2021 ballot.

For questions about this measure, contact: Trina Norsen, Finance & HR Manager, (206) 209-4107, [tnorsen@king2fd.org](mailto:tnorsen@king2fd.org)

The District responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and other emergencies, 10,746 times in 2020. This is a 21.4% increase in calls for service since 2012. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the statutorily approved \$1.50 fire levy rate is projected to fall to \$1.35 in 2022 due to 1% limitations set forth by statute. Passage of this measure would maintain the levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 2022 and provide for a limit factor of up to 6% in the succeeding five years. The dollar amount of the levy in 2027 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

If approved, this measure authorizes the District to maintain the levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value as approved by voters. A taxpayer with the average home value of \$400,000.00 would anticipate an increased tax of \$5.00 per month if this measure passes. Revenue raised by this measure provides sustainable funding for the District.

#### 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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

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.

Submitted by: Jennifer Harjehausen,  
Chris McCartin, Michael Somerville,  
[jennharje@gmail.com](mailto:jennharje@gmail.com)

### 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 provides 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.

### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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

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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.



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