

November 8, 2022 General and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by October 24

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FROM THE Director



Dear Friends,

As we head into this mid-term election, I want to take a minute to talk to you about the folks who run your elections.

Over the past few years, the climate of rampant misinformation and blatant lies about our work has been devastating. The threats to election administrators are real and appalling. And the accusations and distrust are disheartening. I think when folks continuously question my integrity and that of my team – that we are rigging elections, that we are secretly switching votes or throwing away ballots, that we are literally committing felonies – they forget that our elections are run by real people. Like you, we are committed Seahawks fans and outdoor enthusiasts, caregivers to children and parents, book club members and home cooks. We are your family and friends. We are your neighbors and colleagues. Like you, we have a profound and enduring commitment to our community. We are dedicated public servants, driven by our values of integrity, transparency, and equity.

We are also professionals. Collectively, we possess thousands of years of experience running elections and countless state and national election certifications. We are always learning, always growing, and always striving

to improve. We consistently cross-examine our processes and procedures and ask how we can do better – becoming more efficient, more transparent, and more accessible to our voters.

My commitment to you is that we will always put voters and democracy first. Our team doesn't leave the building – sometimes staying until 1 am – until every ballot has been accounted for. We will continue to push the envelope in making it as convenient as possible to register and vote. And we will never lose focus on security – partnering with organizations like the Department of Homeland Security and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to audit, monitor, and ultimately keep our elections safe.




What I'm asking of you is to spread facts. There is so much information out there about elections. I know it can be difficult to decipher where to find the most reliable information. We at King County Elections should be - and are - your trusted source for all accurate election information. Just because you see something on the internet, does not make it true. Call us, email us, visit our website, or even visit our office – we are happy to answer your questions and explain the process. And then share those answers with your neighbors and friends.

As this Election Day draws near, know that every day counts and every word matters. It is incumbent upon each of us to show up and vote, and to combat election lies. Do not let anyone keep you from using your voice.

Election Day is November 8. Vote early but most importantly – VOTE!

Julie Wise
Julie Wise, Director of Elections

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

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Fill out your ballot

Use any color pen to fill in the ovals beside your choices.

Skip any contests you don't want to vote in.

Sign your envelope.

Your signature must match the signature on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted.

Return your ballot early.

Whether returning your ballot by mail or drop box, vote early. Don't wait until Election Day!

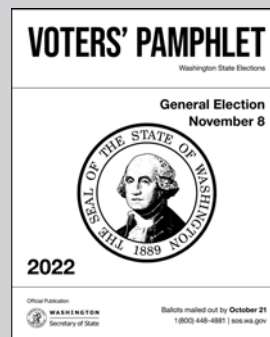
Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 8. No stamp needed.

Find the full list of our 76 drop box locations on pages 8 and 9 of this pamphlet.

You will receive two voters' pamphlets

In addition to this voters' pamphlet, you will receive one from the Secretary of State that includes candidates for U.S. Senator, congressional districts, legislative districts, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeals, as well as advisory votes.

If you didn't receive a State Pamphlet, call 1-800-448-4881.



Contact information

phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)
 1-800-325-6165
 TTY Relay: 711

email: elections@kingcounty.gov
online: kingcounty.gov/elections

Vote Centers

Visit one of our Vote Center locations for in-person assistance. We offer assistive devices that provide audio and/or large print ballots, and Elections staff are available to answer questions. You can register to vote and get your ballot at a Vote Center through Election Day.

Parking is free at all Vote Centers except Lumen Field Event Center.

While face masks are no longer required at Vote Centers, King County Elections supports all those who wish to wear a mask.

Locations		Hours of operation
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, October 19 - 28, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, October 31 - November 7, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Election Day, November 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way	Federal Way Performing Arts & Event Center 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S, 98003	Monday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, November 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
Seattle	Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134 <i>Walk-in entrance on S Royal Brougham Way</i>	



Access your ballot online

If your ballot is lost, damaged, or you need a replacement, our Online Ballot Marking Program is here to help. Available to all registered voters, OBMP allows you to access and print your ballot from home, the library, or wherever convenient. It is also designed to provide voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or have low vision, the opportunity to mark their ballot privately.

How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program:

- Go to kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.
 - Enter your information in the form.
 - Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot.
- OR
- Print your ballot and mark it by hand.
 - Double check that your ballot is marked correctly.
 - Return your ballot as usual, at a ballot drop box or via USPS. No postage is required when you use the envelope cover sheet included when you print your ballot.



Other voting options

If you need additional assistance or another way to cast your ballot, please contact our office at 206-296-VOTE (8683).



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 kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot to track your ballot today!

Student Engagement Hubs

Never miss an election just because you're away from home! All public universities in Washington now offer student engagement hubs.

For more detailed information on location and hours, please visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

University of Washington Bothell Campus

Any student registered to vote can use the online ballot marking program to access and print their ballot. Students can also drop their ballot off during hours of operation.

University of Washington Seattle Campus

Located in the Husky Union Building (HUB), the UW Seattle Student Engagement Hub will provide students an opportunity to get registered for the first time, update their registration, receive a replacement ballot, or use an assistive device. Elections staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist students as needed.

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
 - * If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote and receive a ballot when you qualify.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

How do I register?

Online

It takes two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID to register online at VoteWA.gov. To register in time to vote in the General election, register online by October 31.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from kce.wiki/VoterReg and mail it to the King County Elections address on page 4. It must be received by October 31 for the General election.

In person

Register in person at one of our Vote Centers through Election Day, November 8. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 4 and on our website at kingcounty.gov/elections.



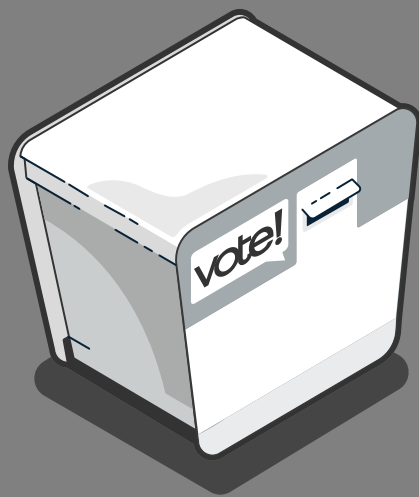
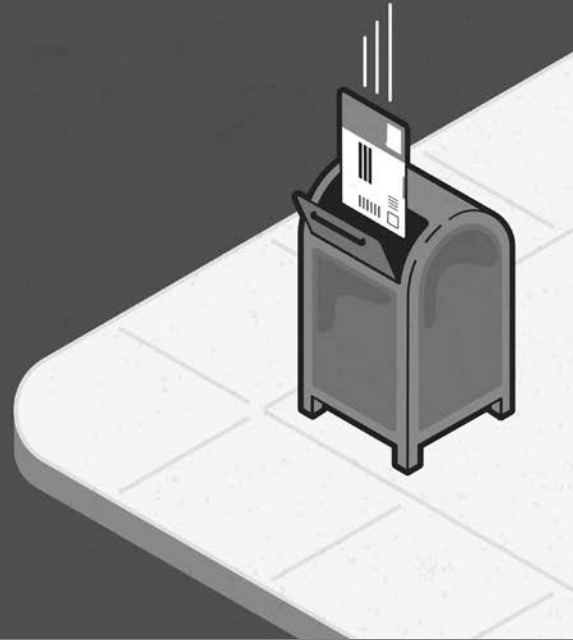
Effective January 1, 2022, if you were convicted of a felony, your right to vote will be automatically restored as long as you are not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

Community supervision status and legal fees and fines do not impact your right to vote. You can register to vote using any of the methods above.

Return your ballot by mail. **No Stamp Needed!**

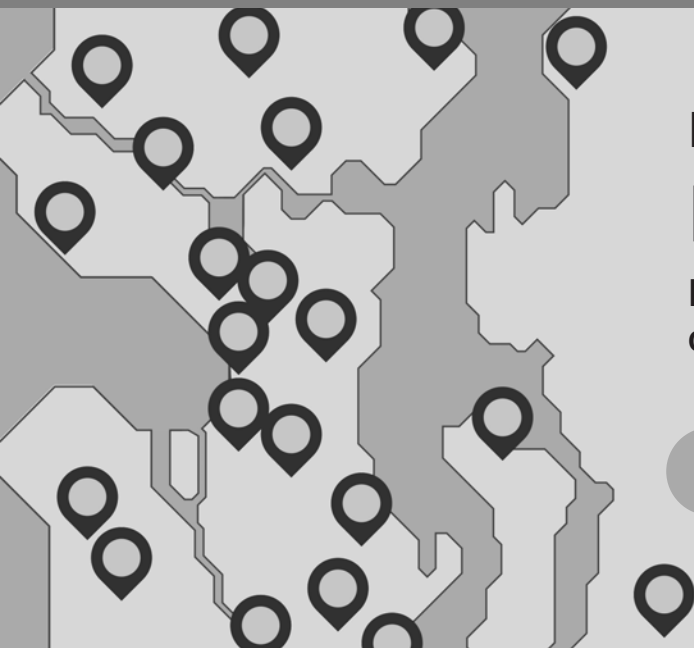
We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 8.



The drop box at the King County Administration Building has moved!

This drop box has been moved from the 4th Ave location in downtown Seattle to 422 2nd Ave S, Seattle WA, near the King Street Center in Pioneer Square.



Return your ballot at a drop box.


Now 76 locations!

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

List of drop box locations on next page



Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day starting October 20 and close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, November 8.

Auburn	Kent
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	Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031 Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030 Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032
Bellevue	Kirkland
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	Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034 Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033
Black Diamond	Lake Forest Park
Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010	Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155
Bothell	Maple Valley
Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011  University of Washington - Bothell Campus (by the Activities & Recreation Center), 18220 Campus Way NE, 98011	Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038 * Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038
Burien	Mercer Island
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	Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, 98040
Carnation	Newcastle
Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Ave, 98014	Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056
Covington	Normandy Park
Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042	Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148
Des Moines	North Bend
* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198	North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045
Duvall	Pacific
* Duvall Police Department - Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019	Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047
Enumclaw	Redmond
Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022	* Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052 * Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, 98052
Fall City	Renton
Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024	Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058 * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057 * Powell Ave, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057 <i>The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times</i> * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056
Federal Way	Sammamish
Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003 Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075
Issaquah	SeaTac
Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027	Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188
Kenmore	
Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	

Shoreline

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

Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065

Tukwila

* Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168

Vashon

Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070

Woodinville

NEW Woodinville City Hall, 17301 133rd Ave NE, 98072
Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle drop boxes

Ballard

Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and 22nd Ave NW, 98107

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144
NewHolly Neighborhood Campus, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118

Broadview/Greenwood

Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133

Bryn Mawr-Skyway

Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178

Capitol Hill

Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122

Central District

Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122

Chinatown/International District

Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104

Columbia City

Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118

Downtown

NEW King Street Box (in front of the Kingdome Deli), Corner of 2nd Ave S and S King St, 98104

The drop box at the King County Administration Building has been permanently moved to 2nd Avenue S between S Jackson Street and S King Street.

Fremont/Wallingford

Waterway 19 Park (next to Gas Works Park), 2119 N Northlake Way, 98103

Green Lake/Phinney

Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115

Lake City

Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125

Magnolia

* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199

Northgate

North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103

Queen Anne

* Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119

Rainier Valley

Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118

Sand Point/Laurelhurst

* Magnuson Park - The Brig, 6344 NE 74th St, 98115

South Lake Union

South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109

South Park

South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108

University District

University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by north entrance on NE 41st St), 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, 98195

Uptown

NEW Metropolitan Market - Queen Anne, Corner of 1st Ave N and Mercer St, 98109

West Seattle/Delridge

Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116
High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126
South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106

White Center

White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Check our website for additional ballot drop box locations.

Close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, November 8.



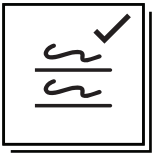
How to sign your ballot.

Each election, about 1% of ballots go uncounted because the signature does not match what we have on file or it's unsigned.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check:



Did you register to vote online? If so, try to match your signature on your return envelope to the signature on your driver's license or state ID.



Your signature does not need to be fancy, neat, or even legible, it just needs to match one we already have on file.



Keep your signature current with us by updating it when you notice a change. Simply fill out and return a new voter registration form. Print a form at kce.wiki/VoterReg.



Track your ballot. If there's an issue with your signature, you'll see it there on the online ballot tracker. Find the ballot tracker at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot.

If you forgot to sign or your signature is not a close enough match, we will send you a letter in the mail. We will also reach out by phone or email if you've provided that information.

To make sure your ballot is counted, you'll need to fill out and return a simple form before 4:30 p.m. on November 28.



If you have questions about signature challenges, 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 and ensure that your voice is heard.

Ballots will be mailed on October 19 and should arrive by October 24. If you don't receive your ballot, call King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683) or go online to print your ballot at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

When will I fill out my ballot?

- As soon as I receive 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'll read the voters' pamphlet to figure out who/what I plan to vote for
- I will do more research to help me decide

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 (not recommended)

Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2022)
Prosecuting Attorney (elected by all voters in King County)	The Prosecuting Attorney represents the county in criminal matters, prosecutes felonies and some misdemeanors, serves as legal counsel for county officials, and oversees family court.	4	\$223,625
District Court Judge (elected by voters in the electoral district)	District Court judges hear and decide misdemeanor criminal cases, civil claims under \$100,000, small claims, traffic cases, and requests for domestic violence protection orders.	4	\$190,120
Seattle Municipal Court Judge (elected by voters in the electoral district)	The Seattle Municipal Court hears misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, including domestic violence, DUI, traffic infractions, parking tickets, and littering.	4	\$180,614

Information about other offices in this election can be found in the State Voters' Pamphlet.

About the Washington General Election

If a primary election was held for an office, the two candidates who received the most votes in the Primary advanced to the General Election.

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

More about the Top 2 Primary at www.sos.wa.gov/elections.



Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828



Keep your voter registration current.

If you've moved or changed your name, update your information online at VoteWA.gov. You can also submit a new paper registration form by October 31, or visit us at a Vote Center through Election Day.



Your voting districts may have changed!

Every ten years, congressional and state legislative districts are redrawn to make sure that each district represents an equal number of residents.

This is the first General election that you will vote in your new district.

Find your district at kce.wiki/FindMyDistrict.



King County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

Prosecuting Attorney

Jim Ferrell

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Education: University of Washington - Bachelor of Arts; Gonzaga University - Law Degree

Occupation: Mayor of Federal Way; former King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor

Statement: I am running for King County Prosecutor to return justice and accountability to this office. As Mayor of a city of 103,000 residents, I see first-hand how the policies and actions of the prosecutor have impacted our quality of life throughout this region.

We need leadership with a common-sense approach to rehabilitation and an office that partners with local officials to ensure public safety. As Mayor, I have looked for solutions to deter crime by strengthening community and supporting working families. I believe in second chances, but not revolving doors where the same people commit the same crimes.

As an award-winning former King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor and head of the Domestic Violence Court Unit, I have tried hundreds of jury trials and handled thousands of cases. As a Mayor, I am an experienced manager of nearly 600 employees with a budget of \$100 million.

I am the only candidate who has ever tried a criminal case. The backlog of felony cases in the prosecutors office has reached crisis levels – nearly 5,000 felony cases, 500 sexual assault cases and 230 murder cases await prosecution while victims await justice.

With 19 years of experience as a prosecutor, I will utilize diversion programs to rehabilitate those who commit crime and return people to healthy and productive lives.

I ask for your vote! Endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith (D); Rep. Amy Walen (D); fmr. Rep. Kristine Reeves (D); King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer; the Mayors of Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Enumclaw, Kent, Issaquah, Maple Valley, Normandy Park, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Tukwila; Labor unions like LiUNA Local 242, ATU 587, Seattle Building Trades, Firefighters Local 2024; Seattle King County Realtors; Police Guilds of King County, Seattle, Bellevue, Kent, Federal Way, and Des Moines; and the 47th District Democrats.

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Education: JD Seattle University School of Law; BA, Northern Kentucky University

Occupation: 27 years Deputy Prosecutor; 15 years Prosecutor's Chief of Staff.

Statement: Keeping our neighborhoods safe, reducing property crime, and protecting victims and the vulnerable requires proven experience and hands-on leadership. As Prosecutor, I'll bring unmatched expertise building and implementing effective crime-reduction strategies, juvenile justice reform, and survivor support to this important office. At a time of increasing hate crimes and legal attacks on reproductive rights, I'll be the first woman and first person of color to serve as your Prosecutor.

Under my leadership as Chief of Staff, supervising a staff of 600 professionals, the Prosecutor's Office charges violent crimes, sexual assaults, and property crimes every day – without exception - even when the pandemic closed Courts and halted jury trials. The resulting Court backlog has not impacted our office's commitment to safety and justice.

I'm the only candidate for this office who has developed criminal justice policies and led teams of prosecutors – building trusted partnerships with law enforcement, public defenders, business leaders, and advocates for equity and justice. I've helped lead efforts increasing support for victims of domestic violence and assault, and established models for alternative sentencing – helping veterans, youth, and people with behavioral health and addiction crises repay their debts while rebuilding their lives.

My commitment to reducing gun violence is reflected in our state's strongest Extreme Risk Protection Order policies – removing guns from troubled hands and homes. I've worked statewide to ban high capacity magazines and untraceable "ghost guns" and provide law enforcement tools to track weapons used in crime.

I'm endorsed by retiring Prosecutor Dan Satterberg; former Governor Gary Locke; US Representative Marilyn Strickland; Executive Dow Constantine; Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; Over 30 County and City Leaders; Retired Justices Bobbe Bridge, Faith Ireland; Former U.S. Attorneys Mike McKay, John McKay; 27 Democratic legislators; every King County Democratic Party Organization; Unions; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; more!

Judge Position No. 1

Marcus Naylor

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Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law, BA, Trinity Lutheran College

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Thank you for allowing me to serve the local community as your district court judge. It is an honor and privilege to serve as a judge and I will continue to treat all who appear in court with dignity and respect.

As a judge, I endeavor to make our courts more accessible to everyone, improve court services to better serve our community, and ensure that everyone is treated fairly. I continue to educate myself on the law so that I can ensure that a just result is achieved by fairly applying the law to the facts.

I currently serve on the Education and Diversity committees for the statewide District and Municipal Court Judges Association as well as serving on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee for the local district courts. One of my tasks as a member of the Education committee is to plan training and education for all the local judges across the state for the spring judicial conference.

I will continue to make the courts accessible to everyone and make sure that the law is applied fairly and impartially to every case. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your judge.

Judge Position No. 2

Michelle Gehlsen

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(425) 466-0619



Education: JD, Southern Methodist University; BA, Texas State University, cum laude

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Michelle Gehlsen joined the King County District Court in 2019 after she was unanimously appointed by the King County Council. Prior to her appointment, she served as Presiding Judge of Bothell Municipal Court for nine years.

In addition to presiding over regular court proceedings, Judge Gehlsen was chosen to preside over Redmond's Community Court, an alternative problem-solving court aimed at keeping low-level offenders from repeatedly cycling through the criminal justice system. With her deep commitment to judicial involvement in the community, she founded the Bothell Youth Court in 2013, which then inspired the creation of Redmond Youth Court in 2019.

In 2020, Judge Gehlsen was honored to be selected by over 200 judges of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association as their President. Judge Gehlsen has received endorsements from judges at every court level and has been honored to receive the Washington Women Lawyers Vanguard Award, the Flame of Democracy Award, the Washington Judges' Foundation Nevin Award, Snohomish County Judge of the Year, and Judge Steiner Leadership Award.

Endorsed by: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; King County Democrats; 1st, 5th, 41st, 45th, and 48th LD Democrats; Teamsters JC 28; Machinists (IAM 751)

Judge Position No. 3

Lisa O'Toole

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www.lisaotooleforjudge.com



Education: JD, cum laude, Seattle University School of Law; BA, Whitman College

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Lisa O'Toole is honored to serve the people of King County as a King County District Court Judge. Judge O'Toole was first elected in 2014. She is committed to ensuring that justice is administered fairly, efficiently, and equally to all, and that everyone is treated with respect and courtesy.

Judge O'Toole brings to the District Court bench more than 30 years of experience practicing law and trying cases, both as a former prosecuting attorney and as a civil attorney in private practice. She is an active volunteer on many judicial committees and in our community.

Judge O'Toole is endorsed by Supreme Court, Appellate, Superior, District and Municipal Court judges and has broad, bipartisan support, including King County Councilmembers Balducci and Dunn; State Representatives Goodman and Walen; Bellevue Mayor Robinson; Redmond Mayor Birney, Kirkland Mayor Sweet, King County Democrats; 5th, 41st, 45th and 48th LD Democrats; National Women's Political Caucus.

Judge O'Toole is a life-long resident of Washington. She lives with her husband in east King County, where they raised their two children. Judge O'Toole would be honored to continue to serve our community as King County District Court Judge and respectfully asks for your vote.

Judge Position No. 4

Kevin Peck

retainjudgepeck@gmail.com
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www.retainjudgepeck.com



Education: J.D., University of Oregon; B.A., Northern Illinois University

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Kevin Peck was unanimously appointed to the bench by the King County Council in 2019 and then elected to the position in 2020. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Judge Pro Tem in the King County District Court for more than 25 years.

Transparency, integrity, and fairness are central to Judge Peck's work on the District Court. He strives to deliver just and equitable decisions, while ensuring that everyone appearing before him understands the legal process, the choices available to them, and the accountability expected of them.

Judge Peck was a trial lawyer in King County for more than three decades, representing clients in employment discrimination, civil rights, and federal criminal cases. He successfully pursued a case through the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold free speech rights; and served as a board member of the Washington Community Action Network for over 30 years.

Endorsed by: More than 100 judges from all levels of our court system; King County Executive Dow Constantine; Councilmembers Claudia Balducci and Sarah Perry; former Attorney General Rob McKenna; IAM District Lodge 751; ATU 587; Teamsters JC 28; King County Democrats; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; 1st, 5th, 41st and 45th Legislative District Democrats

Judge Position No. 5

Jill Klinge

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Education: JD, University of California, Davis, 1991; BS, University of California, Davis, 1988

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: The King County Council unanimously appointed Judge Klinge to the King County District Court in July, 2019. Currently serving in the Bellevue courthouse, Judge Klinge has earned a reputation for her balanced sense of justice, knowledge of the law, common sense, and compassion.

Judge Klinge has worked to transform Redmond Youth Court into Eastside Youth Traffic Court, collaborating with various schools and cities to extend this opportunity to youth throughout the Eastside. She is a member of the King County District Court Budget Committee, and Bellevue Probation Advisory Committee.

Covid-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to the court and the criminal justice system. KCDC employees have worked tirelessly to provide essential services in a safe, responsible manner. This has included implementing new technologies and creative workplace solutions that keep employees and court users safe. Judge Klinge has been honored and inspired to work with such a dedicated team.

Judge Klinge has been rated as Exceptionally Well Qualified by the King County Bar Association. She has lived on the Eastside since 1996, and her three children attended Bellevue public schools. She is President of the Board of Directors of Village Theatre in Issaquah.



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Judge Position No. 6

Joshua Schaer

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Education: JD, University of Washington School of Law; BA with Honors, University of Washington

Occupation: Assistant Attorney General, Washington Attorney General's Office; Judge Pro Tem

Statement: Joshua Schaer has the highest rating for King County District Court Judge—"Exceptionally Well Qualified"—from the Loren Miller Bar Association, and "Well Qualified" ratings from Washington Women Lawyers, QLaw, Latino/a Bar Association of Washington, Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee, Cardozo Society, and King County Bar Association.

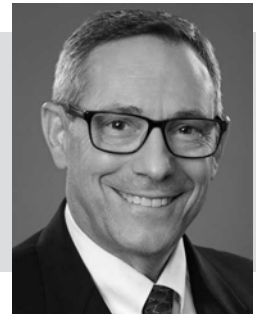
An Eastside resident since 1988, Schaer possesses over 20 years of professional experience. He is the only candidate with a public defense background, a proven record of helping others during two elected city council terms, and a commitment to excellence respected by colleagues in the Attorney General's Office. Additionally, he adjudicates cases as a Judge Pro Tem in Eastside courts, is a member of the King County Bar Judiciary and Litigation Committee, and supports local youth programs through Kiwanis membership.

Schaer will reduce backlogged dockets and guide individuals to improve their lives through community-based services while holding repeat offenders accountable. Schaer's nonpartisan endorsers know his good character, attention to detail, and thoughtful consideration of important issues: Bellevue Councilmember John Stokes; former Redmond Councilmember Holly Plackett; Issaquah Councilmembers Barbara de Michele, Russell Joe, Tola Marts, and Chris Reh.

Vote for Joshua Schaer to bring greater efficiency, dependability, and trustworthy compassion to the District Court.

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Education: JD, UCLA School of Law. MBA, Seattle University. BBA, Magna Cum Laude, Loyola Marymount University.

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court.

Statement: Judge Michael Finkle has served as your judge since 2010. He is respected throughout Washington as an energetic, innovative judge who ensures that all who appear before him have access to justice. Six bar associations rated him *Exceptionally Well Qualified*, their highest rating.

Judge Finkle continually improves our court system, chairing groups that created King County's Veterans' and Youth Courts. Recognized as an expert on mental health and protection order laws, he trains judges across Washington and serves on statewide committees devoted to social justice. Judge Finkle will expand Youth Court, improve judicial awareness of mental health and protection order issues, and seek greater consistency in civil cases.

Judge Finkle volunteers with YMCA Mock Trial Program, Joint Minority Mentorship Program, and Issaquah Schools' Pathway Advisory Committee.

Judge Finkle has *bipartisan support*, from both the King County *Democrats* and the King County *Republicans*. Over 150 *Supreme Court Justices* and *Judicial Officers*, and 45 *Attorneys* endorse Judge Finkle. Other endorsers: *Public Officials*, including Congressman Adam Smith, State Senators Kuderer and Stanford, State Representatives, Mayors, County and City Councilmembers; *Unions*, including District Court Clerks and Probation; *Other Organizations*, including 1st, 5th, 41st, 45th, 48th Legislative District Democrats. See campaign website for more information.

Judge Position No. 7

E. Rania Rampersad

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Education: J.D., Georgetown University Law Center; B.A. in Business Administration, University of Washington

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: Judge Rania Rampersad values justice and fairness. Since her unanimous appointment to the Court in 2021, she regularly hears cases involving domestic violence, homelessness, mental health, and addiction. She understands that the right balance of compassion and accountability can get people’s lives back on track and keep our community safer for everyone.

Judge Rampersad brings her experience of over a decade in public service, at every level of Washington court, and across the globe. She has served as a judge pro tempore, public defender, and prosecutor. She has worked for the United Nations and non-profits in Asia and Africa promoting human rights, the rule of law, and criminal justice reform. Our community needs judges like Judge Rampersad to ensure the bench shares our values, respects everyone’s rights, and faithfully executes the law.

Ratings: “Exceptionally Well Qualified” by King County Bar Association and Loren Miller Bar Association.

Endorsements: Dozens of judges including 5 State Supreme Court Justices; King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci; State Rep. Manka Dhingra; Legislative Reps. Jamila Taylor, Vandana Slatter, Roger Goodman, and Joan McBride (former); King County Democrats, 1st Legislative District (LD) Democrats, 5th LD Democrats, 41st LD Democrats, 45th LD Democrats, 48th LD Democrats.



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Judge Position No. 1

Joe Campagna

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Education: J.D., Vermont Law School, magna cum laude, 2005; B.A., Houghton College, summa cum laude, 2000

Occupation: King County District Court Judge – Shoreline Position One

Statement: Judge Joe Campagna has served as a judge in the King County District Court since 2019. In that time, he helped create the Shoreline Community Court, which connects people facing charges of low-level non-violent offenses with housing, addiction and mental health treatment, and employment resources, keeping our community safer by helping people break the cycle of jail, addiction, and homelessness. This program also takes some of the burden off law enforcement and other first responders. Judge Campagna is recognized as a leader in the judiciary and currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the court's West Division, which includes both Shoreline and Seattle. He is rated by the attorneys who appear before him as one of the top judges in King County. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a trial attorney handling both criminal and civil cases.

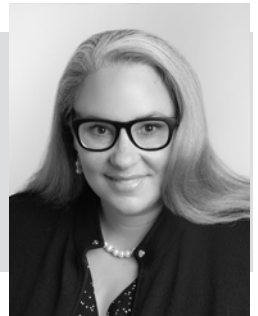
Judge Campagna believes in treating everyone with respect and is known for his calm, patient demeanor. If re-elected, he will continue to use his experience, energy, and broad community support to improve the court for everyone.

Endorsements: King County Democrats; 32nd and 1st LD Democrats; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; Teamsters Joint Council 28; Machinists Union (IAM 751); ATU 587

Judge Position No. 2

Karama Hawkins

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Education: JD, UW Law School, 2007; B.A. Sociology, UW, 2004; A.A., North Seattle College, 1998

Occupation: Trial Attorney; Judge Pro Tem

Statement: For nearly 15 years, Karama Hawkins has served the people as a Public Defender throughout King County. She is known as a zealous advocate for the most marginalized and vulnerable people in the criminal justice system. Karama believes that the justice system should not be used as a weapon but instead as a driving force for both accountability and positive change. She believes that it is critical to have judges who empower people to take control of their own lives while holding them accountable and providing the tools to facilitate success.

In 2015, Karama began her Judge Pro Tem service in the District and Municipal Courts and has now served in a dozen different courts.

She is rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the Loren Miller Bar Association, Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee, Cardozo Society, and Washington Women Lawyers. She is rated "Well Qualified" by the King County Bar Association, QLAW, and the Latina/o Bar Association.

Endorsed by: King County Democrats; 32nd and 1st LD Democrats; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; Teamsters JC 28; Machinists (IAM 751); ATU 587; dozens of judges and elected officials throughout the region. For a complete list, go to: www.electkaramahawkinsjudge.com.

Judge Position No. 1

Leah Taguba

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Education: JD, Southwestern University School of Law; BA, Washington State University

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Auburn

Statement: Judge Leah Taguba works hard to achieve justice that everyone recognizes.

The King County Council unanimously appointed Judge Taguba to District Court. She works in the Auburn Courthouse, addressing Auburn and Covington cases. She also presides in Auburn Community Court, a court where accountability, public safety and harm reduction are achieved through intensive supervision, access to supportive resources and minimal use of jail time. This is a collaborative court, created by the City of Auburn Prosecutor, public defense, and District Court.

Judge Taguba's 17 years of legal experience includes 15 spent handling criminal cases in District and Superior Court and supervising 34 prosecutors and staff in District Court as a Senior Deputy Prosecutor. She has provided leadership and mentorship to her team, and solved problems with a balanced view of justice.

Judge Taguba is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She serves on the Washington Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission and is a member of the Race and Criminal Justice Task Force. Judge Taguba's hard work and balanced views have earned her an Exceptionally Well Qualified rating from five separate Bar Associations in King County. Judge Taguba is committed to real justice. She is grateful for your support.

Judge Position No. 2

Matthew York

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Education: BA Communication, University of Nevada, Reno; Juris Doctorate and Certificate of Dispute Resolution, Willamette University

Occupation: Chief Presiding Judge King County District Court

Statement: Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve our community as a judge for the past five years. I am currently serving as Chief Presiding Judge, having been elected by my colleagues. I am honored to have their trust to lead the King County District Court and would be honored to have your vote.

I am also very active in the community of south King County, regularly volunteering with several non-profit organizations. I believe that a judge has a responsibility to serve outside of the courtroom as well as in it and my family and I are deeply rooted in that mission.

Lawyers and judges that appear in court often forget that the experience can be intimidating and daunting. Complicated rules and procedure alienate those who are not familiar with them. District Court is the court that most people will have their only experience with this branch of government. I will never forget what it is like to be a non-lawyer appearing in court and will take them time to make sure that all questions are answered, and the expectations are clear. Give me your vote and I will continue to endeavor to earn it every day.

Judge Position No. 3

Nathaniel B. Green, Jr.

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Education: 1990-JD, UW School of Law; 1987-MBA, Chaminade University; 1979-BS, United States Naval Academy

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: For the past 12 years I have been privileged to serve the people of King County as a District Court Judge. I have never forgotten that it is, in fact, a privilege bestowed by the people. I strongly believe that fairness and justice are not just words to be spoken, but goals to be achieved. My experiences of the past twelve years, along with comments from those who have appeared before me, including lawyers, litigants, and spectators alike, have reinforced my desire to be just, fair, and equitable in this position.

My hometown is Tacoma, but I have been a resident of South King County for 31 years. I have been married for 36 years. Before law school I proudly served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for 8 years. I have also served as an Adjunct Professor at Devry University's Keller School of Graduate Management.

As a judge it has always been my goal to treat those I serve with dignity, respect, and fairness, even when tasked with making difficult decisions. I would be very honored to receive your continued support in November. Thank you.

Judge Position No. 4

Corinna Harn

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Education: Education: BA, Political Science w/minor in Chemistry, Whitman College; JD, Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court, Southeast Division

Statement: Judge Harn deserves your vote. She is fair, experienced, well-prepared and takes time to listen and make careful and well-reasoned decisions. She was presiding over the Domestic Violence Court until the District Court judges recently unanimously elected her to again to serve as the Court's Assistant Presiding Judge. She also currently has the honor of presiding over the cases filed by the cities of Algona and Pacific. Judge Harn's more than 30 years of experience will help lead the court toward a more equitable and accessible forum for all.

Judge Position No. 5

Virginia M. Amato

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Education: JD, Gonzaga University; MS, University of Idaho; BA, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court, Southeast Division, position #5.

Statement: It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of King County as a Judge in District Court. Thank you for the trust you have placed in

During the last two (2) years the Court has had to adapt and grow in a rapidly changing world by moving to Zoom hearing and focusing on serving the public in a safe and healthy environment in this ever changing world.

Our new Case Management System brings the court to everyone through web-based access. This allows the public easier access to information from the Court.

We work to solve problems through our specialized courts. Our Domestic Violence Court responds quickly with expertise and intense monitoring. Our award winning Regional Mental Health Court improves the lives of the mentally ill, increasing stability, reducing recidivism and incarceration of the mentally ill. The Veterans Court serves those who have served us. Not all parties appearing in court come with the same resources, opportunities, and experiences. She is aware that each person appearing in her courtroom needs to be heard. It is with this awareness that she emphatically affirms her commitment to equality and to ending systemic racism and bias, both explicit and implicit.

Judge Position No. 6

Rhonda Laumann

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Education: J.D. Seattle University; B.A. Colorado Mesa University

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Southeast Division, Position 6

Statement: Re-elect Judge Rhonda Laumann for King County District Court Judge!

Judge Laumann holds this office as the highest privilege, serving the citizens of King County. Committed to creating a diverse judicial bench, Judge Laumann serves on the Court's Personnel Committee and the District and Municipal Court Association's (DMCJA) Diversity Committee. Part of her duties include training our pro tempore judges and screening candidates, continuing to recruit and mentor women and minority lawyers to serve.

The pandemic affected the lives of all King County residents, including access to all branches of government. As a collaborative leader, Judge Laumann worked to assure access to justice during the pandemic, transitioning from appearing on essential District Court calendars to reopening county courthouses, with enhanced public health safety measures.

District Court is the people's court, where Judge Laumann practices the principles of integrity, patience, compassion, flexibility and open mindedness. Dedicated to the efficient administration of justice, Judge Laumann is responsible for presiding over cases involving our King County residents in the busiest courthouse in King County. Please vote to Re-elect Judge Laumann

Judge Position No. 1

Brian Todd

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Education: B.A. Spanish, Arizona State University; B.A. Child and Family Studies, J.D. Law University of Wyoming

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court; former Administrative Law Judge

Statement: Judge Brian Todd is honored to serve the citizens of King County and those that live in the Southwest Electoral District. Judge Todd was appointed to this position by unanimous vote of the King County Council in 2019.

Judge Todd's philosophy is to treat people fairly regardless of their circumstances or where they come from. Judge Todd recognizes that we all come from many different backgrounds, cultures, and circumstances. This richness of our community is why Judge Todd is honored to be a part of it and to be able to serve the community. As an attorney, Judge Todd helped those who cannot afford an attorney when fighting criminal charges. He has also helped clients with family law, protection orders, and mediations. All of this experience has shaped Judge Todd and makes him a valuable addition to King County District Court.

Judge Todd has the support of many members of the Washington Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and the Superior, District, and Municipal Courts. He is also endorsed by the King County Democrats and several legislative districts.

Judge Todd respectfully asks for your vote to continue to serve all the citizens of King County and the Southwest Electoral District.

Judge Position No. 2

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Education: JD, University of Washington; BA (English), University of Washington; BA (Women Studies), University of Washington

Occupation: Judge, BIIA; Pro-Tem Commissioner, King County Superior Court

Statement: My journey to the bench began on Bus# 174 when I was a homeless youth who would use public transition and shelters for safety. Later, being a young mother in a domestic violence relationship would result in the navigation of our complicated court system as a pro se litigant. I went into the legal profession to give voice and representation to stories like mine.

I bring to the bench over fifteen years' experience, having practiced first as a city prosecutor, then an Assistant Attorney General before later managing a solo office, representing indigent parents in termination, family law, and other criminal matters. Both my personal and professional experiences have grounded me in the belief that each person who comes before the court has a right to fair and impartial decisions that are guided by a deep understanding of the law balanced with compassion.

My goals: engage the expertise of our court staff, expand access to courts, and increase civic education and community participation. **My focus:** maximizing resources, addressing disproportionality, and upholding the rule of law. I bring the principles of courage, integrity, and compassion. I would be honored to have your vote for the privilege to serve. Thank you.

Judge Position No. 3

Laurel Gibson

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Education: Education: B.A., University of Washington – 1990; J.D., Seattle University – 1996

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Gibson was first appointed to the bench by the King County Council in 2016. She was elected to retain her seat that same year and re-elected in 2018. Judge Gibson is mindful of both individual rights and public safety. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Gibson spent years advocating for developmentally disabled adults and children balancing individual needs against limited public resources. She continues to look for cost effective and efficient ways to operate our courts, while improving accessibility to court process and services. She has served on several committees focused on improving fairness in the judicial process, considering equity in court policy-making, and adherence to the law. Judge Gibson believes the courts must remain accessible at all times and worked to ensure that the District Court remained open during the Covid Pandemic.

As a South King County native, Judge Gibson understands the issues facing the working poor. She also recognizes the concerns about crime and the impact it has on our community. She will continue to work hard to make the District Court an integral part of our community.

Judge Position No. 4

Fa’amomoi Masaniai, Jr.

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Education: Bachelor’s in Criminal Justice, Washington State University; WSBA, APR Rule 6 Program Graduate.

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: *Together* we find ourselves in difficult times as our world changes around us. COVID, Homelessness, Addiction, Mental Health, Inflation and numerous other issues are impacting our lives. The Court is taking steps to address these and other issues while obeying the law. One example is the court is using technological advances to increase access to Justice and to reduce jail costs.

Raised in the White Center/Burien area, I understand the struggles that most people have, the strain local businesses are under, and the difficulties law enforcement face each day. I also understand how much it means for people to earn their redemption for mistakes they have made. *Together* we can overcome these obstacles.

Annually, I am an active community volunteer assisting different communities in both King and Pierce counties. I work with some community leaders to prepare our children for the future by paving a way to college.

I will make decisions based on the law, but with an eye toward the future. I will make sure all who appear before me are heard. I want to make the court the best it can be. *Together* we can make a difference! I humbly ask for your vote.

Judge Position No. 5

Elizabeth D. Stephenson

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Education: Juris Doctor - Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: During the last nineteen years Judge Elizabeth D. Stephenson has demonstrated that she is committed to being a good steward of the responsibilities entrusted to her by the citizens of her judicial district. She is faithful to the law as written and faithfully applies the law to the facts of each particular case.

She is impartial in the performance of her duties as a judge, balancing the public's interest while ensuring that an individual's rights are protected. She is decisive, firm, and fair.

In 2010, Judge Stephenson was appointed to the Board of Judicial Administration (BJA) Public Trust & Confidence Committee. She was re-appointed for an additional term in 2012. Judge Stephenson has also served as a member of the Washington State District and Municipal Courts Judicial Association (DMCJA) Rules Committee as well as the DMCJA Department of Licensing (DOL) Liaison Committee. Judge Stephenson currently serves on the King County District Court Rules Committee. She previously served on the Technology Committee and the Case Management System (CMS) Committee.

Re-elect Judge Elizabeth D. Stephenson.

Judge Position No. 1

Lisa A. Paglisotti

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Education: JD, Seattle University, 1992; B.A. Sociology, B.A. Society and Justice, University of Washington, 1985

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Paglisotti was appointed to the District Court bench in 2016. She has served this community for almost 37 years in varied roles within the justice system. She served the indigent population of King County as a public defender for 22+ years and worked as both a juvenile corrections officer and probation counselor prior to that.

Judge Paglisotti believes in the efficacy of therapeutic courts and currently presides over the King County Regional Mental Health and Veterans Courts. She also presided over King County District Court's first community court.

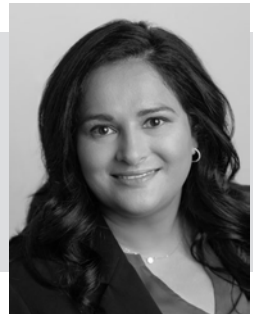
Judge Paglisotti has a passion for justice and for people. Her breadth of experience in the justice system makes her uniquely qualified to serve as a judge. She currently serves on the King County District Court's Equity and Social Justice Committee and on statewide Diversity and Therapeutic Courts Committees. She is an active member of the National Association of Women Judges.

Judge Paglisotti was an active member of S.E.I.U. 925 and A.F.S.C.M.E. 2084 and is endorsed by IAM 751, Teamsters JC 28, ATU 587, the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, King County Democrats, Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion, and the 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 43rd and 46th LD Democrats.

Judge Position No. 2

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Education: JD, Gonzaga University School of Law, 2002; B.A., Communications, Washington State University, 1995

Occupation: King County District Court Judge since 2021

Statement: Judge Dhillon brings to the bench the kind of cross-cultural awareness that can only be authentic if it has been lived. In 1989 Judge Dhillon's East Indian family immigrated to the United States, and before attending law school, she became a voice for crime victims as a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate at the King County Prosecutor's Office. She brought to that work a first-hand understanding of the perspectives of different cultures about the crime of domestic violence. Then for 17 years, she served King County's indigent population as a highly-regarded public defender and private defense attorney. Judges and attorneys praised her zealous advocacy for the disadvantaged, her knowledge of the law, and her strong but calm demeanor.

Judge Dhillon is an advisory board member for The Judicial Institute which is dedicated to diversifying Washington State's judiciary.

Endorsements include: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; King County Democrats and the 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, 46th District Democrats; IAM 751; Teamsters JC 28; ATU 587.

Rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by: King County Bar Association, Loren Miller Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers, Latina/o Bar Association, Cardozo Society, Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee. Rated "Well Qualified" by QLAW.

Judge Position No. 3

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 1996; Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law, 2000

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Rebecca Robertson was appointed to the King County District Court in 2021, and for the previous 12 years, she served as a Federal Way Municipal Court judge, helping to improve public safety, protecting individual rights and liberties, and making the community a better place for everyone. She understands the important role judges can play in both ensuring offender accountability and personal empowerment of those who find themselves enmeshed in the justice system.

Judge Robertson has been a statewide leader in our judiciary, serving as President of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association and actively leading efforts for better courthouse security, especially in rural areas. She has also worked toward setting more realistic and professional standards for the Public Defenders who serve our most marginalized populations. Judge Robertson is particularly proud of the work she has done to educate both judges and other elected leaders about the importance of judicial independence.

Endorsed by: More than 80 judges statewide; King County Councilmembers Girmay Zahilay, Pete Von Reichbauer and Claudia Balducci; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; King County Democrats; 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, and 46th LD Democrats; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; IAM 751; Teamsters JC 28; ATU 587

Judge Position No. 4

Gregg Hirakawa

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Education: Seattle University School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: Judge Gregg Hirakawa was first elected to the King County District Court in November 2016, after being appointed to the position in May 2016. He has experience both as a prosecuting attorney and as a public defense lawyer, and is committed to maintaining public safety while protecting individual liberties. In private practice, he successfully represented children, the elderly, and veterans in guardianship, trust, and disability proceedings, and protected vulnerable adults from abuse and financial exploitation.

Gregg has a deep commitment to public service and has been recognized for his professionalism and integrity through previous appointments to the City of Seattle's Ethics and Elections Commission and Civil Service Commission, the King County Board of Ethics, and King County Charter Review Commission.

He is a highly respected judge with the intellect and compassion to hear cases fairly and objectively. In the recent 2022 King County Bar Association's Judges Survey, he received Very Good to Excellent (highest) ratings in all categories, scoring well above the court average.

When not hearing cases, Gregg performs regularly as a musician with jazz, orchestra, and theater groups around the region, and enjoys the active Pacific Northwest outdoor lifestyle.

Judge Position No. 5

Kristin Shotwell

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Education: B.A. Yale University; M.S.W. University of Washington; J.D. University of Hawai'i

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Shotwell has 25 years of professional experience in criminal justice and social services. In 2021, she was appointed to the bench by a unanimous vote of the King County Council. Judge Shotwell previously served as a trial attorney and attorney supervisor in civil and criminal practice areas at the King County Department of Public Defense. She represented more than 2,000 people in felony, misdemeanor and involuntary civil commitment proceedings.

Judge Shotwell's experience in social services includes conducting social work assessments and preparing treatment plans for hundreds of clients. She focused primarily on mental health and substance use disorders. She served clients in a wide range of settings, including inpatient psychiatric hospitals, assisted living facilities and the criminal justice system.

Throughout her career, Judge Shotwell has been committed to reducing criminal recidivism in order to improve the lives of individual people as well as to support healthier communities.

Judge Shotwell earned a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Hawai'i Law School, where she was valedictorian; a Master's in social work from the University of Washington; and a Bachelor's in psychology from Yale University. She has been a state-certified Spanish language interpreter for more than 25 years.



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Judge Position No. 1

Cat McDowall

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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Virginia School of Law; Bachelor of Arts, Northwestern University.

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Legal/ Judicial Experience: Seattle Municipal Court Judge (2020 -); Judge Pro Tempore at Seattle Municipal Court since 2013, King County District Court since 2016; King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney prosecuting misdemeanor and felony crimes at all levels of Washington's court system; litigation associate with Sonnenschein, Nath, & Rosenthal (now Dentons) litigating a broad range of civil cases. Rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by Washington Women Lawyers.

Community Service: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee at Our Lady of Fatima Parish School; Magnolia Moms; Magnolia Little League Board member (2013-2017); Little League International Softball Volunteer of the Year (2017).

Statement:

As an experienced civil and criminal attorney, Pro Tem Judge, Municipal Court Judge, and working mother of four, Cat McDowall carries the values of listening, compassion, and service with her to the bench.

In her early career as a lawyer, Judge McDowall witnessed the inequitable norms embedded in our justice system, and gained a firsthand understanding of what it means to cultivate respect and sensitivity in the courtroom. In 2013, she was appointed Pro Tem Judge, and presided over varied cases with specificity and respect in several King County courts.

In 2020, Judge McDowall was appointed to the Seattle Municipal Court full time. As a Judge, she brings competence, enthusiasm, diligence, and an equity lens to considering all aspects of her work. She has worked closely with court staff, her colleagues and the court's stakeholders to address systemic racism in the criminal justice system by promoting innovative and collaborative reforms. She is proud to have secured the endorsements of colleagues and elected officials including many current and former King County Municipal and Superior Court Judges. Judge McDowall is honored to serve her community on the bench and humbly asks for your vote to continue this important work. Contact: www.retainjudgemcdowall.com

Judge Position No. 2

Andrea Chin

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Education: BA, Occidental College; JD, Loyola Law School

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Judge Andrea Chin was elected to the Seattle Municipal Court Bench in November 2018 following 26 years of experience in public service as an Assistant City Attorney with the Seattle City Attorney's Office. She has presided over a general trial court, handling arraignments, pretrial hearings, trials, sentencings and post-resolution review hearings. Her current rotation is the court's domestic violence calendar. Seattle Municipal Court is the busiest municipal court in the state. Due to the court's heavy interaction with the public, the manner in which it delivers justice is extremely important. In spite of the high number of cases handled by the court every day, Judge Chin appreciates that every case is unique. She recognizes the importance of deciding the issues fairly and impartially with an understanding of how these decisions will impact those who appear before her. Often, those who come through the court are struggling with chemical dependency, personal trauma, and/or untreated mental illness. Judge Chin believes that the judicial system can balance the need for public safety while at the same time offer a helping hand to those who need support.

Judge Chin has deep roots in Seattle. Her father grew up in the Chinatown-International District, and her mother grew up in a Belltown apartment behind the family laundry business. She was raised in the Mt. Baker neighborhood and attended Franklin High School. Judge Chin is a longtime member and past president of the Asian Bar Association of Washington. She is also a member of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association and its Diversity Committee.

Judge Position No. 3

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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Washington School of Law; Bachelor of Science, Journalism, University of Colorado

Occupation: Presiding Judge, Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Chosen by my colleagues to serve as Presiding Judge, I joined the bench in 2017 with important and diverse legal experience: seven years as a criminal prosecutor, five years as a civil defense attorney and 13 years as a commissioner and magistrate. I also bring lived experience as a Jewish person and gay man.

Restorative Justice demands that we recognize our courts have been plagued by systemic racism, bias and prejudice. The impacts of generations of injustice are manifest throughout society, and must be corrected through honest dialogue and reforms that address the causes of criminal behavior, while also restoring lives. From that perspective, I work to rebuild our court system into one where everyone is treated fairly, and where we seek genuine accountability rooted in long-term, positive outcomes.

Growing up with an abusive father, I know treatment is critical to helping heal survivors, their families, and abusers. That's why I helped create the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), a community-based program that serves as an alternative to jail. DVIP provides individualized treatment to break cycles of abuse and trauma. On a lighter note, I am also co-director of Youth Traffic Court, a collaboration with Garfield High School for teens who receive traffic tickets in Seattle.

In my first term I was rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar, Latina/o, Loren Miller, Joint Asian, and Cardozo bar associations. Please see my website for current ratings.

I am committed to healthy, just, and inclusive communities. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by: Supreme Court Chief Justice Steven González, Justices Mary Yu, Helen Whitener, Bobbe Bridge (fmr.); Superior Court Judges Veronica Galván, Ketu Shah, David Keenan; County Councilmembers Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Dave Upthegrove; local Democrats; unions, prosecutors, public defenders, defense attorneys, and many more!

Pooja Vaddadi

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Education: LLM, University of California Berkeley; JD, Seattle University School of Law, BA, Bryn Mawr College

Occupation: Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law

Statement: I am a first-generation Indian-American, a child of immigrants, born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, and would be the first South Asian woman elected as a Judge in Seattle Municipal Court.

Seattle faces serious issues with recidivism, chronic homelessness, and untreated mental illness that have not been addressed by the existing judges. I aim to hold the court accountable for its failure to address Seattle's needs by replacing the least effective member of this bench, as reflected in the March 2022 King County Bar Association's Judicial Officer Survey.

My career as a public defender was a crucible of constant interaction with the courts, the prosecutors, defendants, and the community. I've taken 11 criminal cases to trial and prepared hundreds that were either dismissed or pleaded before seating a jury - all to outcomes that were the best I could obtain for my clients and aligned with a profound respect for the law.

I've practiced in district courts in both Snohomish and King County, and most recently in Seattle Municipal Court. During this final 10-month stretch in Seattle, I saw a dramatic rise in untreated mental illness, a decline in the services available to defendants and their families, and a disturbing unwillingness by the court to acknowledge or address these issues.

I stand for compassion, fairness, and restorative justice, and have received exclusive endorsements from the King County Democrats, the Young Democrats of King County, the Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion, the Women's Political Caucus, and the Democratic Legislative Districts of the 46th, the 37th, and the 43rd. I believe this reflects that the current court has not earned the confidence of Seattle and must do better.

If elected, I will elevate the standard of judicial competence and integrity in Seattle. I would be honored to have your vote.

Judge Position No. 4

Anita Crawford-Willis

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Education: J.D., Seattle University School of Law; B.A., Seattle University

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Born and raised in a union household in Seattle's Central District, Judge Crawford-Willis is the daughter of Boeing production line workers. She joined the Seattle Municipal Court in 2017 after 30 years in public service as a public defender, judge pro tem, and administrative law judge. Throughout her career she has proven to be an impartial, compassionate, and exceedingly fair-minded judicial officer.

Judge Crawford-Willis is a graduate of Seattle University and its School of Law who has held leadership roles on the SU Board of Regents and the Law Alumni Board. Presently an SU Board of Trustees member, she was named the 2014 SU Law School Woman of the Year in recognition of her distinguished career. Judge Crawford-Willis served as a 13-year board member of the King County Boys & Girls Clubs and as a member-at-large on the Loren Miller Bar Association executive board. She is also a member of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association Executive Board and the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission. She recently received the Washington State Bar Association's 2022 Outstanding Judge Award.

Throughout her career, she has focused on ensuring equal access to justice for all Seattleites and expanding her court's Community Resource Center to provide essential services to those most in need. She is known particularly for her ability to balance accountability with empathy. Above all, Judge Crawford-Willis wants every person appearing in her courtroom to feel seen, heard, and respected.

Anita and her husband, Pervis, live in South Seattle with their daughter, Taylor. They enjoy traveling, attending Seattle philanthropic events, and cheering on Seattle University's Redhawks.

Endorsements: Judge Crawford-Willis is endorsed by all nine members of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Campaign leadership: Jeff Pyatt, Campaign Chair; Justice Bobbe Bridge & John McKay, Honorary Co-Chairs

Judge Position No. 5

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Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law, 1989; BA, University of Arizona, 1986

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge, Position 5

Statement: I was inspired to get into law while serving as a security police officer in the U.S. Air Force. After I left the military, I received my bachelor's degree and then moved to the Puget Sound area to attend law school.

I have been in the legal field for over 33 years. I started out as a public defender with Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA), where I worked for 14 years as a staff attorney and then a supervising attorney. In 2003, I left ACA and for the next 8 years, I ran my own law firm. In addition, I taught trial advocacy at the University of Washington and served as a judge pro tem in various courts throughout the Puget Sound.

I was elected to the Seattle Municipal Court in 2010 and began my first term in January 2011. I currently preside over Veterans Treatment Court and a General Trial court; previously I presided over Community and Mental Health Courts. I served as Presiding Judge April 2020-July 2022.

I bring compassion, patience, and experience to the bench. Throughout my legal career as a trial attorney, I had a reputation for being knowledgeable, ethical and prepared. As a judge, I apply these same traits in my courtroom.

In addition to my duties as a judge, I serve on several committees of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association (DMCJA); I am on the Bylaws and Long-range Planning committees, and I chair the Diversity Committee. I am proud to be one of three DMCJA representatives participating in the Washington State Racial Justice Consortium. The Consortium was launched in 2021 to make real progress in dismantling structural racism in the justice system.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Seattle.

Judge Position No. 6

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Education: University of Cincinnati College of Law; Purdue University

Occupation: Judge

Statement: Legal/Judicial Experience: Seattle Municipal Court Assistant Presiding Judge. Former Seattle Municipal Court Magistrate Judge. Twenty-two years as a Pro Tem Judge in King County District Court and Seattle Municipal Court. Former in-house attorney and public defender handling cases involving employment and labor, civil rights, school law, landlord-tenant issues, and criminal law.

Other Professional Experience: Executive Director of Human Resources for a local school district. Human Resources Professional for several non-profit health care organizations.

Education: Juris Doctorate, University of Cincinnati College of Law; Bachelor of Arts, Purdue University.

Community Service/Organizations: Easterseals WA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, WA State Minority and Justice Commission, WA State Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee, National Association of Women Judges.

Statement:

The courts, particularly in a diverse community such as Seattle need to be recognized as institutions that are accessible, impartial, competent, diverse, and preserves the integrity of the criminal system. Seattle Municipal Court called the people’s court should fulfilled this definition. I bring to the bench a wealth of experience in addressing diversity, equity, inclusion, and bias in the educational and work setting. I have over 22 years of experience serving as a neutral decision maker in the judicial system and almost 25 years as an attorney practicing civil rights, criminal, employment, and labor law. I have an in-depth and well-rounded understanding of the issues and concerns facing the citizens in Seattle especially for those coming before the court. As a judge, I am a good steward of court resources. I am respectful of the public, the attorneys, and court staff. During my career, I have earnestly made every effort at being fair, knowledgeable, reliable, capable, and thorough. I strive to always bring these same attributes to the bench. I am excited to have the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Seattle.



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Judge Position No. 7

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Education: J.D. – University of Houston – 1998; B.A. – University of Oklahoma – 1995

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge – incumbent

Statement: Judge Damon Shadid has dedicated his years serving in the Seattle Municipal Court to finding better ways to approach criminal justice. He believes that the criminal legal system should have two primary and complementary objectives: community safety and helping people obtain the services they need to exit the criminal legal system.

With these objectives in mind, Judge Shadid has built from the ground up a new Community Court that gives participants the option of being quickly connected with services they need to address the issues that have brought them into the criminal legal system – untreated mental illness, homelessness, addiction, and employment challenges.

Judge Shadid has also been instrumental in re-building Seattle's Mental Health Court, where he has presided for the past 4 years. He was able to work with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Defense to improve the Mental Health Court and encourage more individuals with mental health barriers to get the vital services they need.

Finally, Judge Shadid created efficiencies in the Court by allowing caseworkers who are working with defendants to come to court just once each week in order to monitor ongoing recovery progress and connections with community services.

But the work is not done. Seattle faces profound challenges stemming from still deficient vital services like affordable housing, substance abuse, and mental health treatment. Judge Shadid believes that the Municipal Court should play a central role in improving access to these services and will continue to work hard every day to ensure that all people are treated with fairness and compassion and that Seattle becomes a safer place to live and work.

Endorsements: King County Democrats and Young Democrats; 32nd, 34th, 37th, 43rd, 46th LD Democrats; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; SEIU 775; ATU 587; Machinists Union (IAM 751); Teamsters JC 28

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Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University; Bachelor of Business Administration, Howard University

Occupation: Assistant Seattle City Attorney; District Court Judge Pro Tem

Statement: Nyjat Rose-Akins is well-versed in bringing stakeholders together to improve the health, safety, and livability of our City. Her perspective on the criminal legal system is informed by 12 years working as a Seattle Assistant City Attorney, including conducting over 60 criminal trials and working closely with participants in therapeutic courts. Her perspective is also informed by her work providing legal advice to city leaders on complex issues including police accountability and homelessness.

On a personal level, Nyjat's views are shaped by witnessing the experiences of her own friends and family within the court system, and her own experience as a Jamaican immigrant.

Nyjat understands that efforts made to reduce criminal conduct within Seattle have fallen short. Like many, she is frustrated that Seattle Municipal Court has not met its role in fulfilling this basic municipal function. Likewise, the Court must also ensure that fundamental human rights are well protected for individuals involved in the legal system. Nyjat will rise to meet these obligations with respect and compassion.

If elected, Nyjat will not release individuals without first considering the likelihood of reappearance, and the severity and frequency of the criminal behavior.

While releasing all individuals pretrial is well intentioned, it does not work in practice. It ignores the fact that while diversion programs are an important tool for the Court, they are not universally appropriate for every defendant and every crime. Seattle can do better. Nyjat's deep experience will help her weigh how to reduce criminal recidivism rates with treatment and outreach for defendants, while also protecting victims of crimes and ensuring the safety of all our fellow Seattleites.

Nyjat has earned support from community leaders and organizations. Nyjat is endorsed by current and retired judges from district court, superior court, and the Seattle Municipal Court.







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-  Certified cybersecurity experts are on staff at Elections and at King County IT.
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Conducted two weeks before the election, the Logic & Accuracy test uses test ballots and a set of expected results to ensure the tabulation equipment is reading votes correctly.

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On the Thursday after Election Day, six batches are selected at random and hand counted to ensure the tabulation equipment continues to read votes as it should.

Risk Limiting Audit

Each election, our team conducts Risk Limiting Audits. This auditing system checks a random sample of ballots to reach statistical confidence in the results of the election.

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Charter Amendment No. 1 Even-Numbered Election Years for Certain County Offices

Shall the King County Charter be amended to move elections for the county offices of executive, assessor, director of elections and councilmembers from odd-numbered to even-numbered years?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 50.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Claudia Balducci,
Ron Sims, Girmay Zahilay,
YesKingCharter1.org

Vote *yes* to increase turnout: By shifting to even-year elections for Executive, Assessor, Elections Director, and County Council with King County Charter Amendment 1, we'll elect these important county officials in years when most voters consistently turn out, which will result in a much larger number of voters (*up to twice as many!*) participating in the selection of our future leaders.

Vote *yes* to diversify turnout: Data shows that odd-year electorates are significantly less diverse than even-year electorates. If we adopt this amendment, future elections for county offices will include more young voters, working class voters, voters of color, and renters.

Vote *yes* to amplify public discourse about King County's issues and future: The media's political coverage and community civic awareness are much stronger in even years. This amendment will empower future county candidates to run at times when more people are paying attention, which will be good for their campaigns and good for democracy.

Vote *yes* to align our county elections: We already regularly elect our Prosecuting Attorney in midterm years and our Superior Court judges in presidential years. With Charter Amendment 1, we'll be electing all county officials at the same time and on the same ballots, just like 36 out of 39 counties in Washington State already do.

This amendment will simplify our elections and advance voting justice, deepening the connection between we the people of King County and our government.

Please join the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, More Equitable Democracy, Sightline, Washington Community Alliance, Urban League, Washington Bus, ACRS, the Northwest Progressive Institute, and other trusted advocates for ballot access in voting *yes* this autumn.

Explanatory statement

Currently under the King County Charter, elections for assessor, councilmembers, elections

director, and executive are held in odd-numbered years. As provided

in Ordinance 19465, if Charter Amendment No. 1 is approved, it would move elections for these offices to even-numbered years beginning in 2026 for the assessor, elections director, and councilmember districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 and to 2028 for executive and councilmember districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. The last odd-numbered year election for the assessor, elections director, and councilmember districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 would be held in 2023 and would be for a three-year term for each office. The last odd-numbered year election for the executive and councilmember districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 would be held in 2025 and would be a three-year term for each office. Elections for four-year terms would resume with the even-numbered year elections in 2026 and 2028.

For questions about this measure, contact: Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, (206) 477-0951, jeff.muhm@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 Conservation Futures Levy

The King County council passed Ordinance 19458 concerning funding to protect open space lands in King County. This proposition would provide funding to pay, finance, or refinance acquisition and preservation of: urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farmlands and forests. It would authorize restoration of the county's RCW 84.34.230 conservation futures property tax levy to a rate of \$0.0625 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and use the dollar amount of the 2023 levy for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations under chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 50.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Sally Jewel, De'Sean Quinn, Dow Constantine,
www.conserveourfuturekc.com

The lands and waterways that define our region protect air and water quality, and contribute to a resilient future as we experience climate change. Proposition 1 restores voter-approved funding to protect these "last, best places" throughout King County. To date, the Conservation Futures program has safeguarded over 100,000 acres of land, including Cougar Mountain, Duwamish Waterway Park, and the Sammamish River Trail.

With your vote we can accelerate forest, habitat, and farmland preservation while supporting communities and regions most at risk from climate change, most in need of cooling, and improving access for historically marginalized communities. That's in addition to the health benefits open spaces offer: stress reduction, recreational opportunities, and improved quality of life. Let's ensure this legacy for future generations.

Restoring this important fund will cost the average homeowner about \$2 more per month, with relief available to qualified low-income seniors and other households. Funding recommendations are made by an independent advisory committee and subject to external audit.

Join The Nature Conservancy, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Forterra, Trust for Public Land, The Wilderness Society, Vashon-Maury Land Trust, Seattle Parks Foundation, REI, Executive Dow Constantine and Councilmembers, elected and community leaders in support of Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Protecting farms, forests, and open space supports clean air and water, climate resilience, local food, and recreation for our growing population. Over 500,000 neighbors lack close-to-home access. This measure safeguards open space from sprawl, deforestation, and loss of access--where needs are greatest.

Opponents misstate facts: King County owns just over 3% of lands. Federally-owned Cascade forests are inaccessible to many. Taxes are determined by home valuation- not public land ownership. Vote Yes!

Explanatory statement

King County's conservation futures program was initiated in 1982 to protect valuable open space lands in King County. If approved, Proposition 1 would provide additional funding for the activities and expenditures of this program as authorized by chapter 84.34 RCW, including acquisition and preservation of urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farm and agricultural lands, and forests, all within King County. The conservation futures advisory committee established in county code would continue to advise the county executive and county council on acquisition and funding recommendations based on a competitive process set out in county code.

The proposition would authorize King County to restore its conservation futures tax (CFT) in 2023 to the rate of 6.25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The CFT was authorized at this rate in 1982, but state limitations on annual property tax growth have reduced the county's allowable rate over time to approximately 3.12 cents in 2022, even though the maximum statutory rate remains 6.25 cents. Voter approval of this levy lid lift under RCW 84.55.050 is required to restore the CFT levy to the statutory rate of 6.25 cents for 2023. The dollar amount of the 2023 levy would be used to calculate the maximum allowable levies in future years as allowed by RCW 84.55.0101. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities would be exempt as provided in RCW 84.36.381 and Ordinance 19458.

For questions about this measure, contact: Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, (206) 477-4550, christie.true@kingcounty.gov

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Michael Fiset, Chuck Best, stopthelandgrab@yahoo.com

According to Water Land Resources Department, King County already controls/owns 61.2% of the land in King County! That's right, government already controls almost two-thirds of the land, yet they want more. Not long ago, King County announced they didn't have resources to empty trash in the parks, yet they want even more land they admit they do not have the resources to maintain.

The county already has a conservation futures fund that collected \$61,700,000 over the last 3 years. Never satisfied, they now want you to pay even more. Existing land use laws severely limit rural growth. These properties are already largely open to provide environmental benefits to everyone. Only private property owners have incentive to maintain/improve their own property. If everybody owns the property, then no one person is incentivized to maintain it, increasing the likelihood of fire, pollution, and squatting.

More open space means fewer acres will be taxed, resulting in higher property tax for existing property owners. Less private property will also translate to less housing. There needs to be a balance of land uses. Open space is important, but enough is enough. At 61.2% and growing, King County passed the balanced percentage a long time ago.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

61.2% is an overabundance of conservation land. The proponents trot out tired phrases like "historically marginalized communities." The \$2 per month is based on unrealistically low house prices. As we've all seen, these taxes grow into one big enormous tax.

The cooler temperatures claim is baseless; if you believe it, we've got a bridge to sell you. King County Government already controls way too much land. Stop this greed; stop the land grab now!

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift for Parks and Open Space

The City Council of the City of Bellevue adopted Ordinance No. 6671 concerning property taxes for parks, open space, and related purposes. This proposition would increase the City's regular levy for nine years by approximately \$0.15/\$1,000 to pay and finance the acquisition, improvement and development of parks, community/recreation facilities and open space, and \$0.05/\$1,000 for maintenance and operations, to a maximum rate of up to \$1.1944/\$1,000 for collection in 2023. The 2023 amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies (through 2031) as allowed by RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Sherry Grindeland,
Kevin Wallace, Jivana Aras,
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Bellevue earned the "City in a Park" nickname because of our 2,800 acres of open spaces, trails, and well-maintained family-friendly parks.

The Levy Lid Lift for Parks and Open Spaces request will fund the next phase of park investments and preserve Bellevue's character as a great place to work and live. After completing all the promised projects in the 2007 levy, the city wants to do more to protect the environment and provide additional open space and play areas for generations to come.

Your 'Yes' vote authorizes an annual property tax of \$200 per million assessed value. The funds will develop neighborhood trails, enhance wildlife corridors, and protect water quality in local lakes and streams. It will also create new neighborhood parks and enhance existing community centers and parks. The levy adds new fields for sports including cricket, pickle ball, baseball, soccer and youth football, plus more off-leash dog areas. This fiscally responsible package includes funding for parks and trails maintenance because Bellevue takes care of what it builds.

As a community that values its parks and open areas, we urge you to vote yes on the Parks and Open Space Levy.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

We acknowledge that, much like any other city, Bellevue will continue to function without additional funding for the maintenance and expansion of our parks. The Council's job is to fund ordinary investments like public safety, road maintenance and utilities. They unanimously agreed to request your authorization of these special investments in our City. We urge you to review and approve this well-crafted plan to keep Bellevue the "City in a Park". Please vote "yes".

Explanatory statement

The City of Bellevue has proposed a ballot measure to fund parks, open spaces, and related purposes. If approved, Proposition 1 authorizes Bellevue to increase its regular property tax levy by up to \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV) in 2023. This lift would continue for 9 years, and the 2023 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levy limits within this period. Qualifying seniors, disabled veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.

Of this increase, \$0.15 per \$1,000 AV would fund seven categories of capital projects: (1) open space, greenways, wildlife corridors, and trails; (2) community parks; (3) neighborhood parks like in Eastgate, Factoria, and Ashwood; (4) recreational and community facilities like aquatics and a cross cultural center; (5) waterfront restoration and development, (6) acquisition and development in areas like BelRed and Wilburton, and (7) off leash areas and emerging sports like cricket and pickleball. The remaining \$0.05 per \$1,000 AV would fund new and existing maintenance and operations of parks, open spaces, and neighborhood, community, and recreational facilities. The Bellevue City Council will allocate funding among these categories and may revise these categories.

This measure would cost the average owner of a \$1M home approximately \$16.67 per month or \$200 per year for 9 years. If approved, Bellevue's maximum total rate in 2023 would be up to \$1.1944 per \$1,000 AV. Bellevue would not be required to levy the maximum rate and could continue to reserve capacity for other City purposes.

For questions about this measure, contact: Michael Shiosaki, Parks & Community Services Director, (425) 452-2805, mshiosaki@bellevuewa.gov

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: David Plummer,
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Bellevue parks system occupies 2700 acres; it has 90 parks, 38 sports fields, 46 playgrounds, 64 sports courts, and 90 miles of trails. Now, the Council proposes to raise our property taxes to increase City revenues by approximately \$16 million per year for 9 years, about \$144 million total. The taxes will cost the average Bellevue taxpayer about \$200 per year, or \$1800 total. Revenues (about \$121 million total) would fund undefined new Parks Department projects, services, and O&M costs.

The Department has not developed a parks fee structure, capital recovery procedures, partnerships, or other means to ensure that new parks users pay a fair share of the cost for parks system growth.

The Department has no empirical data on the frequency of use of parks facilities or services by Bellevue citizens; and uses no specific or quantitative procedures or data to determine new parks requirements, relying instead on small sample surveys rather than gathering inputs from all Bellevue citizens.

The Department has multi-million dollar operating and CIP budgets and reserve funds that can be used for operating, maintaining, and improving the parks system. There is no need for additional revenue for this Department. Vote No on Proposition No. 1!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The City has identified no specific requirements for new park facilities and services for present or future City residents. This proposition is simply a proposal to increase City tax revenues. New or improved park projects or services can only be approved by future City Councils. The present City park system provides reasonable service for existing City residents. Any additions to the present park system can easily be funded by existing City revenues and reserves.

Proposition No. 1 Adoption of the Council-Manager Form of Government within the City of Clyde Hill Beginning March 1, 2023

Shall the city of Clyde Hill adopt the council-manager form of government and abandon the mayor-council form of government beginning March 1, 2023? The adoption of the council-manager form of government would not affect the city's continuing status as a code city governed under Title 35A, Revised Code of Washington.

For Adoption of the Council-Manager Form of Government Beginning March 1, 2023

Against Adoption of the Council-Manager Form of Government

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Lisa Slivka, Pam Phillips, YesOnClydeHillProp1.org

Your *For* vote will change the structure of our local government to be more accountable to residents while improving daily operations and maintaining city staff.

We elect our Mayor and City Council members to serve the needs of the community. When the current Administration ignores the City Council's feedback, they do a disservice to us all by acting in defiance of the majority of our elected officials – and there is no recourse. Local problems that directly impact property values are not proactively addressed and city service quality suffers. That's why residents requested asked that this measure be added to the ballot and the City Council voted unanimously to listen to resident concerns and advance it to this election.

Your *For* vote will move oversight for City Administration to the City Council. The City Manager will be accountable to the City Council every four weeks, as in Bellevue, Kirkland, Medina and Mercer Island which have Council Manager governments.

Endorsed by Bellevue City Councilman and former Mayor John Stokes.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Per the explanatory statement, this change removes neither our right to choose our representation nor any checks and balances. This is the latest attempt to misinform the voters, following multiple exaggerated cost estimates denounced by the council. As of August 11, there is no official cost estimate.

Since 1970, almost all new cities in Washington state have incorporated under the council-manager system and several, such as Bainbridge, have made this switch and reported minimal costs.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:

Tom Brubaker, City Attorney,
(206) 273-7440,
tom@lighthouselawgroup.com

Clyde Hill is currently organized as a mayor-council city (per RCW Ch. 35A.12). Approval of this ballot measure will change Clyde Hill to a council-manager city (per RCW Ch. 35A.13). This ballot measure will not affect Clyde Hill's status as a non-charter code city.

Under the current plan, a part-time mayor heads the executive branch. That mayor appoints a full-time professional city administrator, subject to council confirmation, to act as the chief administrative officer. Five councilmembers serve as the legislative branch. The voters elect the mayor and councilmembers.

If this measure is approved, the city council will increase to seven members, with the current mayor serving as the sixth council member until the end of her term (December 31, 2023). These six council members will appoint a seventh council member, who will serve until the next general election. The council will select a mayor from among the seven councilmembers to serve as the council chair and ceremonial head of the city.

The city council will then hire a professional city manager to serve as the city's chief administrative officer. The city manager does not have to be a resident of Clyde Hill. By state law, the city council cannot interfere with the city manager's administration ("separation of powers"), just as it cannot interfere with the current mayor's administration. The manager is responsible to the council, and a majority of the city council may remove the manager at any time. The change to the council-manager plan will begin March 1, 2023.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Bruce Dodds, Marilyn (Lyn) Adams, Spencer Nurse, www.clydehillcoalition.org

You deserve the right to decide your executives—from President, to Governor, to King County Executive, and your Mayor. This measure takes that away, putting it in the hands of a simple council majority—4 people. More than 80% of Washington cities trust our mayor-council form of government.

Checks and balances will be lost with a council-manager form of government. Currently our city council's power is limited by the Mayor, and the Mayor's by the city council. The city manager would answer only to the city council, not the residents. This change will remove a critical check on city council power.

This measure would increase costs, some include severance for the City Administrator, headhunter fees, staff turnover, and legal fees. These costs to our small city budget are astronomical. Our tax dollars are better spent on basic government services, not overhead.

This is a solution in search of a problem. This measure removes your right to choose your mayor, eliminates checks and balances, and increases costs. For 69 years, Clyde Hill residents have been discerning voters and chosen our mayors well. We trust that we will all continue to do that in the future. Vote No! Learn more at clydehillcoalition.org.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

A change this drastic should be solving clear problems, but only vague concerns are offered. This is a power grab by some on the council, calling checks and balances "defiance." This arrogance is why we must continue to separately elect our Mayor.

We need our Mayor to be directly accountable to residents and be a check on council power, rather than a city manager who answers only to four councilmembers. Vote No!

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift for Park Operations and Maintenance

The City Council of the City of Mercer Island adopted Ordinance No. 22-13 concerning property taxes for park operations, maintenance, and capital projects.

This proposition funds operations and maintenance of parks and open spaces, including Luther Burbank Park, and funds playground replacements and forest restoration in Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space; increases the parks levy from \$980,122 (2022) to \$1,629,322 (2023); and sets the maximum tax levy at \$0.862/\$1,000 for 2023 collections and 15 years thereafter (2023 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levies), per RCW 84.55.050. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others are exempt, per RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Marie Bender, John Hamer, Ashley Hay,
www.YESToMIParks.org

Our parks and playgrounds are cherished resources! In a 2020 survey, 99% of respondents said that parks and recreation opportunities are essential to the quality of life on Mercer Island. This parks levy will provide for care of our city parks and open spaces, replacement of aging playgrounds across the Island, and continuing native plant restoration at Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space.

Playgrounds support the physical and mental well-being of everyone in our community, from children to parents to grandparents. This parks levy provides for needed playground improvements across the Island. Proactive planning will ensure that our playgrounds are safe, up-to-date, and accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to *all* of our residents.

Pioneer Park was created to protect this unique native forest. Representing 40% of our open spaces, the Park provides varied recreational experiences, educational and scientific opportunities, and wildlife habitat and ecosystem protection. The Park's Forest Management Plan guides regeneration and resiliency efforts. With funding from the current parks levy, the City has made considerable progress on the Plan, but achieving this vision requires the stable, long-term funding this parks levy will provide.

Vote Yes to preserve and enhance our precious parks and playgrounds!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

In 2022, the City, with significant input and support from citizens, completed the PROS Plan, a framework for meeting the needs of our community. This Levy, which when passed will *replace* the existing levy, is a vital step towards implementation. The Levy's term will ensure completion of major priorities, playgrounds and Pioneer Park restoration. It will also fund ongoing parks maintenance and operations. This Levy is sound, proactive City planning.

Vote Yes to MI Parks!

Explanatory statement

Since 2008, Mercer Island has had a parks levy lid lift to pay the costs of operating and maintaining City parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities, including the full costs of operating and maintaining Luther Burbank Park. The current parks levy lid lift was approved by Mercer Island voters in 2008 and is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

Proposition 1 is a replacement parks levy that will fund operations and maintenance of parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities, including Luther Burbank Park, and will fund playground replacements and forest restoration at Pioneer Park and Engstrom Open Space. Details about the levy lid lift are described in City Ordinance No. 22-13.

If approved, this proposition increases the parks levy from \$980,122 in 2022 to \$1,629,322 in 2023 and sets the maximum City property tax levy rate at \$0.862/\$1,000 for 2023. The 2023 levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levies for 15 years thereafter, per RCW 84.55.050.

Because collections under this parks levy lid lift will begin in 2023, the City will end the existing parks levy one year early as declared in Resolution No. 1628, should voters approve this replacement levy.

Proposition 1 is estimated to cost the owner of a median-valued \$2,375,000 Mercer Island home \$18.94 per month in 2023, which is an estimated increase of \$7.55 per month compared to the current parks levy in 2022. Qualifying seniors, disabled veterans, and others are exempt, per RCW 84.36.381.

For questions about this measure, contact: Andrea Larson, City Clerk,
(206) 275-7793,
cityclerk@mercerisland.gov

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Ira Appelman,
appelman@bmi.net

We already have a Parks Levy through December 2023, so why vote another levy that begins January 2023 at 66% more per year than the current levy? The City Council wants to lock in a bloated, 16-year levy through 2038 worth \$26 million *before* Islanders feel the pain of double-digit inflation.

This levy creates a slush fund for park *and non-park uses*. Ordinance No. 08-08 limited the current levy to "operating and maintaining" parks. Ordinance No. 22-13, though called an O&M levy, allows funding "Park Operations and Capital Projects *and other uses of levy proceeds*," at the City Council's sole discretion. This levy is so unrestricted that proceeds can be used to replace funds currently dedicated to parks, freeing those funds for non-park purposes!

To get other funds, the City must specify *required uses*. The millions in Federal funds the City received prohibited use as replacement funds to free funds for other purposes. The City hasn't done its homework to determine a required list of projects, so it expects Islanders to write a \$26 million blank check.

Vote No! The City already has a levy and can use 2023 to determine a mandatory project list *before* asking Islanders for funds.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Islanders should know what they are asked to fund. Instead, the named projects are optional, *and the City Council determines funding at its sole discretion*. The Council has already decided that \$350,000 will fund vandalizing Deane's Children's Park, cutting down trees and building mountain bike facilities, which previously vandalized Upper Luther Burbank Park!

The Council shouldn't have a slush fund for special interest payback. Vote No until we know *exactly* what we are voting for.

**Proposition No. 1
Public Safety Levy**

The Redmond City Council has passed Resolution No. 1560 concerning funding for public safety operations and services.

To fund a comprehensive public safety system, behavioral health and crisis response professionals, and a body/in-car camera program, this proposition increases Redmond’s regular property tax levy \$0.366/\$1,000, for a total rate of \$1.36/\$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023; sets the limit factor for Redmond’s total regular property tax levy for 2024-2028 to 100% plus an annual increase of 5% for six years; and uses the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Tanika Padhye, Roy Captain, LouAnn Ballew
www.yes4redmondsafety.com

Redmond is a thriving community we are proud to call home. However, our fast-growing city needs additional public safety resources to better protect and serve our families, neighborhoods, and small businesses. Following a robust public engagement process by city and community leaders, Redmond residents made it clear that we want increased law enforcement and fire department staffing, and expansion of mental health programs to serve those in crisis.

To address these needs, Prop. 1 will fund the training and hiring of 17 new firefighters, 12 new police officers, and 6 additional behavioral health experts---with additional resources for our Mobile Integrated Health program. Levy funds will also support the use of body-worn cameras for police officers.

Together, these investments will reduce emergency response times, better address crime, and enforce traffic safety, and improve peace of mind. Prop. 1 funds cannot be used for other purposes and will be independently audited.

This levy has broad community support including State Senators Manka Dhingra, Patty Kuderer; State Representatives Larry Springer, Roger Goodman, Vandana Slatter, Amy Whalen; King County Exec. Dow Constantine; Redmond Mayor Angela Birney and Councilmembers; Redmond Firefighters and public safety leaders; and many more!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Proposition 1 is an investment in Redmond’s future and safety---with the average homeowner paying around \$30/month for additional police, fire, and mental health responders. With the arrival of light rail and continued growth, we must engage in proactive preparation.

Since 2011 Redmond’s population has increased by over 20,000, but caps on city revenue growth fall short for expanding services in our fast-growing community. Vote “Yes” to ensure safety and peace of mind.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Malisa Files, Chief Operating Officer,
(425) 556-2166,
mfiles@redmond.gov

The City of Redmond relies on property taxes to provide essential services like police and fire. This levy will continue to build a comprehensive public safety system and enhance Redmond’s public safety programs while responding to the impacts of growth on the City’s public safety services. The proposed levy would directly support public safety programs including traditional and innovative safety approaches. Elements to be funded include hiring six additional personnel to increase mental and behavioral health services, crisis response and provide proactive resources and support to special need residents such as seniors, people experiencing homelessness, or individuals with drug addiction. The levy would also enhance mobile health services through the Fire Department as well as add fire personnel to increase fire suppression capabilities at Redmond fire stations. Also included are the addition of police personnel supporting rapid response to a growing and changing community; support of a body worn and in-car camera program to heighten police transparency and accountability; and reinvestment in the fire and police personnel funded by the 2007 public safety levy.

Redmond’s current property tax rate is 0.99541 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If this proposition passes, the City of Redmond could levy up to an additional \$0.366 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for a total rate \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. To address inflation, the levy would increase annually by five percent for six years. The funding provided by the levy would be limited to spending on a comprehensive public safety system.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Rosemarie Ives, Brent Schmaltz, Lisa Tracy, (425) 495-4442

There are three good reasons to vote “No” on this levy!

One: *This is the worst time to increase property taxes!* Redmond’s 2023 property assessments are up 45%, inflation is high; food, gas, and rental costs are rising, and a recession is threatening. This levy is an additional tax (around \$525 per year, increasing another 5% annually) above the usual property taxes we pay. Furthermore, this new, non-expiring levy would be in addition to the 2007 non-expiring public safety levy.

Two: For many years, citizen surveys said people are satisfied and feel safe. *The primary responsibility of local government is public safety.* Those services should be funded first with existing monies. A current financial/operational review reveals the City’s revenue has risen substantially, up year after year. Though population has gradually increased, *data shows demand for public safety per person has not increased. The City can afford public safety without this levy.*

Three: A “No” vote isn’t a vote against public safety. It’s a vote demanding that the City *always fund public safety first* as a top priority. Levies should be for one-time projects or extras. A “No” vote expects the City to exhaust all possibilities before seeking to increase taxes.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

If Redmond actually needs improved public safety, allocate more money in the budget. *Fact:* Redmond’s tax base has generated substantially increased annual revenues, including an unexpected, additional \$60 million since 2019. Join your former mayor, community leaders and two councilmembers who don’t support this unnecessary, expensive levy. City officials should act responsibly, budgeting the ample funds already available.

If public safety is a priority, fund it like one in the upcoming budget. Vote “No.”



Everyone's Voice Matters

Under Washington law, unless you are currently detained for a felony conviction, you have a right to vote and make your voice heard.

People awaiting trial or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor are eligible and can vote from the jail. See Page 6 for more details on the other requirements, such as citizenship and age.

Here's how to vote from a King County jail:

1. Get registered. If you have a current Washington ID, you can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov. Or call King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683) to request a voter registration form. Fill out the form and mail it to King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.
2. Get your ballot. When you register, list your mailing address as the jail to receive your ballot via USPS. A loved one or an attorney can also deliver your ballot to you, or Elections can hand-deliver it to the jail facility.
If you need help getting your ballot, call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683). We will work with you and the jail to get your ballot to you.
3. Return your ballot. You do not need a stamp to return your ballot. A postmark on or before November 8 is required. We recommend voting as early as possible to ensure it can make it to USPS in time for a postmark.

King County Elections is here to help

Call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We accept calls from the jails and staff are trained to assist all voters.

Elections staff will do in-person voter registration and provide ballots and voting materials directly in jail facilities on the weekends in October leading up to this election.

Vote by November 8



Proposition Nos. 1A and 1B

Proposition 1A (submitted by Initiative Petition No. 134) and Proposition 1B (alternative proposed by the City Council and Mayor) concern allowing voters to select multiple candidates in City primary elections.

Proposition 1A (Initiative 134) would allow voters in primary elections for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council to select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each office. The two candidates receiving the most votes for each office would advance to the general election, consistent with state law. The City would consult with King County to include instructions on the primary ballot such as “vote for AS MANY as you approve of” for each office.

As an alternative, the Seattle City Council and Mayor have proposed Proposition 1B (Ordinance 126625), which would allow primary election voters for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council to rank candidates by preference. In the first round of processing, each voter’s top preference would be counted. The candidate receiving the fewest would be eliminated. Successive rounds of counting would eliminate one candidate each round, counting each voter’s top preference among remaining candidates, until two candidates remain to proceed to the general election. King County would include instructions on the ballot for voters.

1. Should either of these measures be enacted into law?
 - Yes
 - No
2. Regardless of whether you voted yes or no above, if one of these measures is enacted, which one should it be?
 - Proposition 1A
 - Proposition 1B

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 52.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
 Polly Grow, Seattle Ethics and Elections, (206) 615-1248,
 polly.grow@seattle.gov

This measure presents voters with two questions regarding voting in City primary elections.

The first question is whether either of two alternative propositions should be adopted, both of which would change the current voting system in City primary elections by allowing each voter to select multiple candidates instead of a single candidate. The second question is which of the two alternative propositions should be adopted.

If a majority of voters vote “No” on the first question, then neither proposition will be adopted. If a majority of voters vote “Yes” on the first question, then the proposition receiving the greater number of votes in the second question will be adopted. Voters may vote on the second question regardless of their vote on the first question. The current voting procedures in City primary elections, and the effect of each proposition if adopted, are described below.

State law requires a local jurisdiction to hold a primary election as a means of winnowing candidates for public office to a final list of two who then advance to the general election. Currently, City procedures allow voters to select only one candidate for each office on the ballot. The votes are counted, and the two candidates receiving the most votes for each office proceed to the general election.

Proposition 1A and Proposition 1B would require new procedures for winnowing the candidates for Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney.

Proposition 1A would implement “approval voting.” Approval voting ballots would show a list of the candidates for each office. Voters would be able to vote for one or more candidates on the ballot for each office. All votes would be counted. The two candidates receiving the most votes for each office would advance to the general election.

Proposition 1B would implement “ranked choice voting.” Ranked choice voting ballots would show a list of the candidates for each office. Voters who wish to select more than one candidate for an office would rank candidates in order of preference – first, second, and so on. In the first round of counting votes, the candidate with the fewest top preferences would be eliminated. In the next round, each ballot would be counted for the voter’s top preference among remaining candidates, after which the candidate with the fewest of those preferences would be eliminated. This process would continue until there are two candidates remaining, who then advance to the general election.

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Statement in favor

Submitted by: George Cheung, Logan Bowers

Seattle deserves to be represented by leaders who reflect the will of the people. However, our current “choose-one” primary limits voters’ choices. Often, voters are unhappy with the top-two winners they must choose between in the General Election. Proposition 1 helps solve this problem.

In “choose-one” elections, voters can only mark one candidate on their ballot, even if they like more than one. Voters must decide who to vote for based on how others will vote and whether or not they think a candidate can win. If you’ve ever dismissed candidates on your ballot because you didn’t think they had a shot at winning, you’ve experienced this frustration. You should be able to vote for the candidates you like, and know your vote will matter.

Seattle voters have a history of making improvements to our democracy. We lead the nation with non-partisan primaries and the voter-enacted Democracy Voucher program. The next step is to make the primary itself give more voice to all voters.

Democracy’s promise is that each of us has the freedom to choose the leaders who best reflect our values. Let’s take another step towards a Seattle government that represents us all. Vote “Yes” on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Special interest groups and insiders don’t want better elections, but voters do. Proposition 1 puts voters first. You deserve to vote for the candidates you like, and know your vote matters.

Proposition 1 represents years of community engagement and voter support. 43,000+ Seattleites signed a 2022 petition to make this happen. Voters know that our primaries don’t always lead to the strongest candidates in November. That’s why 40+ jurisdictions nationwide have embraced better elections.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Ollie Garrett, Pete Hanning, Theo Martin, info@seattleelectionsimplicity.com

With urgent issues facing our city and nation, now isn’t the time to experiment with unproven changes to Seattle’s elections. Both “ranked choice” and “approval” voting, presented without meaningful community engagement, would create unnecessary cost and confusion at a time when Seattle is finally making progress addressing homelessness and public safety, and city leadership is historically diverse.

Voters should reject this forced choice between opposing options and demand honest discussion of voting reforms, and the \$4 million taxpayer cost to run these elections (City of Seattle). Ranked choice was tried and rejected in nearby Pierce County, and used in just a handful of jurisdictions nationwide. Approval voting is only used in St. Louis and Fargo, ND. Impacts of both include longer election counts, greater expense, and elevation of fringe candidates. Alaska’s ranked choice primary has positioned Sarah Palin in an election where “name recognition, not issues, seems set to be the deciding factor” (WSJ).

Seattle is known for fair elections, strong registration and participation, and innovations like Democracy Vouchers. Engaging younger, more diverse voters doesn’t happen by imposing confusing changes in balloting– it comes from relationships and trust, giving people a reason to make their voices heard.

Please Vote No.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Activists want Seattle voters to pick between ill-defined, competing “solutions”, but cannot agree on the problem they are trying to solve.

Other cities that have tried – and often repealed – similar experiments found these confusing changes cost millions to implement, and would add weeks to our already long ballot counting process. We have important issues facing our city – making our primary elections more convoluted and costly won’t solve any of them. Please Vote No.

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Statement in favor of Proposition 1A Approval Voting

Submitted by: Logan Bowers, Sarah Ward, Troy Davis, seattleapproves.org

Proposition 1A, or Approval Voting, is a simple change that empowers voters. It lets you vote for all the candidates you support in primary elections, instead of just one. Just like today, the two candidates with the most votes advance.

Proposition 1A means true representation. When you can support multiple candidates, every candidate will compete for your support. Candidates must propose policies that are popular with voters. Approval Voting will make our leaders accountable to underrepresented groups they'd usually ignore. In St. Louis, a majority-minority city, voters made history by electing the first-ever Black woman as mayor using Approval Voting.

According to election experts, Approval Voting winners represent voters better than any other election system. That's why election reform groups like Equal Vote Coalition and The Center for Election Science support it.

Proposition 1A is fast and free to implement. Because Approval Voting is so simple, the ballot does not change. City Council-proposed Proposition 1B uses a complex system that would cost \$3 million more per election and take until 2027 to implement. St. Louis implemented Approval Voting in 4 months. In Seattle, Approval Voting could be used as soon as 2023. *Vote 1A – Representation and accountability in 2023!*

Rebuttal of statement in favor of Proposition 1B Ranked Choice Voting

Approval Voting ensures that the two candidates supported by the most voters are on your ballot in November. After St. Louis adopted Approval Voting, winning candidates needed *twice* as much community support as previous elections. Mayor Tishaura Jones' historic victory was built on a foundation of support from minority groups.

With Proposition 1A, candidates *must* care about every voter, including under-represented voters and voters they'd usually ignore. Empower *all* voters - Vote 1A!

Statement in favor of Proposition 1B Ranked Choice Voting

Submitted by: Mary Nguyen, Girmay Zahilay, Sally Bagshaw, rcv4seattle.org

Ranked-choice voting is a better, fairer way to vote: voters have more voice and more choice. No matter who you are, or what part of Seattle you call home, we know our democracy works best when everyone is fully heard. More women and people of color run for office and win in ranked-choice voting races, which is why it's the fastest growing non-partisan voting reform in the United States.

Ranked-choice voting allows you to rank candidates in order of preference: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on. If your favorite can't win, your vote counts for your next choice.

By contrast, approval voting is untested. It's experimental, and yet, has already proven to be bad for voters - devolving quickly and disenfranchising minority communities. It may even pose a Washington Voting Rights Act violation. Ranked-choice voting's benefits are clear: better leaders and a less gridlocked government.

The League of Women Voters Seattle - King County, the Northwest Progressive Institute, and dozens of community organizations have endorsed ranked-choice voting. Seattle will be better served when voters have more influence and elect politicians who focus on solutions. Vote *yes* to changing how we elect our leaders and *yes* for ranked-choice voting.

Rebuttal of statement in favor of Proposition 1A Approval Voting

Approval voting forces you to select candidates you could settle for, rather than ones you really want to win. That means fewer winners from across the political spectrum, and more winners that just sound the same. That's not true representation.

Approval voting is opposed by Seattleites from Rainier Beach to Magnolia. Ranked-choice voting gives you the freedom to vote for your favorite candidates in the order you prefer, and know your vote will matter.

Proposition No. 1 Maintenance and Operations Levy for Public Safety and Community Services

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 492 concerning a property tax levy for public safety and community services. If approved, this proposition restores Shoreline's levy rate to help fund police/neighborhood services, including RADAR and crime prevention; preserves parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields; and provides human services.

This proposition sets Shoreline's maximum regular property tax rate to \$1.39/\$1,000 for collection in 2023; sets the limit factor for levy increases in 2024-2028 at 100% plus annual inflation (Seattle CPI-U); uses the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits; and exempts qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities per RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Lincoln Ferris, Mary Ellen Stone, John Thielke, mestone7@gmail.com

We all enjoy our quality of life in Shoreline and the high level of service from the city -- strong public safety, great parks, programs for all ages, and compassionate human services. Shoreline faces the challenges of a rapidly growing population, placing new demands on city services. The city is the only entity we have to responsibly manage this growth and development. It needs to be adequately funded.

This levy lid lift, Proposition 1, will preserve current services- such as outreach services to at risk youth. It will enhance a new service -- mental health professionals teamed with police to respond to the growing need for mental health interventions (RADAR). RADAR has been proven to be more effective in helping people impacted by drug and mental health crises.

Recreation programs, community services and city customer services are at risk due to inflation. Revenue to fund city services will dramatically fall without the levy lid lift. Programs we rely upon will have to be reduced. Voting "yes" on Proposition 1 preserves an array of services for everyone, including the homeless, as well as continues maintenance of our excellent park system and recreation areas.

Our city is already impacted by higher costs due to inflation, significant growth pressure and the need for new program to address serious social problems. We must step up to ensure the quality of services we rely on and to leverage expected growth.

A citizen advisory committee composed of your neighbors recommended that the City Council ask Shoreline voters to renew the levy lid lift.

Vote yes for Proposition 1.

Explanatory statement

In 2016, Shoreline voters approved a six-year maintenance and operations levy for basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services. That

levy will expire on December 31, 2022. The proposed maintenance and operations levy would replace the expiring levy. Replacing the levy would maintain current levels of police and community safety services, including neighborhood safety patrols; traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods; and community crime prevention programs. It would also enhance the RADAR Program by adding mental health professional teams to provide 24/7 response with police to community members in behavioral health crisis. Proposition 1 would also preserve safe, well-maintained, and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards; playfields and restrooms; and preserve recreation programs for youth, adults, families, and seniors. Proposition 1 would continue funding for community services for seniors, youth, and individuals and families in need, including homelessness response services. The levy would also sustain the City's code enforcement and customer response programs. If approved, any increase in the annual levy would not exceed inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2024-2028. Proposition 1 would set the City's property tax rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 at a maximum levy rate of \$1.39/\$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and will use the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. The typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$30.00 per month to provide basic public safety, parks, recreation, and community services.

For questions about this measure, contact:
Christina Arcidy, Management Analyst,
(206) 801-2216,
carcidy@shorelinewa.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.

Initiative Measure No. 1

City of Tukwila Initiative Measure No. 1 concerns labor standards for certain employees.

This Ordinance requires certain employers, as defined by the ordinance, to pay employees an hourly minimum wage comparable to equivalent employees in the city of SeaTac and adjusted annually for inflation. Tips and qualifying service charges shall be retained by employees and may not count toward the hourly minimum wage. Additionally, covered employers must offer additional hours of work to existing employees before hiring new employees or subcontractors.

Should this Ordinance be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Tukwila is one of the largest job centers in Washington, but wages aren't keeping up with rising costs, from gas to food to rent. A full-time worker needs to earn over \$30/hour to comfortably afford a modest one-bedroom apartment in our city. *People who work in Tukwila should be able to afford to live here.*

Tukwila's minimum wage will increase to approximately *match neighboring cities SeaTac and Seattle, where minimum wages this year are \$17.54 and \$17.27.* Thousands of underpaid workers at corporate chains around Southcenter Mall will get a raise. Wages for workers earning above the minimum will also increase as employers seek to retain their skills and experience.

Living wages build strong communities, and we all benefit. When more people have more money, that means more customers for local businesses. Families can better afford necessities like child care and health care. They're less likely to miss rent payments and become homeless. *No one who works full time should have to live in poverty.*

Corporations that pay poverty wages are indirectly subsidized by the rest of us who are paying taxes for food stamps, Medicaid, housing assistance, and welfare and support charities. *Women, immigrants and people of color are most likely to benefit directly from a minimum wage increase.*

During the pandemic, our neighbors who stayed on the job working for low wages in grocery, retail and food service were deemed 'essential.' Simply saying *'thank you'* rings hollow if we can't ensure they earn a living wage.

This initiative is supported by a broad coalition of community organizations, labor unions, local businesses, elected officials, and Tukwila residents and workers. *Join us by voting Yes!*

Submitted by: Jessica Bonebright, Miguel Maestas, Gabriela Quintana, www.RaiseTheWageTukwila.org

Explanatory statement

This measure, proposed by initiative petition by the people, adds a new chapter to the Tukwila Municipal Code requiring certain employers, including but not limited to hotels, restaurants, and other commercial employers operating within the City, to: pay covered employees an hourly minimum wage comparable to equivalent employees in the city of SeaTac adjusted by the annual rate of inflation as determined by the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area CPI-W; pay all tips, gratuities, and service charges to covered employees; offer employment to qualified covered employees and part-time employees before hiring additional employees or subcontractors; and prohibits covered employer retaliation against a covered employee exercising their rights under the code.

"Covered employer" means an employer that either (1) employs at least 15 employees regardless of where those employees are employed, or (2) has annual gross revenue over \$2 million. "Employee" is defined as set forth in RCW 49.46.010.

Anyone that suffers a financial injury based on violation of this chapter may bring a civil action in court against the employer. The statute of limitations for any enforcement action shall be five years. Employers are required to allow City representatives access to work sites and relevant records to monitor compliance with this chapter. Complaints related to this chapter can be presented to the City Attorney for investigation and legal action, if deemed appropriate. The City's Finance Director is authorized to deny, suspend, or revoke any license issued under the chapter for violations.

For additional questions regarding this initiative, contact: City Clerk, Christy O'Flaherty, Christy.OFlaherty@TukwilaWA.gov.

For questions about this measure, contact: Christy O'Flaherty, City Clerk, (206) 433-1855, Christy.OFlaherty@TukwilaWA.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 Bonds to Replace and Improve Deteriorating Schools

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 06-22, concerning a proposition to replace deteriorating schools with safe, modern facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct new high schools to replace Evergreen and Tyee High Schools; construct a new middle school to replace Pacific Middle School; make District-wide critical capital improvements; issue no more than \$518,397,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 06-22. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Sandy Hunt, Dave Bush, Pat Thompson, yesforhighline.org

Good schools benefit everyone in the community. Highline Public Schools has a 20-year track record of completing projects on time and on budget. Most recently, Highline High School, Glacier Middle School and Des Moines Elementary were completed on time and \$10 million under budget.

Our community now has the opportunity to rebuild three more aging schools and provide safe, modern facilities—without increasing taxes. Proposition 1 will replace Evergreen High School, Tyee High School and Pacific Middle School with schools equipped with 21st Century learning technology, earthquake safety and secure entry points. It will also fund critical repairs and improvements like roofs, heating/ventilation and safety improvements in schools across the district.

This bond was recommended by our Capital Facilities Advisory Committee. These community volunteers developed the plan to rebuild our aging schools without raising taxes. Thanks to expiring school taxes, approving this bond will not increase your tax rate.

Currently, only students in some neighborhoods attend schools that meet today's learning, safety and health requirements. We urge you to support Proposition 1 so all students in Highline, no matter where they live, have an equal opportunity for success. Vote to *Approve* Proposition 1 and mail your ballot by November 8!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Bonds are a responsible way to pay for long-term investments like schools and are used by districts everywhere. Capital levies require a spike in taxes. Don't be fooled by inaccurate, misleading math of opponents who don't live in our community. Our projects are shovel ready - costs increase the longer we wait.

We are local homeowners and educators who care about Highline's future. Vote *Approve* for safe, modern schools and an equitable education for all.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Andrew Burgess, Controller,
(206) 631-3201,
andrew.burgess@highlineschools.org

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Highline School District to issue no more than \$518,397,000 of general obligation bonds to: (a) construct new high schools to replace Evergreen and Tyee High Schools; (b) construct a new middle school to replace Pacific Middle School; and (c) make District-wide critical capital improvements (including emergency repairs; roof restoration/repairs; synthetic turf to replace Sylvester Middle School dirt field; new building to replace Transportation Building L; sites, facilities and spaces for virtual programs; and capital contributions for Maritime High School). The School Board determined that these projects were necessary to replace and improve deteriorating and educationally outdated schools and infrastructure with safe, modern facilities.

With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$34,227,232 in State construction financing assistance, Port of Seattle and FAA noise mitigation to help complete these projects. Further information is available <https://www.highlineschools.org/>.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property taxes over a period not to exceed 21 years. The total tax rate for all levies (operating, technology and bonds) is expected to decrease approximately \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value from \$4.40 in 2022 to \$3.86 in 2023 as property values increase. The effect of lower rates will vary depending on the growth in value of individual properties. Please see the District's website for anticipated tax impacts associated with Proposition No. 1. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call King County Department of Assessments (206)296-3920.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, TooMuch@BondNo.com

The district wants to build 2 new high schools and 1 new middle school - all at once and with interest laden school bonds. Their laughable "cost impact analysis" for hardworking taxpayers consists entirely of stating, "No increase to current tax rate." And this from the institution supposedly teaching students about mathematics and financial literacy.

With rapidly rising property values, that the district is counting on now and in the future, of course "rates" can remain flat or drop. Voters are signing up for an amount, not a rate. This \$518M advertised bond has a 21 year payback period to be paid by current residents and citizens not born yet. The interest alone adds another \$323M bringing the true total to \$841M. A homeowner with an assessed valued home of \$700,000 in 2022 will have to pay approximately \$20,000 over the next 21 years for this one bond.

For a full, logical cost analysis and recommendations, please see BondNo.com

Other districts (Seattle, Everett) are using sequential, better planned, 6 year capital levies for buildings instead of 20+ year expensive bonds to save taxpayers substantial money. Highline should do the same with a more modest, staggered project list.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

First the pro committee says this mega bond won't raise taxes. Then they say it won't raise your tax *rate*. Which is it? This type of confusion by school districts is why WA needs a TILA (Truth In Lending Act) type of law to present voters with the truth.

The fact is rapidly increasing property values, including for apartments, multiplied by a flat rate equals rapidly increasing taxes (in dollars).

Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Improve Safety and Replace Renton High School

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 14-21/22, concerning a proposition to provide safe, modern facilities to enhance learning. This proposition would authorize the District to: make District-wide safety, security, seismic and other essential capital improvements (including entry point access controls, security systems, video cameras; and seismic system, roof, mechanical, plumbing and HVAC improvements); construct a new high school to replace Renton High School; acquire land; issue no more than \$676,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 14-21/22. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Christabel Fowler,
Sandy Schultz, Michael Westgaard,
mawestgaard@gmail.com

Vote Yes for this School
Construction Measure – Vote Yes
for our Children and Community

Renton School District continues to provide excellent education to all students across the district. This measure ensures our community's children continue to have safe schools with proper space to learn. Voting yes will ensure our schools receive ongoing safety upgrades, heating-cooling system replacements, seismic (earthquake) enhancements, and improvements to indoor/outdoor spaces used by students, families, and neighborhood residents. It also provides opportunity to buy land to build a new high school to provide equity for students in the Renton High service area.

By supporting this measure, you show that you value education and your community. And due to timing and economic success of the region, voting yes still means your tax rates will remain low.

This School Construction Measure benefits everyone. Good schools positively affect our neighborhoods, builds a stronger community, and protects our property values. And with a such a small tax investment, it is a win for everyone. Join the thousands of your neighbors who are saying yes to continued improvements at our schools by voting yes for this measure.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Renton School District citizens have approved School Construction Measures by overwhelming majorities for many decades. The district works hard to earn that trust and make major repairs, replacements, and upgrades keeping schools in top operating condition. They protect taxpayer investments in schools, help maintain high property values, and are good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Vote Yes by Nov. 8 to keep schools in excellent operating condition while reducing district tax rates by at least \$195/year.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Renton School District to issue no more than \$676,000,000 of general obligation bonds to make District-wide safety, security, seismic and other essential capital improvements, including: (1) acquiring, constructing, installing, renovating, upgrading and improving school and support facilities entry point access controls, security systems and video cameras; (2) making seismic system and roof improvements; and (3) making mechanical, plumbing and HVAC improvements. The bonds will also construct a new high school to replace Renton High School, on a site to be determined by the Board, and acquire land and interests in land for new and expanded District facilities. Further information is available at <https://www.rentonschools.us/>.

The School Board determined that these capital improvements were necessary to provide safe, modern facilities to enhance the student learning environment, improve and expand educational opportunities and provide necessary student educational programs.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property taxes over a period not to exceed 21 years. The District expects tax rates to decrease in 2023 as property values increase. The District anticipates the total tax rate for all levies (operating, capital/technology and bonds) will decrease approximately \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value from \$3.55 in 2022 to \$3.16 in 2023. The effect of lower rates will vary depending on the growth in value of individual properties. Please consult the District's website for the anticipated tax impacts associated with Proposition No. 1. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call King County Department of Assessments (206)296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact: Fred R. Maiocco, Jr., Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, (425) 204-2361, frederick.maiocco@rentonschools.us

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn,
TooMuch@BondNo.com

The district states it will purchase land, build a high school, make school improvements all for only \$676M. Their laughable "cost impact analysis" for hardworking taxpayers for this mega bond consists of stating "a typical homeowner will see a decrease of tax rates of \$195/year." And this from the institution supposedly teaching students about mathematics and financial literacy.

With rapidly rising property values, that the district is counting on now and in the future, of course "rates" can remain flat or drop. Voters are signing up for an amount, not a rate. This \$676M advertised bond has a 23 year payback period to be paid by current residents and citizens not born yet. The interest alone adds another \$631M bringing the true total to \$1.3B! A homeowner with an assessed valued home of \$700,000 in 2022 will have to pay approximately \$25,000 over the next 23 years for this one bond.

For a full, logical cost analysis and recommendations, please see BondNo.com

Other districts (Seattle, Everett) are using sequential, better planned, 6 year capital levies for buildings instead of 20+ year expensive bonds to save taxpayers substantial money. Renton should do the same with a more modest, staggered project list.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

This is hardly a "small" tax. This is the largest school bond in WA history. \$676M principal plus the unmentioned \$631M in added interest over 23 years. All that interest down the drain.

Taxpayers do not have endless funds. The district should use common sense and should propose a scaled down project list and should switch to using interest free capital levies. Citizens are facing high inflation and are being taxed out of their homes.

Full text of Ordinance 19465

AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King County Charter to move elections for certain county offices from odd-numbered to even-numbered years; amending Sections 640, 647 and 650.20 of the King County Charter and repealing Sections 650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 of the King County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 8, 2022, general election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 8, 2022, general election, an amendment to Sections 640, 647 and 650.20 of the King County Charter and a repeal of Sections 650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

Section 640 County Executive and Assessor.

The county executive and county assessor shall be ~~((nominated and))~~ elected as nonpartisan offices by the voters of the county. The ~~((nomination and))~~ election of the county executive and county assessor shall be held ~~((every four years as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county))~~ at the primary and general elections in 2023 for the county assessor and 2025 for the county executive and then in even-numbered years commencing with the election ((of 1971)) in 2026 for the county assessor and ((with the election of 1973)) in 2028 for the county executive, and every four years thereafter.

Section 647 County Director of Elections, Term of Office and Compensation.

The county director of elections shall be elected as a nonpartisan office by the voters of the county. ~~((The term of office of the initial county director of elections shall end on December 31, 2011. Subsequent e))~~ Elections for the county director of elections shall occur ~~((at the general election in 2011 and))~~ at the primary and general elections in 2023 and then in even-numbered years commencing in 2026 and every four years thereafter. The county director of elections shall receive compensation as provided by ordinance.

650.20 Nomination and Election.

County councilmembers shall be ~~((nominated and))~~ elected as nonpartisan offices by the voters of each councilmember's respective district. The ~~((nomination and))~~ election of councilmembers in even-numbered districts shall be held ((as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing in even-numbered districts with the election of 1971 and in odd-numbered districts with the election of 1973)) at the primary and general elections in 2023 and then in even-numbered years commencing in 2026 and every four years thereafter. The election of councilmembers in odd-numbered districts shall be held at the primary and general elections in 2025 and then in even-numbered years commencing in 2028 and then every four years thereafter.

650.40.15, 650.40.25 and 660 repealed. Section 650.40.15 of the King County Charter, "Districting in 2004," Section 650.40.25 of the King County Charter, "Elections and terms of office for 2004 and thereafter," and Section 660 of the King County Charter, "Commencement of Terms of Office," are each hereby repealed.

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

Shall the King County Charter be amended to move elections for the county offices of executive, assessor, director of elections and councilmembers from odd-numbered to even-numbered years?

Full text of Ordinance 19458

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at the general election to be held in King County on November 8, 2022, of a proposition to restore King County's conservation futures property tax levy authorized under RCW 84.34.230 to a rate of \$0.0625 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and use the dollar amount of the 2023 levy for the purpose of computing limitations for subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW to provide funding for conservation futures as permitted under chapter 84.34 RCW, including, but not limited to, to pay, finance and refinance costs of the acquisition and preservation, of: urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farmlands and forests; and providing for conservation futures advisory committee recommendations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. Natural lands support wildlife, provide clean air, enhance recreation opportunities, protect clean water, improve health and promote climate resilience. Farmlands promote sustainable local agriculture and a thriving agricultural economy. Forests protect wildlife, provide recreation opportunities, enhance water quality and promote a sustainable local timber industry. Protected river corridors provide salmon habitat, flood protection and recreation opportunities and promote the health of Puget Sound. Trail corridors provide access to recreation opportunities, increase nonmotorized mobility and improve air quality. Urban green spaces protect key lands in population centers to enhance public health and well-being, build community and expand recreation opportunities. Those are the open space lands that the county's conservation futures program, codified in K.C.C. chapter 26.12, has been protecting for years.

B. Protection and stewardship of urban green spaces, forests and farmlands anchor numerous determinants of equity that inform the county's equity and social justice initiative.

C. King County recognizes the disproportionate impacts on many King County communities due to existing and historical racial, social, environmental and economic inequities. The communities are particularly vulnerable to excessive heat, poor air and water quality and flooding episodes. Protecting and stewarding land in these communities can help to improve: individual, community and environmental health; food access; and community economic development.

D. For decades, King County has demonstrated leadership in protecting natural lands. In 1968, King County voters approved the Forward Thrust initiative, which provided funding to preserve four thousand acres of park land as well as fifty-three miles of waterfront and riparian corridors.

E. In 1982, King County initiated its Conservation Futures program, which has successfully protected more than one hundred thousand acres of valuable resource lands and farmlands.

F. In 1989, King County voters approved the Open Space bond measure, which provided funding for preserving high-conservation-value open-space land.

G. In 2003, 2007, 2013 and 2019, King County voters approved tax levies to support parks, trails and open space.

H. In 2009, the voters of King County approved a charter amendment, known as the Open Space Protection Amendment, to enhance conservation protections for key county-owned natural lands.

I. That long legacy of preserving natural lands has made King County one of the most livable areas in the country and a sought-after place to live, work and do business.

J. In 2015, Motion 14458 set forth King County's policy to remain one of the greenest metropolitan areas in the world by protecting and conserving land and water resources that will: enhance quality of life; strengthen the region's economy; enhance biodiversity; provide recreational opportunities; and promote sustainable forestry, farming and locally grown food.

K. In September 2016, the King County executive convened the land conservation initiative advisory group to advise the council and the executive on ways to preserve remaining conservation lands within a generation, including benefits and challenges, a preferred timeline and public and private funding options.

L. The land conservation initiative advisory group included twenty-seven county residents with wide-ranging expertise, including professionals from cities, environmental organizations, local businesses, real estate firms, investment firms and philanthropic organizations.

Full text of Ordinance 19458

M. Working with the advisory group, cities, federal and state agencies, tribes and other partners, the department of natural resources and parks undertook a parcel-by-parcel review of remaining open space lands and other conservation opportunities in King County to determine the most important parcels to protect in perpetuity.

N. In 2018, Ordinance 18774 set forth King County's policy to: accelerate the protection of vital open space lands, including urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farmlands and forests; to address equity and social justice issues by increasing the availability of open space lands in historically underserved areas; and address generational equity by spreading costs of protecting vital open space lands over time.

O. Key funding goals of Ordinance 18774 include accelerating the pace of acquisitions and thereby reducing their ultimate cost, spreading costs to future taxpayers who will benefit from open space lands protected in perpetuity, maximizing the use of available moneys, prioritizing acquisitions in equity areas and parcels that are at high risk of development, geographic equity over time and ensuring that sufficient reserves remain available to pursue emerging conservation opportunities.

P. Following recommendations of the advisory group, the open space equity cabinet was convened in 2018 and included twenty-one county residents representing twelve different community-based organizations. In collaboration with the conservation futures advisory committee, the cabinet updated the conservation futures process that prioritizes acquisition of land conservation initiative targets in communities experiencing the greatest need.

Q. After reviewing a variety of potential funding mechanisms, the advisory group recommended that the county restore its existing conservation futures property tax levy to the rate authorized by RCW 84.34.230 of \$0.0625 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide moneys to implement the land conservation plan.

R. Conserving open space lands through conservation futures funding has a decades-long track record of success in King County.

S. The conservation futures advisory committee process is a respected and trusted means of ensuring that public moneys are optimized in preserving our natural areas and ecosystems.

T. Issuing bonds can help accelerate the pace of acquisitions, lower the ultimate cost of acquisitions and spread the acquisition costs to include future taxpayers who will also benefit from open space lands protected in perpetuity.

U. The King County department of natural resources and parks has engaged in extensive outreach to receive additional input, including from the public, cities, businesses, environmental organizations, historically underserved communities and area tribes.

V. There is a window of opportunity to conserve the region's last best places, but the county must act now to increase the pace and scale of preservation before the remaining high conservation value open space lands are lost.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Conservation futures purposes" means all activities and expenditures authorized by chapter 84.34 RCW, as may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to paying, financing and refinancing costs of acquisition and preservation of urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farmlands and forests within King County.

B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the statutory conservation futures purposes as provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the moneys, and the proceeds of any interim or other financing following authorization of the levy.

SECTION 3. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary proceeds for the statutory conservation futures purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing restoration of King County's conservation futures property tax levy to the rate authorized by RCW 84.34.230 of \$0.0625 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and use of the dollar amount of the 2023 levy for the purpose of computing limitations for subsequent levies, consistent with chapter 84.55 RCW, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds. All levy proceeds collected as authorized in this ordinance shall be deposited into a dedicated conservation

futures fund established by ordinance and used only for the eligible expenditures described in section 5 of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, proceeds of the levy authorized by this ordinance shall be used for conservation futures purposes in accordance with chapter 84.34 RCW, as it may be amended from time to time, and for the costs and charges incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

SECTION 6. 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 general election on November 8, 2022. 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 said special election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the following form, with such modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

The King County council passed Ordinance ___ concerning funding to protect open space lands in King County. This proposition would provide funding to pay, finance, or refinance acquisition and preservation of: urban green spaces, natural areas, wildlife and salmon habitat, trails, river corridors, farmlands and forests. It would authorize restoration of the county's RCW 84.34.230 conservation futures property tax levy to a rate of \$0.0625 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and use the dollar amount of the 2023 levy for the purpose of computing subsequent levy limitations under chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved []

Rejected []

SECTION 7. Advisory committee. If the levy is approved by the voters in accordance with section 6 of this ordinance, the conservation futures advisory committee established under K.C.C. 2.36.070 will make acquisition recommendations and recommend funding allocations, consistent with K.C.C. chapter 26.12, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 8. Implementation. Contingent upon voter approval of the ballot proposition described in section 3 of this ordinance, King County will accelerate protection of open space consistent with K.C.C. chapter 26.12, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 9. 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, including any amendment that is adopted by the legislature during the term of this levy.

SECTION 10. Ratification and confirmation. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the general election on November 8, 2022, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 11. 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.

Full text of Resolution 32057

A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 134 concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (rejected by the City Council on July 14, 2022); authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable proposed Initiative 134 to appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet in conjunction with the Ranked Choice Voting proposal (City Council Bill 120369), which is a proposed alternative measure on the same subject matter in accordance with Charter Article IV; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative 134 and its alternate on the November 8, 2022, election ballot in accordance with applicable law; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate.

WHEREAS, proponents submitted to the City Clerk a ballot measure petition concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (which the City Clerk designated as Seattle Initiative No. 134 in Clerk File No. 322196); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk forwarded the petition to the Director of King County Elections for certification of whether the petition bears a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Director of King County Elections has certified that the Initiative No. 134 petition bears sufficient valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 provides that, if the City Council does not enact an initiative bill or measure bearing a sufficient number of signatures, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit the initiative measure to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 the City Council has rejected Initiative 134 and has adopted an alternative, Council Bill 120369; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Initiative 134 and Council Bill 120369 conflict in certain particulars regarding the voting procedures for candidates in primary elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to place both Initiative 134 and its alternative on the ballot for consideration by the voters of the City of Seattle; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with City Charter Article IV, the Council reviewed Initiative 134 and rejected it by motion approved by the Council. The Council hereby directs that Initiative 134 be placed on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot to be voted on by the people, in accordance with applicable law.

Section 2. Pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1, in addition to placing Initiative 134 on the ballot, the Council adopted Council Bill (CB) 120369, an alternative measure dealing with the same subject as Initiative 134. CB 120369 and Initiative 134 conflict in several particulars. The Council is placing CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot to be voted on by the people at the same time as Initiative 134.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 filed in Clerk File (CF) 322196, a copy of which is attached as Attachment A to this resolution in conjunction with CB 120369, on the November 8, 2022, election ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate as provided by the City Charter.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 in the November 8, 2022, voters' pamphlet.

Section 5. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is requested to call for a special election and place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, ballot, and in accordance with applicable law.

Full text of Resolution 32057 – Attachment A

AN ACT related to voting in city primary elections

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.18 is added to Title 2 of the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

CHAPTER 2.18 APPROVAL VOTING IN CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS**2.18.010. Findings**

The People find that a healthy and strong representative democracy depends on voting that allows the people to fully express their will. The City is empowered to provide for its own elections of officers consistent with general election laws, which includes the use of a primary election to winnow candidates to a final list of two for the general election based on the number of votes cast for each candidate. The People find that approval voting allows voters to select ANY candidates whom they support, allowing for the election of candidates with support from the most voters and reflecting a better representation of the voters' will. Approval voting will provide significant improvement in the city's electoral system while still assuring that the two candidates with the greatest number of votes advance from the primary election to the general election.

2.18.020. Approval voting

In the primary elections for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney, and members of the City Council, voters may select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each office. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the greatest total number of votes for each office shall advance to the general election consistent with state law.

2.18.030. Ballot instructions

For any election subject to this chapter, the City Clerk shall consult with the appropriate King County officials to ensure that the ballot includes appropriate instructions to voters to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, such as: "Vote for AS MANY as you approve of," with "AS MANY" being written in uppercase.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be implemented as soon as practicable, and by no later than 2025.

Full text of Ordinance 126625

AN ORDINANCE relating to ranked choice voting; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2022 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to institute ranked choice voting for primary elections for City of Seattle elected offices; adding a new Chapter 2.18 to the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.18 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 2.18 PRIMARY ELECTIONS**2.18.010 Findings**

The City Council makes the following findings of fact and declarations:

- A. A healthy and strong representative democracy depends on voting that allows the people to fully express their will.
- B. The City is empowered to provide for its own election of officers consistent with general election laws, which includes the use of a primary election to winnow candidates to a final list of two for the general election based on the number of votes cast for each candidate.
- C. Ranked choice voting allows voters to indicate their order of preference for the candidates running in each race and allows for the election of candidates with the greatest support from voters, better reflecting the voters' will.
- D. Ranked choice voting has been used successfully in elections in states and cities across the United States.

2.18.020 Ranked choice voting

Ranked choice voting shall be used in City of Seattle primary elections as soon as practicable for King County Elections. The City Council requests that King County Elections implement the provisions of this Chapter 2.18 no later than 2027 to select the top two candidates for elective offices of The City of Seattle as those offices are designated in City Charter Article XIX.

- A. Nominating primaries shall be conducted using the bottoms-up method of ranked choice voting. Voters shall receive ballots that enable them to rank candidates in order of preference. Each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever candidate the voter has ranked the highest. King County Elections shall count votes in rounds. In each round, the candidate who received the fewest top rankings shall be eliminated. When a candidate is eliminated, a vote cast for that candidate shall be transferred to that ballot's next-highest ranked remaining candidate and a new round of counting shall begin. Counting of top-ranked candidates and elimination of the candidate with the fewest top rankings shall continue until two candidates remain. The final two remaining candidates shall be certified as qualified to appear on the general election ballot.
- B. Only the two candidates nominated in the primary shall appear on the ballot of the general election, which shall be conducted in accordance with general law governing the election.
- C. The King County Director of Elections may limit the number of candidates that voters are able to rank, provided that voters are allowed to rank at least five candidates if at least five candidates have filed.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.18.020, if at the end of the candidate filing period two or fewer candidates have filed for an office subject to this Chapter 2.18, the election for that office may be conducted according to general law.
- E. For any election subject to this Chapter 2.18, King County Elections

will ensure that the ballot includes appropriate instructions to voters to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter 2.18, such as: "Rank candidates in the order of your choice."

Section 2. The City Council and Mayor find that this ordinance is on the same subject as proposed in Initiative 134 – Seattle Approves. The City Council has rejected Initiative 134 and proposes this ordinance as an alternative measure on the same subject pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1. The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting that the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1 and applicable law as an alternative measure different from Initiative 134 but dealing with the same subject. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071 and RCW 29A.72.050. The following ballot title statement of subject and concise description are submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

City of Seattle Proposition No. __ concerns allowing voters to rank candidates in primary elections.

This measure would allow voters in primary elections for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Councilmembers to rank candidates in the voter's order of preference. Each voter's top-ranked vote would be counted first, and the candidate receiving the fewest votes would be eliminated. If a voter's first choice received the fewest votes, then that voter's second choice would be counted in the next round, and so on until two candidates remain to proceed to the general election.

Section 3. Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the King County Director of Elections in accordance with law prior to the date of such election on November 8, 2022, and any other act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance, are ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. To the extent necessary to submit this ordinance to the vote of the people pursuant to Charter Article IV, subsection 1.D: this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020. If approved by the people, this ordinance shall take full effect pursuant to Charter Article IV, subsections 1.F and 1.G.

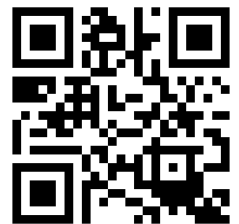


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