November 2, 2010 General and Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



For more information call 206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections



# A letter from the Director, Sherril Huff



Dear King County Voter,

We often have the pleasure of showing visitors from all over the country and other parts of the world around our Elections facility. They come here because we are the largest vote-by-mail county in the United States and they want to learn from us. We've been nationally recognized with awards for performance excellence and our modern ballot processing technology, and we're continuously pursuing new innovations. We recently hosted visitors from Taipei where ballots are still counted by hand and tabulated on big boards. It makes me reflect upon how far, with the benefit of technology, we have really come. This goes well beyond ballot processing and now is an essential part of providing good customer service. You can register to vote online. Election results get posted directly to our website each day. You can visit our website to read a customized voters pamphlet or track your ballot. We tweet, we blog, we update our Facebook page—words that didn't even exist a couple of years ago. Election officials across the country and beyond are exploring the concept of voting online, a conversation which I am a part of in our state.

Despite the amazing contributions that technology brings to the elections process, much of the ability to keep the cost of elections down and efficiency up resides literally in the hands of voters. Keeping your voter registration information up to date, using a black or dark blue pen to mark your ballot, not writing in frivolous names as an alternative to candidates, and mailing your ballot back in plenty of time are all things that help us manage costs. These may seem like smalls thing when you sit down to vote, but multiply the costs by hundreds of thousands of voters in each election and you can imagine the impacts.

As Elections Director, it is my responsibility to be a good steward of the public funds used to administer elections. By being an informed voter, you help us contain costs and become an important partner in helping government be financially responsible. You could say, it really pays to be informed!

I invite you to be an informed voter and help Elections be successful. Stay on top of all the latest elections news by any number of ways and help become part of that news by voting!

Sincerely,

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Sherril Huff Director of Elections

# **Reading the voters' pamphlet**

This pamphlet includes important information from King County Elections about how to register, vote and return your ballot.

You'll also find statements provided by candidates running for office, as well as explanatory statements and committee statements related to measures. Keep in mind that King County Elections does not write or edit these statements.

Candidate statements and measure arguments are printed exactly as submitted. King County Elections does not fact check or correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information.

Some measures and candidates in this pamphlet may not appear on your ballot. The measures and races on your ballot are those you are eligible to vote for and reflect the district where you live.

# You will receive two voters' pamphlets

King County voters will receive two voters' pamphlets for this election. In addition to this voters' pamphlet, you will receive one from the Secretary of State that includes state initiatives and measures, as well as the state offices.

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# 4 Returning your ballot

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.

# Deadlines



### Through the Mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots must be postmarked by November 2. This requires first class postage.



### **Ballot Drop Boxes**

Return your ballot at a Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 p.m. on November 2.

Note that some ballot drop box locations have changed. For exact placement of drop boxes please visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections. Please check the locations listed below for the drop box located nearest to you:

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

**Federal Way City Hall** 33325 8th Avenue South, Federal Way 98003

**Issaquah City Hall** 130 East Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

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

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

#### Redmond City Hall 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond 98052

Earlington Business Center 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

**King County Elections** *East side of building* 9010 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila 98108

### Seattle locations:

King County Administration Building 500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

**University District** Corner of NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street & University Way NE University District Farmer's Market lot

Ballard Branch Library Corner of NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street & 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW

Voting by mail is supported by new technology which has helped streamline elections and achieve measurable cost savings. Recently, we've discovered ways to expand the use of our new equipment for even greater efficiencies. As a result, some of the savings will be used to restore ballot drop boxes to a variety of locations around the county.

Ballots may also be returned at Accessible Voting Centers during business hours. Information on locations, dates and times of Accessible Voting Centers is available in this voters' pamphlet, and on the King County Elections website.

By law, ballots cannot be accepted at Ballot Drop Box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

# Damaged or lost ballots

If you damage or lose your ballot, you can still vote. Call the Voter Hotline, 206-296-VOTE (8683) to find out about options.

# **Accessible voting centers**

Voters with disabilities can cast a private and independent ballot at the following locations, dates and times. Voters may also return ballots at Accessible Voting Centers.

### **King County Elections**

9010 East Marginal Way S., Tukwila, 98108 October 13 - November 1, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Bellevue City Hall**

450 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, 98009 Monday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Seattle Union Station**

401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, 98104 Monday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# )Contact us

Please note our physical address is different than our mailing address.

- In person: 9010 East Marginal Way S. Tukwila, WA 98108
- Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683) 1-800-325-6165 TTY: Relay: 711
- E-mail: elections@kingcounty.gov
- By mail: 919 Southwest Grady Way Renton, 98057
- Online: www.kingcounty.gov/elections

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ KingCountyElections

Twitter: www.twitter.com/KCNews

# Voter information

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#### Registering to vote is easy

#### Requirements

To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day, November 2.

For more information or to register to vote online, visit the Secretary of State's website.

#### Deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. To vote in the November 2 General Election, you must register by October 4.

If you are not already registered to vote in Washington, you may register in person at the King County Elections' office by October 25.

#### How to Register

#### Online

Register online at the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.wa.gov.

#### By mail

Download the registration form online from King County Elections' website, www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

#### In person

Visit the King County Elections office weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to register in person. King County Elections is located at 9010 East Marginal Way S., Tukwila.

### **Keep Your Registration Current**

You should update your voter registration if you've moved or changed your name. Update your registration online, by mail or in person by October 4. Visit the King County Elections' website for more information on registration.

# Frequently asked questions

#### Why did I receive two voters' pamphlets?

You will receive two voters' pamphlets for this election: one from the Secretary of State and one joint pamphlet from King County and the City of Seattle.

#### How do I return my ballot?

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You can return your ballot by mail - requires first class postage and must be postmarked by Election Day. You can also return your ballot at a Ballot Drop Box or an Accessible Voting Center by Election Day. Details on locations, dates and times are listed in this pamphlet and on the King County Elections' website.

# Why do I have to sign the oath on the back of the return envelope?

To verify your identity, King County Elections staff compare the signature on your return envelope with the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign the oath or the signatures don't match, you will be contacted by King County Elections to correct the problem.

# What should I do if I am contacted by King County Elections?

You may receive a call or mail from King County Elections regarding the signature on your ballot. Respond promptly in order to make sure your ballot can be counted. Even if Election Day has passed you may still have time to correct any issues or problems.

#### Do I have to vote for every race?

No, we will count only those races that you voted and your ballot will still be processed even if you don't vote for every race.

#### How does the write-in process work?

King County Elections must report write-ins cast for each office. Frivolous write-ins, such as Bigfoot and Donald Duck, slow down the elections process and add to the cost. The write-in votes for an individual candidate are not tabulated unless the overall number within a race could affect the outcome. For example, if the number of write-ins for a race total only 1.4 percent, and another candidate earned a clear majority, we will not look at individual writeins, because they mathematically cannot affect the outcome of the race.

Voters do not need to make a selection in every race for their ballot to be counted.

#### Why are there ballot measures and races in the voters' pamphlet that are not on my ballot?

The measures and races on your ballot reflect the district where you are registered to vote. The voters' pamphlet includes several different districts and as a result, some items may appear in the pamphlet that are not on your ballot.

For more FAQs visit the King County Elections website.

# A change to your ballot envelope

Your ballot return envelope no longer has a flap that covers the voter oath and signature.

The flap, which has only been present for a few years, is no longer required by law and does not impact the privacy of your ballot packet.

Your vote still remains completely confidential.

# **Duties of offices in this election**

Title	Duties	Term	Salary
<b>King County Council</b> (elected by voters in the county council district)	<ul> <li>Sets policies and enacts laws for King County</li> <li>Develops and adopts county budget</li> <li>Oversees county services</li> <li>Reports to, represents, and serves the needs of citizens</li> </ul>	4 years	\$127,747
County Prosecuting Attorney (elected by all voters in the county)	<ul> <li>Represents the state and county in criminal matters</li> <li>Prosecutes felonies in the county and some misdemeanors</li> <li>Serves as legal counsel for county officials</li> <li>Oversees the Family Support Division, which includes establishing paternity and child support</li> <li>Reports to, represents, and serves the needs of citizens</li> </ul>	4 years	\$165,176
<b>District Court Judge</b> (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Hears and decides misdemeanor criminal cases, civil cases where damages amount to less than \$50,000, small claims, traffic cases, and requests for domestic violence protection orders	4 years	\$141,710
<b>Mayor</b> (elected by all voters in the city)	<ul> <li>Directs and controls all city offices and departments</li> <li>Ensures city laws are enforced</li> <li>Maintains peace and order in the city</li> <li>Reports to, represents, and serves the needs of citizens</li> </ul>	4 years	\$112,800 (City of Federal Way)
Seattle Municipal Court Judge (elected by all voters in the city)	Hears and decides misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, including domestic violence, DUI, traffic infractions, parking tickets and littering	4 years	\$135,634

Information on state and federal positions is listed in the state voters' pamphlet, including U.S. Senate and Representative, State Senate and Representative, Supreme Court Justice and Court of Appeal Judge.

# You must return your ballot by Election Day, Nov. 2

### Please return your ballot early.

By law, King County Elections cannot count ballots returned after the deadline.

Through the mail

Ballots sent through the mail must be postmarked no later than November 2.

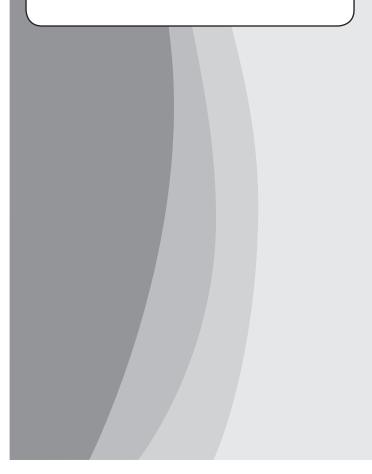
### **Ballot Drop Boxes**

Ballots returned to a Ballot Drop Box must be deposited by 8:00 p.m. on November 2.

Don't risk missing the deadline! Boxes are sealed promptly at 8:00 p.m.

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# King County Prosecuting Attorney



# Dan Satterberg

(Prefers Republican Party)

Occupation: King County Prosecuting Attorney

**Education:** J.D., University of Washington School of Law, B.A., University of Washington

**Statement:** I am excited to lead the talented women and men of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as they represent you in the courtrooms of this county. Our priority will continue to be targeting criminal behavior that threatens the safety of our families, our neighborhoods and our quality of life. In particular my deputy prosecutors will target:

\*Gang violence and the criminal use of guns \*Car thieves -- King County ranked 6th in the nation for car theft in 2005; last year we were 37th, an amazing reduction in this crime that makes us all safer; \* Burglars who prey on your home and property and put us all at risk;

I will also expand our work with youth, to keep them in school and out of trouble with the law.

Our ultimate success cannot simply be measured by the number of convictions we obtain, but rather by our ability to cause long-term reductions in crime.

In these uncertain times, you can count on the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to continue to bring a professional approach to our justice system. We are tough and fair, protecting the rights of victims and upholding the Constitutional protections guaranteed to defendants. We are working every day in partnership with police throughout our great county to keep you and your family safe.

It has been my privilege to be your elected Prosecuting Attorney since 2007, and a member of this office for more than 25 years. Thank you for your vote of confidence. We will work hard each day to be the prosecutor's office this county deserves.

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# Metropolitan King County Council District No. 8



## Joe McDermott

Occupation: State Senator

**Education:** M.P.A., University of Washington; B.A., Gonzaga University; Executive Education Program, Kennedy School, Harvard University

**Statement:** King County faces challenges that require effective problem solving and innovative leadership. In the Legislature, Joe McDermott has delivered for transit and transportation priorities, environmental protection, human services and public safety – the very areas where King County provides critical local service.

#### A respected Democratic State Senator and lifelong area resident, Joe McDermott is the kind of leader we need guiding King County. Joe shares our priorities and commitment to government efficiency and reform:

**PRIORITIZE SERVICES:** Joe will make sure the County funds basic services like law enforcement and courts, preserving human services, and smart Metro and transportation planning.

**PLAN FOR THE FUTURE:** From protecting Maury Island and Puget Sound to preserving farms and open space, King County needs proven champions like Joe committed to our quality of life.

**EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES:** Joe fought for reform in governance and financing of the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, which is expected to create some 3,000 construction jobs. He will bring this leadership to the Council.

**ENDORSEMENTS:** King County Executive Dow Constantine; County Councilmembers Larry Gossett, Bob Ferguson, and Julia Patterson; 11th, 34th, 37th, and 43rd Legislative District Democrats; M.L. King County Labor Council; NARAL Pro-Choice Washington; Seattle City Councilmembers Tim Burgess, Sally Bagshaw, and Richard Conlin; Burien City Councilmember Kathy Keene, Tukwila City Councilmember Verna Seal, State Senators Margarita Prentice, Karen Keiser, Adam Kline, and Ed Murray; State Representatives Eileen Cody, Sharon Nelson, Bob Hasegawa, Tina Orwall, Dave Upthegrove, Sharon Tomiko Santos, Eric Pettigrew, Jamie Pedersen, and Speaker Frank Chopp.

#### **Contact Information:**

PO Box 16254 Seattle, WA 98116 206-937-4184 www.JoeMcDermott.org



### Diana Toledo

**Occupation:** King County Enforcement Coordinator, Animal Cruelty Investigator and Licensing Supervisor.

**Education:** University of Washington Bachelors of Arts Degree; Business Administration - Finance Concentration.

**Statement:** My parents taught me about responsibility early in life; born in the Philippines my father earned his citizenship serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict; my mother taught me about community service by starting a neighborhood food-bank to help those struggling during Seattle's economic crisis of the 1970s.

Along with my wonderful husband, I am working hard to teach our three daughters the importance of family, community, and social responsibility.

For 15 years I have served King County building a reputation of integrity and professionalism by working with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to implement reform, stop animal abuse, and develop responsible licensing policy such as the *wheelchair accessible taxicab program*. As a whistleblower I demonstrated the courage necessary to stand for real reform.

Our County needs leaders who are responsive and effective.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** I am demanding greater accountability and efficiency in County government. Government must listen to voters and live within its budget. We must target political slush-funds, redirecting that money to working programs.

**Local Businesses/Jobs:** I will push for laws that encourage job creation, growth, and retention. I will reduce bureaucratic red-tape and eliminate barriers that limit local business's chances for success.

**Safe Streets:** I will focus on youth advocacy programs that will reduce crime and make our streets safer; such as outreach, mentoring, and education. Also, I will fight against budget cuts aimed at Police, Fire, and Emergency Services.

Proudly endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, Independents and other prominent community leaders including Advocates for Animal Welfare, Clean Energy, Youth Development, and Senior Services. For a full list of endorsements, please visit www.VoteToledo.com.

King County faces the worst budget crisis since the depression. We need positive change! If you're tired of politics and want responsible reform, let your voice be heard; vote for Diana Toledo. Thank you!

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# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 1



## Janet E. Garrow

Occupation: Judge

**Education:** BA Marquette University, MS Purdue University, JD University of Puget Sound

**Statement:** Judge Janet Garrow has served as an elected King County District Court judge since 1999. District Court is the court used by most people in our community and what happens there affects everyone. The volume of cases in District Court has grown substantially. During the past year nearly a quarter of a million cases involving DUI, domestic violence, theft, small claims, civil and infractions were filed. The District Court assists approximately 50,000 people via telephone and in person each month. As a member of the District Court's Executive Committee, Judge Garrow works to develop innovative ways to provide access to justice during these difficult economic times.

During the past eleven years Judge Garrow has served in many judicial leadership positions at the local and state level. Currently she serves as the Presiding Judge of the Northeast Division, Chair of the state District and Municipal Court Judges Association Rules Committee, and as a member of the Judicial Assistance Committee. As Dean of the Washington judicial college she trained new judges in our state.

Prior to becoming a judge she practiced law for over 17 years in criminal and civil litigation in the private and public sectors. She received her BA from Marquette University, MS from Purdue University, and JD from the University of Puget Sound. She resides in Bellevue with her family.

Judge Garrow is honored to serve as your judge and will continue to work hard to ensure that everyone is treated respectfully and fairly. She is passionate about the work of District Court and asks for your continuing support.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 2



# Frank V. LaSalata

**Occupation:** King County District Court Judge

Education: Bachelor of Science (WSU); Master of Science (WSU); Juris Doctor (UPS now Seattle U)

**Statement: Frank V. LaSalata has served the citizens of King County** as a judicial officer for more than a decade earning a reputation as an honest, fair, and impartial judge.

Frank received exceptionally high marks in the recent King County Bar Association's 2010 judicial performance survey.

**Frank's integrity is respected** by his peers and by the citizens who appear in his court.

**Frank works hard to maintain the quality of Washington State's judicial branch** by devoting his personal time to serve with other judges from around the state on numerous judicial boards and committees including the Washington State Board of Judicial Administration's Trial Court Operations Funding committee; the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judge's Association (DMCJA) legislative committee; and the DMCJA Board of Governors -- a position Frank was privileged to be elected to by the majority of his fellow Washington State DMCJA judges in 2009.

**Frank contributes to his community** by serving as a volunteer for Kid's Court a nationally acclaimed program that assists child victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

**Frank is a graduate** of Washington State University and the University of Puget Sound – now Seattle University – School of Law. He is the proud father of three sons and eight grandchildren.

**Re-Elect Frank V. LaSalata**, so that he can continue to serve the citizens of King County in an honest, fair and impartial manner.

#### **Contact Information:**

425-495-4611 JudgeLaSalata@earthlink.net

# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 3



### Linda Jacke

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** Linda Jacke is a King County District Court judge and she has over thirty years of experience in the criminal justice system. She was appointed to the district court judicial position by the King County Council in 1992 and she has served in the Bellevue, Mercer Island, Redmond and Issaquah courts and as a judge *pro tem* in King County Juvenile Court. Before her appointment to the bench she served as a Senior King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, prosecuting felonies in King County Superior Court. For over two of those years she specialized in the prosecution of domestic violence and crimes against children cases. During her tenure of office Judge Jacke has served on numerous committees within the court system and she is a past recipient of the Washington Women Lawyers' "Special Contribution to the Judiciary" award. Her volunteer activities have included adult literacy education and the Seattle-King County Humane Society.

Judge Jacke is honored to once again serve as your judge in the Northeast Division of the King County District Court.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 4



## Peter L. Nault

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** Thank-you for allowing me to serve as your judge for the past sixteen years. I look forward to continuing to provide what you expect of any judge: integrity, fair-mindedness, independence and justice. I have always felt you are entitled to full access to the courts, unburdened by administrative bureaucracy. I can assure you that your concerns will be heard promptly, leading to complete and fair resolutions. You may be confident that your civil liberties will be protected, your right of representation will be honored, and that you are afforded complete due process. I promise all who come before me will be treated with impartiality, dignity and respect.

**Experience Counts**: Law School - Gonzaga 1979; Business Degree - UW; Deputy Prosecutor; Private Attorney in Redmond/ Bellevue; Administrative Judge: Bothell, Duvall, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond; Washington Trial Lawyers District Court Judge of the Year-2000; US Navy / Vietnam Service; Lifetime Member Veterans of Foreign Wars; Member United States Navy League; Sixteen years as Trustee-East King County Bar Association; Married forty years, two children, five grandchildren. Thirty years as a resident of your Eastside Community.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

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# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 5

# Election results

Ballot counting begins on Election Day, November 2.

Initial results are released on the King County Elections' website at 8:15 p.m. that night and will continue to be reported until all eligible ballots have been counted and the election is certified November 23.





# David A. Steiner

**Occupation:** King County District Court Judge, Northeast Division

**Education:** JD, University of Puget Sound School of Law; BA, University of Washington

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve as a King County District Court (KCDC) judge since 1996. In that time I have worked to improve as a judge and to improve the District Court. I have taught other judges at state and national conferences on topics ranging from civil procedure to domestic violence. I am most proud, however, of my role in the creation of the KCDC Domestic Violence Court while I was serving as the KCDC Presiding Judge. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of King County for another four years.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 6



### John L. O'Brien

Occupation: Managing Partner, O'Brien, Barton, Joe & Hopkins, Issaguah Law Firm

Education: Seattle Prep High School -Gonzaga University - Seattle University Law School Juris Doctor, 1981

Statement: John O'Brien brings balanced, independent judgment to the King County District Court bench. As a trial attorney, he has represented individuals and families for 29 years. John O'Brien has served as prosecuting attorney for the cities of Medina, Hunts Point, Duvall and Carnation. His judicial experience includes 15 years as District Court Judge Pro Tempore, 23 years as King County Superior Court Arbitrator, and Hearing Examiner for the Eastside Narcotics Task Force, adjudicating the right of the government to seize assets used in the commission of drug crimes.

John O'Brien's outstanding record of community leadership includes past president and 22 year member of Rotary, Chamber of Commerce Director, Issaquah Grange President, a dependable volunteer for Issaguah Salmon Days and co-founder of the Lake Sammamish community festival, Tastin' N Racin'.

O'Brien endorses the philosophy that the District Court upholds the current law. It holds individuals accountable for their actions. He has seen the glow of pride in a defendant who has successfully completed a probationary counseling program, but has also sentenced defendants to maximum confinement for failed efforts at personal reform.

John and his wife, Mary, reside in Sammamish. They have raised three children, Sean, Michael and Jamie.

John O'Brien will bring leadership, intelligence, integrity and impartiality to the District court.

Endorsements: Judges Peter Nault and Frank LaSalata, King County District Court: State Representatives Jay Rodne and Glenn Anderson, Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger, Issaquah City Council Members Eileen Barber and Fred Butler, Nancy Whitten, Sammamish City Council; Jeff MacNichols, Snoqualmie City Council, Janet Barry, former Issaguah School Superintendent; David Irons, Jr., Connie Fletcher, former President, Issaquah School Board; Bob Ittes, Past Chair Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, Dean Rebhuen, Past Chair Bellevue Chamber of Commerce; Skip Rowley, Jack Barry, Sammamish, Mary Pigott, Sammamish, Brian Thomas, former State Representative, Commander Chris Felstad (ret).

#### **Contact Information:**

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## Michael Finkle

**Occupation:** Judge, King County District Court

University (1978); JD: UCLA School of Law (1981); MBA: Seattle University (1995)

Statement: Judge Michael Finkle was appointed District Court Judge by unanimous vote of the King County Council. He has received the highest rating, "Exceptionally Well Qualified," from all six bar associations that evaluate judges and judicial candidates. His endorsers include: the Martin Luther King County Labor Council, the King County Police Officers Guild, and dozens of judges and other public officials.

During the 20 years preceding his appointment, Judge Finkle served as a supervising attorney in the Criminal Division of the Seattle City Attorney's Office. From 1998 until his appointment, he also served as a Judge Pro Tem (substitute judge) in King County District Court and numerous Municipal Courts.

Judge Finkle has a proven record of helping to improve the criminal justice system. He helped form Seattle Municipal Mental Health Court, the fourth such court in the country. He also helped create the Domestic Violence Unit within the Seattle City Attorney's Office.

Judge Finkle is highly respected for his legal expertise. The National Judicial College has asked him to work with other experts around the country to develop a national model for handling mental health matters in criminal courts. Judge Finkle has published numerous scholarly legal articles, and he has given over 80 solo and panel presentations in the United States and Canada.

Judge Finkle has served as an Adjunct Professor at Seattle University School of Law since 1998, teaching courses in Trial Techniques and in Law, Policy & Mental Health. He was one of the initial faculty members for the State Bar's Trial Advocacy Program, and developed the original curriculum for the program's first 10 vears. The State Bar presented him with a special recognition award for his work.

A past president of the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, Judge Finkle recently received that organization's lifetime achievement award.

#### **Contact Information:**

425-516-8184 www.retainjudgefinkle.com

Education: BBA: Loyola Marymount

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# Northeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 7



# Donna Tucker

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem King County District, Municipal Courts

Education: Graduated Seattle Pacific University, B.A. cum laude; Seattle University School of Law, J.D. cum laude

#### Statement: JUDICIAL/LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Known for her fairness, knowledge of the law and even-tempered respect for all parties, Donna has earned the highest rating of Exceptionally Well Qualified from the King County, Latino/a and GLBT Bar Associations.

Donna offers 25 years of public service in the courtroom handling criminal and civil cases. She brings 10 years experience as a judge pro tem in the municipal and district courts of King County; having handled the full range of civil and criminal cases filed in District Court.

#### COMMUNITY

Donna has been a resident of east King County for 42 years, a business owner for 17 years providing public defense services in Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaguah, Woodinville and Bothell. She has lived in Newcastle for the past 14 years with her family. Active in the community, she has been a volunteer: Senior Services Victim Advocate Program helping seniors who have been the victim of crime; youth and adult softball coach; fundraiser for the American Lung Association.

#### **RESPECTED BY HER PEERS**

"She has a genuine respect for the rule of law and the consequent necessity of treating all individuals and all matters before the court with attentiveness and dignity" .- Janet Watson, Attorney

"She presents not only as an authority figure worthy of respect, but also a quality human being who listens carefully and cares about doing the right thing."- William Bailey, Attorney

"(H)er ability to be impartial and fair when faced with tough circumstances make her an ideal judge." Jessica Riley, Attorney

"She is extraordinarily well-equipped by experience and temperament for this position" Gene Piculell, Attorney

#### WIDELY SUPPORTED

Endorsed by Court of Appeals, Municipal, District, and Superior Court judges; Legislators and City Council Members; Court Administrators and Clerks, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, and law enforcement officers. Donna Tucker will be a superb judge. Visit www.DonnaTuckerForJudge.com!

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www.DonnaTuckerforJudge.com

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# Larry Mitchell

Occupation: Prosecuting Attorney, City of Redmond, WA

Education: Georgia Tech, BS Industrial Mgmt; John Marshall Law School, Juris Doctor

Statement: Larry Mitchell has the Legal Experience to be District Court Judge. Mr. Mitchell has sixteen years of courtroom experience prosecuting criminal cases, traffic infractions, drug forfeitures, and civil code violations.

The King County Bar Association and Washington Women Lawyers rate Larry Mitchell as "Exceptionally Well Qualified." Since 1994 he has worked as Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Redmond and has prosecuted thousands of criminal cases and traffic infractions in King County District Court. He has conducted hundreds of trials and argued many appeals in higher courts including three cases before the Washington Supreme Court.

He is widely respected in the legal community and is known for his integrity, fairness, sound judgment, and sense of justice. Mr. Mitchell offers voters proven courtroom experience and extensive knowledge of the law. As a judge he will treat people fairly, conduct courtroom proceedings in a manner that is respectful to all, and make decisions that respect individual rights and protect the community.

His long public service has made him thoroughly familiar with the kinds of cases heard in District Court. As a prosecutor Mr. Mitchell has worked diligently to make our community a safe place to live by holding offenders accountable, giving those individuals who can rehabilitate themselves the opportunity to do so, and making sure that convicted persons who are threats to public safety are removed from the streets. For fifteen years he has served as a volunteer lawyer for the Eastside Legal Assistance Program providing legal assistance to economically disadvantaged persons. Larry and his wife are nineteen-year residents of Redmond, WA.

ENDORSED BY • Redmond Police Association • Judge Rebecca Robertson • Jane Hague, King County Councilmember • Reagan Dunn, King County Councilmember • John Marchione, Mayor, City of Redmond. WA

#### PLEASE VOTE FOR LARRY MITCHELL, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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# Shoreline Electoral District Judge Position No. 1



# Douglas J. Smith

**Occupation:** King County District Court Judge Shoreline District 20 years

**Education:** B.A. Accounting, Seattle University, 1969 J.D. University of San Francisco, 1973

**Statement:** District courts are the "people's court," handling civil disputes up to \$50,000.00, small claims, misdemeanor crimes, and traffic infractions. Judges also hear protection orders and preside over jury trials.

Judge Douglas J. Smith, who also served for eight years as municipal judge for Lake Forest Park, has always been rated among the top seven judges in overall performance among the twenty-plus King County District Court Judges. He believes that the outstanding administrative and clerical staff have contributed to Shoreline Court's excellent reputation.

Judge Smith continues his public service commitments, including seventeen years on the Board of the Dale Turner YMCA.

The late Shoreline Judge Robert A. Wacker's judicial philosophy was to always "seek to better serve the needs of the community while still protecting the rights of the individual." Judge Smith has tried to follow that advice ever since. Married to Judy for 40 years. 4 sons, 12 grandchildren.

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# Shoreline Electoral District Judge Position No. 2



## Marcine Anderson

**Occupation:** Judge - King County District Court, Shoreline Division

**Education:** University of Oregon (BA); Suffolk University Law School (JD)

**Statement: JUDGE MARCINE ANDERSON** serves with Judge Douglas Smith on the Shoreline District Court covering Kenmore, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline.

A graduate of the University of Oregon and Suffolk University Law School, Marcine prosecuted criminal cases in district courts. She served as a pro-tem judge for 12 years. Before her unanimous district court appointment by the King County Council, she was a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and worked for 15 years with King County Prosecuting Attorneys Norm Maleng and Dan Satterberg.

Marcine was the first Asian American woman Governor of the Washington State Bar Association. Rated **EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED** by Washington Woman Lawyers and other bar associations, she's active in our community for education, the homeless and social service organizations.

Judge Anderson is endorsed by former US Attorneys John and Mike McKay, Congressman Jay Inslee, Councilmember Bob Ferguson, local legislators, officials and judges, Judy Maleng and the 32nd District Democrats.

#### **Contact Information:**

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# Dennis J. McCurdy

**Occupation:** Senior Deputy King County Prosecutor, Criminal Division

**Education:** UW and UPS graduate, cum laude with distinctions

#### Statement: Unparalleled Experience and Integrity

After 17 years under the leadership of **Norm Maleng** and **Dan Satterberg**, as a **Deputy King County Prosecutor** trying cases against incredibly violent felons, I will bring my vast experience to the bench as your next District Court Judge. I have prosecuted **over 200 felony criminal jury trials**, **countless misdemeanors**, **200 Court of Appeals cases**, more than a dozen cases in the **Washington State Supreme Court** and I am a member of the **United States Supreme Court Bar**. I am the only candidate who possesses this level of courtroom experience and legal knowledge.

Founding member of King County Prosecutor's Office **Domestic Violence Unit.** I helped write and enact one of the **nation's first felony strangulation laws** and **domestic violence laws addressing repeat offenders**.

A lifelong resident, public servant, and dedicated member of our community. See web site for endorsements. Justice is served by experience, not politics.

#### **Contact Information:**

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 1

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Charles J. Delaurenti, II

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** I am a candidate for election to the King County District Court Southeast Electoral District. I am a graduate of Renton High School, Hold a degree from Seattle University and Doctor of Laws degree from Gonzaga University (1969). My wife, Jeanette and I live in the Lake Desire area of King County. We have three Grandchildren. I am active in the Renton and South King County Community. I have served on the District Court bench since 1982 and have been consistently rated in the top 5% of judges by police and lawyers. I am committed to providing a fair but firm application of the laws to all who appear before me. I believe access to the court should be available to all who need it. I have been active in judicial education serving as past Chair of the state Board for Trial Court Education and as Education Chair for the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association for over twelve years. Thank you for your vote and continued support.

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 2



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### Darrell E. Phillipson

**Occupation:** Judge, King County District Court, 27 years

**Education:** University of California, Berkeley, JD; Eastern Washington University, BA with Honors

**Statement:** It has been my privilege and honor to serve as a King County District Court Judge for the last 27 years.

I have dedicated my career to providing justice to the citizens of King County. I have served in every capacity, presiding over criminal and civil cases, and juvenile and dependency hearings. For several years now, I have had the challenge of presiding over domestic violence cases, which often require difficult decisions that significantly impact children and families.

I believe strongly in personal responsibility for one's actions. Sometimes that requires tough sentencing when appropriate; equally important are treatment and counseling when it is likely to succeed. My highest reward for serving as a judge is receiving thanks from defendants and their families for helping them become clean, sober and free from the justice system.

In my many years on the bench, I have served as the Presiding Judge in King County as well as in many other leadership positions. I frequently lecture and teach classes to other judges, universities, law schools, the press and public. In every judicial evaluation I have been rated highly, with an excellent record of decisions.

Over the years, I helped bring innovative changes to the courts that increased efficiency and reduced costs. That experience is particularly important during this time of severe budget cuts to our criminal justice system. I want to continue the work to improve our courts, which will require the best efforts of experienced and competent judges.

It would be my privilege to continue to serve King County, and you, for the next four years. I ask for your continued vote of support.

#### RE-ELECT DARRELL PHILLIPSON FOR KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

For more information, visit www.DarrellPhillipson.com

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### **David Meyer**

**Occupation:** Defense Attorney at Northwest Defenders Association

**Education:** O'Dea High School, University of Washington, Seattle University

**Statement:** As a District Court Judge, I will respectfully listen to all people who appear before me and decide every case impartially. I'll jealously guard your rights and protections. But, judges and the courts are also about holding people accountable. Public safety in the face of domestic violence or alcohol and drugs on our roadways remains a primary concern for me and I pledge to hold all accountable who put us at risk.

As an attorney, it has been my privilege to serve ordinary people for over 25 years in a broad range of legal situations including family law, real estate, personal injury, bankruptcy and criminal matters. Helping people understand, negotiate and survive the legal system has been my life's work. I have represented 1000's of clients in criminal cases from misdemeanors to murders. I have appeared in King County Courts and Federal Court in more than 100 trials. I have presided over cases as a pro tem judge in Superior and District Court and served as an King County arbitrator for years.

I am proud of and respected for my *fairness, integrity, knowledge, experience* and *patience*.

The King County Bar and other associations have rated me <u>"Well</u> <u>Qualified</u>". I am endorsed by the **SEIU**, by judges and attorneys.

Growing up in South King County and living with my wife in Renton, I have seen my community change and grow. My concern for the challenges facing our community extends to working with the Lawyer's Campaign for Hunger Relief and The Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

During these challenging times, citizens have a right to expect their public servants to work harder and more efficiently than ever. We can do better. I will strive to be the most hard working and conscientious judge on the bench.

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 3

Nathaniel B. Green, Jr.



Occupation: Attorney

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** My home town is Tacoma, but I have been a Kent resident for 19 years. I have been married to Debbie for 24 years; we have two kids, one in college. Education: Mount Tahoma High School (Class of 1974); United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD (Class of 1979, BS in Operations Analysis); Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii (Class of 1987, MBA); University of Washington School of Law (Class of 1990, JD). I served as an Officer in the US Navy for 8 years, one month and one day. During my last 2 years in the Navy I earned my MBA while going to school at night. I have been practicing law since passing the bar in 1990. I have been honored to serve as a King County District Court Judge (pro tem), and as an Adjunct Professor at DeVry University's Keller School of Graduate Management. I would also be honored to receive your vote. Thanks.

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 4



## Corinna Harn

Occupation: District Court Judge

**Education:** 1984 - J.D., Seattle University (formerly UPS) School of Law, 1980 - B.A., Whitman College

Statement: Judge Corinna Harn is the highest rated woman judge in King County District Court according to the King County Bar Association's recent survey of lawyers who have appeared before her. She was unanimously elected by her judicial peers for two terms as Presiding Judge over all divisions of the district court system and is currently serving her second term as South Division Presiding Judge. Judge Harn continually strives to enhance the public's confidence in the judiciary. She is experienced, dedicated, reasonable and fair. Her courtroom is run efficiently and impartially - and always with compassion. Every person who appears before her is treated with dignity and respect. Judge Harn was honored with the Washington State Court Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA") Association's prestigious David Soukup Award for her efforts to protect abused and neglected children. When she is not on the bench or performing her other administrative and judicial duties, Judge Harn is a charter member and volunteer with The Soup Ladies - a charitable organization that provides hot meals to first responder emergency personnel, including firefighters, police, and search and rescue, in King and Pierce Counties and across the country. Your vote for Judge Harn insures ongoing excellence in the iudiciary.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 5





### Richard W. Bathum

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement**: I reside with my wife Penny and two sons Willis and Jon Roy on our cattle ranch near Enumclaw. I am a graduate of EHS, WWU (honors), and UPS-Law. For twenty years I practiced law in Enumclaw, was Judge of Buckley for 15 years and am currently finishing my tenth year on the bench at KCDC.

I am the founder of the Mount Peak Protectors, Friends of the Mather Memorial Parkway, and Your Enumclaw Area Stadium. I have also served on numerous other boards and organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Enumclaw Community Hospital.

I am currently Assistant Presiding Judge of King County District Court. I have also served on the Board of Directors of the State Judges Association (DMCJA 2004-2007), the judicial education committee (2000-2008), and chairman of the state judges retirement committee.

I am a specially trained domestic violence judge, and have attended many seminars (some as an instructor) throughout the United States. I am looking forward to serving the public as your King County District Judge and will strive to achieve justice for all.

#### **Contact Information:**

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# Southeast Electoral District Judge Position No. 6



## Matt Williams

**Occupation:** Attorney, 27 years • Pro-Tem Judge • Arbitrator • National Institute Trial Advocacy

**Education:** University of Nebraska, B.S. (Economics). University of Nebraska College of Law.

**Statement: Other Experience**: Arbitrator, King/Pierce County Superior Courts • Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law • Managing Attorney and Product Director, Safeco • Assistant Seattle City Attorney, Seattle • Enforcement Prosecuting Attorney, FAA • Assistant Attorney General, Washington State • Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Department of Justice.

**Matt Williams** has established himself as a jurist with a passion for service and justice who protects the rights of victims. As a highly respected Pro-Tem Judge and Arbitratior, he holds offenders accountable for their actions. He is the only candidate with a balance of prosecutorial, defense, civil, and judicial experience.

Matt is a nationally recognized expert in criminal and civil litigation. He has earned the endorsement of **judges**, **lawyers**, **and citizen groups** because of his courtroom experience, integrity, and his strong belief that the District Court is about *real people* with *real issues* who deserve *real solutions*.

Matt has trained over 1,000 prosecutors and attorneys, and serves as an instructor of police officers at the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission and the Washington State Patrol Academy.

The US Department of Justice entrusts him to lead training for judges, prosecutors, and attorneys in other countries that are building better court systems. Matt is sought by prosecutors and law firms around the country to teach their lawyers effective and efficient courtroom procedures.

In these economic times, where our District Court must do more with less, he is the candidate with the experience we need.

Matt and his wife Dr. Patty Read-Williams, married for 29 years, live in Auburn. Their daughters graduated from Auburn High. One is a high school math teacher and the other is in college studying genetics.

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# David Tracy

**Occupation:** Attorney in Renton since 1979 and Pro Tem Judge

Education: BA Washington State University, Law Degree University of Idaho

Statement: The people deserve a judge that has experience, understands the community, and gives people that appear before him an opportunity to be heard. David Tracy would be that judge.

**JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY:** David Tracy's judicial philosophy is that everyone who comes before the court deserves to be treated respectfully. The courts belong to the people and as such Judges should help them understand the court process, their individual rights and the judgments and decisions a court makes.

David Tracy is experienced. He has heard thousands of cases.

Pro Tem Judge for 30 years including Renton, Kent, Auburn and the King County District Court 

Magistrate for the District Court for 3 years
Certificate of Judicial Development from the National Judicial College
Dean of the State Judicial College
Instructor for Judicial Education
Previous President of the South King County Bar Association

#### David Tracy understands and serves the community.

**SUPPORTERS:** David Tracy supporters include Judge Charles Delaurenti II, Judge Robert McBeth (retired), Judge Patrick Burns, former Kent Chief of Police Ed Crawford and many other Judges, former prosecutors, attorneys, democrats, republicans, independents and other concerned citizens.

# THANK YOU FOR VOTING FOR DAVID TRACY, WHO IS EXPERIENCED, RESPECTFUL AND FAIR.

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# Southwest Electoral District Judge Position No. 1

# David M. Christie

**Occupation:** Judge, King County District Court, S.W. Division, Position 1

**Education:** Seattle University (formerly U.P.S.) Law School; University of Washington; Highline High School.

**Statement:** I've been privileged to serve the past eight years as a Judge in your District Court. This experience along with feedback I've received from lawyers and citizens who have served as jurors and appeared as litigants have enhanced my ability to better serve you in the future.

I know that taxpayers' money must be efficiently used in this difficult economy. To do this, I frequently re-evaluate how to respond cost effectively to the needs and expectations of Court users without sacrificing the quality of justice delivered.

I support the Court mission to provide an accessible forum for fair, efficient, and understandable resolution of civil and criminal cases while maintaining an atmosphere of respect for the dignity of all individuals.

I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to continue serving as your Judge. Thank you for taking the time to read this statement and for voting in this election.

Respectfully, David M. Christie

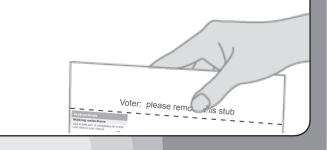
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# Southwest Electoral District Judge Position No. 2



### Susan Mahoney

Occupation: Assistant City Attorney, City of Des Moines

Education: B.A. University of Washington and J.D. Seattle University School of Law

**Statement:** The King County Bar Association rates Susan Mahoney *Exceptionally Well Qualified* for the District Court bench -- its **HIGHEST** rating. Mahoney offers **proven courtroom experience** having handled thousands of cases in her career as a Judge Pro Tem, King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, municipal prosecutor, and attorney in private practice.

Her opponent recently received the LOWEST performance rating of all District Court judges in King County and has been sanctioned twice by the Judicial Conduct Commission for treating courtroom participants in a rude and humiliating manner.

In contrast, Susan Mahoney has earned a reputation as being tough but fair-minded with solid **integrity** and focused on reaching a just result -- **treating everyone with graciousness, patience and respect** in the process.

#### Susan Mahoney is the change we need and deserve.

**ENDORSED BY:** King County Police Officers Guild; Citizens for Judicial Excellence; King County Councilmember Julia Patterson; State Senator Karen Keiser; State Representatives Sharon Nelson and Dave Upthegrove; Des Moines Mayor Sheckler and Councilmembers Scott, Sherman, Musser, and White (former); Milton Mayor Katrina Asay; Federal Way Councilmember Jim Ferrell; Des Moines Police Commander John O'Leary; Milton Police Chief William Rhoads; local judges, prosecutors, attorneys and victim advocates. See complete list at <u>www.mahoneyforjudge.com</u>.

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# Judith R. Eiler

Occupation: Judge

**Education:** BA communications and education, MA communications, JD

**Statement**: **JUDGE EILER** is a tough, no nonsense judge. When JUDGE EILER sentences a convicted criminal she requires accountability for their actions.

**JUDGE EILER** served as Chief Civil Judge in all three civil District Courts. Currently, she hears civil cases and heads the Ex Parte Department pilot project that has reduced the turn around time from 4-6 months to a consistent 48 hours for these matters.

**JUDGE EILER** is endorsed by over 50 judges from the Superior, District and Municipal courts. She has served as your District Court Judge for 18 years.

#### JUDGE EILER is experienced, effective and fair.

JUDGE EILER served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the South King County Bar Association. In 1999 the Governor appointed her to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission as its Judicial Commissioner. The American Bar Association and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration named JUDGE EILER their Judicial Outreach Liaison for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. JUDGE EILER is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Federal Way. She's served as an adjunct professor of Law at Seattle University.

**JUDGE EILER** has not solicited political party endorsements and does not accept PAC money.

#### **RE-ELECT THE EXPERIENCED JUDGE.**

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# Southwest Electoral District Judge Position No. 3



Vicki M. Seitz

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** For 20 years I have been privileged to be a judge for Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Seatac, Federal Way and Southwest King County. I have met some of you as jurors or litigants on traffic tickets, small claim cases, protection orders, name changes, or sworn you in as a city council or school board member, or even performed your wedding. In each judicial role, I have always been mindful that I serve you, and have tried to do so with respect, accountability and fairness to everyone.

I thank you for your support and confidence in those past years, and I ask for your vote to re-elect me as District Court Judge for another four years.

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# Southwest Electoral District Judge Position No. 4



### D. Mark Eide

**Occupation:** Judge, King County District Court

Education: 1979 UW, BA 1982 Willamette University College of Law, JD

**Statement:** I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of King County for selecting me to serve on the District Court Bench. Although I do not have an opponent in this election, I believe it is necessary for the voters to hear from their elected officials.

I am a graduate of the University of Washington, 1979, and was awarded my law degree from Willamette University College of Law in 1982.

My wife and I are life-long residents of King County. I was in private practice for two decades in Federal Way until elected to the District Court in 2002. I strive to treat each person who appears in court with fairness and respect. It has been my great pleasure and a true honor and privilege to serve as a judge.

I would very much appreciate your vote in November.

Sincerely, D. Mark Eide.

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# Southwest Electoral District Judge Position No. 5



Elizabeth D. Stephenson

Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** During the last two terms, 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 as well as all individuals who have appeared before her. She is faithful to the law as written and faithfully applies the law to the facts of each particular case.

Judge Stephenson is committed to impartial 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. Everyone who appears before her is treated with dignity and with respect.

Judge Stephenson is currently a member of the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judicial Association (DMCJA) Rules Committee, Washington State DMCJA DOL Department of Licensing (DOL) Liaison Committee and the KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT Probation Committee. She is also very active in her community.

RE-ELECT Judge Elizabeth D. Stephenson.

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# West Electoral District Judge Position No. 1



### Barbara Linde

**Occupation:** Chief Presiding Judge, King County District Court

**Education:** Juris Doctor, Seattle University Law School 1980; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington 1977

**Statement:** Barbara Linde was first elected to the position of judge in 1994. Since that time she has presided over hundreds of civil and criminal cases in the King County Courthouse in Seattle. In the Fall of 2006 Judge Linde was elected by her fellow judges to lead the District Court as the Chief Presiding Judge. Re-elected in 2008, she has served in this leadership role for 4 years.

Judge Linde has committed her time and energy to improving the court and making it more accessible and accountable to the community. Over ten years ago Judge Linde joined with others to establish the second therapeutic Mental Health Court in the nation, serving the most vulnerable offenders with mental illness. She now serves as Co-Chair of the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee, and is currently working to help expand Mental Health Court services throughout the County.

Judge Linde cares deeply about the public's confidence in its justice system. Recently, she has Chaired both the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee, and the Trial Court Coordinating Council. These are groups of judges, court professionals, and elected leaders from multiple jurisdictions, working to improve the justice system to better serve the community and better utilize scarce taxpayer resources.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has appointed Judge Linde to efforts aimed at improving the justice system:

- Commission on Justice, Efficiency and Accountability: Core Mission Subcommittee
- Washington Commission for Jury Reform: major improvements for jurors, including the right to take notes and in civil trials ask written questions.
- Bench-Bar-Press Committee: Judicial liaison to the Washington Coalition for Open Government.

Judge Linde was born, raised, and educated in Seattle. Active in their community, Judge Linde and husband Greg Canova, are raising two sons and attending lots of youth soccer games.

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# West Electoral District Judge Position No. 2

Mark C. Chow



Occupation: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

**Statement:** It has been my honor to serve as your Seattle District Court Judge for the past twenty years. I look forward to continue that public service for another term.

During my tenure as a Judge, I have pioneered the King County Mental Health Court. This dynamic voluntary Court is one of the leading such Courts in the United States. As an alternative to "sitting in Jail" the Court's goal is:

- 1. Community Safety
- 2. Service System Integration
- 3. Reduction of Criminalization of the Mentally III.

The Court has been successful and dramatically reduced recidivism. Through efficiency, while maintaining therapeutic aspects, the caseload handled by Mental Health Court has more than doubled since its inception.

Activities Outside the Courtroom:

Five years State Judicial Education Committee Two terms Seattle Division Presiding Judge Five years Mental Health Court Presiding Judge

#### Participant:

Domestic Violence Summit Regional Education Program Juvenile Justice Roundtable Trail Court Coordination Council

#### Presenter/Speaker:

State Judicial College Dispute Resolution Training Workshops State Judicial Conferences Franklin High School Law Program

Community Activities:

Urban 4-H Club of America Senior Citizen Annual Dinner Coach for Inner-City School

# I will continue to be Open, Fair and Hardworking. Thank you for your Confidence, Support and Vote.

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# West Electoral District Judge Position No. 3



### Art Chapman

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

**Education:** J.D. Cum Laude 1983; B.A. 1980; B.A 1975

**Statement:** Judge Art Chapman has served the citizens of King County for the last ten years. He was first appointed to the Seattle Municipal Court in 2000, then elected to the King County District Court in 2002, and re-elected in 2006. Fellow judges elected Judge Chapman recently to be the Presiding Judge of the West Division of the King County District Court. In that position, he also serves on the court's Executive Committee. Previously, Judge Chapman served for five years as the Mental Health Court judge, and is devoted to the therapeutic courts. He also believes in alternatives to incarceration, for appropriate offenders and in the right circumstances, that discourage recidivism and reduce the burden on our jails.

Judge Chapman works diligently for the effective and efficient administration of the court's case load, and to ensure the court is appropriately funded and supported by county government and the community. Judge Chapman is concerned deeply about public safety, understands the importance of providing for fair resolution of disputes, and strives to protect the rights of all citizens. He believes the justice system should be a force for positive change in people's lives and in society. The courts are facing unprecedented challenges today with increasing caseloads and diminishing resources. The citizens of King County need Judge Chapman's commitment to preserving the high standards of justice we expect in our courts.

Judge Chapman graduated from law school with honors and joined the bar in 1983. His resume includes 5 years as a criminal prosecutor for King County, 9 years of civil practice in Seattle, and 2 years as a Federal law clerk. Numerous bar associations rated him "exceptionally well qualified" for this position in 2002.

Judge Chapman is honored to have your support and confidence. Please give him your vote.

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# West Electoral District Judge Position No. 4



### Eileen A. Kato

**Occupation:** King County District Court Judge - West Division

**Education:** J.D., University of Santa Clara School of Law; B.S. & M.B.A., San Jose State University

**Statement:** Eileen Kato was appointed to the King County District Court in 1994. She is an active participant on national and state judicial organizations, having served on the Washington State Board for Judicial Administration, President of the District & Municipal Court Judges' Association, Faculty Member of the National Judicial College, Board Member for the National Center for State Courts, Chair of the American Bar Association Judicial Division Conference of Specialized Court Judges, and President of the Judicial Council of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

She continues to be active in our community as a board member, volunteer, and frequent speaker to youth organizations and bar associations. Among her community activities, Judge Kato has served as a board member of the Museum of History and Industry, Nikkei Concerns, Japanese American Citizens League, Empty Space Theatre, and participated in the Totem Girl Scout Council, Pacific Science Center Summer Youth Camps, and the Asian Pacific Islander Task Force on Youth Juvenile Justice Roundtables.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a King County District Court Judge during the past sixteen years and as Presiding Judge of the Seattle Division for three separate tenures. I sincerely appreciate your continued support and confidence, and strive each and every day to maintain your trust by ensuring that fairness and justice prevail in every case. My priority and commitment as a judge in our community is to ensure fair and equal access to justice by providing every person entering the courtroom with courtesy, respect, and dignity without regard to race, gender, economic status, or disability."

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# West Electoral District Judge Position No. 5



Anne C. Harper

**Occupation:** King County District Court Judge, Seattle

**Education:** JD University of Washington School of Law, 1981; BA University of Washington, 1978

**Statement: Legal/Judicial Experience**: 29 years of legal experience: trial, judicial, administrative and teaching experience; unanimously appointed by the King County Council as a District Court Judge, 2009; 8 years of judicial experience as a Court Commissioner for King County District Court and the City of Auburn; 3 years judicial experience as a Special Master for King County Superior Court; Trial Advocacy Teacher, University of Washington, 12 years.

**Family:** Married with a daughter; 18 years living in Ballard; 37 years living in Seattle.

Significant Career Experience: 16 years criminal defense work; Senior Trial Attorney; Felony Division Supervisor; 22 Homicide cases; Complex Securities Fraud experience. Director, King County Office of the Public Defender; taught 32 education seminars for lawyers and citizens

**Candidate Statement**: I would like to tell you about the hard work that the District Court does for the citizens of King County. We handle a large volume of traffic infractions; criminal cases, such as DUI and Domestic Violence; civil matters to \$75,000; small claims and protection orders. We are the People's Court.

The Court has suffered serious budget reductions over the years. We have responded with innovation and grace. We have consolidated cases to take advantage of economy of scale and expertise. We have created award winning technology, such as a unified call center; electronic court records and we are developing electronic filing of court documents.

We work to solve problems. Our Relicensing Court helps people to become licensed. 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 judges and staff of the District Court are deeply committed solving problems and improving lives through a high quality court. Thank you for your support.

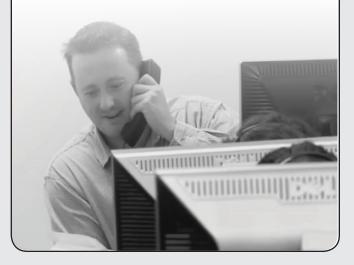
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Your signature is as important as your vote. Take your time, vote and sign using your business signature. And be sure to keep your registration information up to date.



# City of Federal Way Mayor



### Skip Priest

**Occupation:** Principal owner, Priest Co. Inc.; State Representative- 30th District

**Education:** B.A. in political science, Willamette University; J.D. with Honors, National Law Center, George Washington University

**Statement:** Federal Way is choosing its first Mayor at a time of economic crisis. A vote for Skip Priest is a vote for experience and leadership when the city needs it most. A former small business owner, Skip has the know-how to bring about successful economic development. As a legislator, he led the state's Boeing 787 Task Force, saving thousands of high quality jobs. An experienced business manager, he has the skills to oversee the city's \$40 million budget and staff of 330 employees.

Skip remains committed to improving our quality of life. As a City Council member, State Representative, and community volunteer he has worked to ensure public safety, provide for parks and natural areas, and support local schools while safeguarding taxpayer dollars. Skip championed efforts to found the city's police department in 1996, and now as Mayor he will focus on keeping our citizens safe.

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# Jim Ferrell

**Occupation:** Senior Deputy Prosecutor, King County; Federal Way City Council Member

**Education:** Law Degree, Gonzaga, 1993; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 1989

**Statement:** You deserve a Mayor that shows true leadership, serves as your advocate and stands up for what is right for the future of this City.

As a member of the City Council for the past six years (two of them as your Deputy Mayor) I have a vision for our future and I am the <u>only</u> candidate that supported and fought for your right to vote for this important office.

As your Mayor, I will fight for:

- <u>Safe public spaces</u>: By establishing a police substation at the Sound Transit Parking Garage and improving public safety in our community;
- <u>A vibrant city core</u>: By attracting living-wage jobs, retail development, and a downtown park; and
- <u>Fiscal responsibility:</u> By eliminating wasteful spending, unnecessary projects and council travel. I will always serve as steward of your hard-earned tax dollars.

#### Together, we can truly make this a new day for Federal Way!

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# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1





### Edsonya Charles

It has been my privilege to serve as your Seattle Municipal Court Judge since 2004, and presiding judge since 2008.

Independent and uncompromised The role of a judge is to serve the public and make informed, thoughtful decisions, free from outside interests. An

independent judiciary is one of the key rights afforded citizens. I am dedicated to the principle of open access to justice for all. That means ensuring everyone who appears before the court is treated with respect and receives a full and fair hearing. The Municipal Court is the "people's court," where average people are most likely to encounter the justice system. I consider that every time I enter the courtroom.

Service to our community, commitment to justice

I have built my career around a commitment to serving our community. The courtroom is not simply divided into victims and accused persons. It takes a compassionate mind and legal experience to find the best resolution. Before serving as judge, I led the Seattle Human Services Coalition, where I worked to improve services to Seattle's most vulnerable residents and strengthen collaboration among human service providers. As a federal prosecutor, I prosecuted cases against criminals who stole from working people. I also served as deputy legal counsel to Mayor Nickels, advising on public safety and human service issues. I am Vice-Chair of the King County Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee, a coalition of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, human service professionals, law enforcement and local government working together to solve problems facing our communities. As a Municipal Court Judge, I have presided over thousands of criminal and civil cases.

#### Experience as a reformer

A commitment to justice means making the courts work for people. Our court is nationally recognized and I am proud to have helped shape our system. I am a reformer implementing alternatives to incarceration, saving jail costs and allowing offenders to give back to affected communities. In these tough fiscal times, I have worked to make our courts more accountable, implementing reforms that increased efficiencies and lowered costs without compromising justice. I've twice been awarded Vice-President Al Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government for increasing government responsiveness and efficiency.

I would appreciate your support this November.

Supporters include: Dr. Constance Rice, Bob Santos, Greg Nickels, Pramila Jayapal, Sen. Joe McDermott, Sarah Mack, Bob Watt, Charles Royer, and Judges Fred Bonner, Judith Hightower, George Holifield, Kimi Kondo.

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### Ed McKenna

Our Municipal Court is in desperate need of reform and transparency -- and our judges must be competent and fair. A recent King County Bar Association judicial evaluation survey shows Seattle has the lowest rated judges. We can do better.

This year, the court refused to collaborate

in an audit to find efficiencies and cut waste. As a result, one judge position was eliminated and more cuts are under consideration.

It's time for change and positive, fair, and effective leadership on our court.

I'm a prosecutor and advocate for thoughtful and cost effective sentencing alternatives with over 20 years legal experience. I will bring new energy and ideas to the Court to save time and money. Most importantly, I will earn back the respect of people who are served by the court.

I've prosecuted nearly every type of offense and tried hundreds of cases before judges and juries. As a community prosecutor, I work with police, businesses, and community groups to prevent crimes before they happen and get results for victims when they do.

I have a record of developing innovative strategies that are costeffective and protect public safety:

- I helped develop Seattle's first Auto Theft Initiative that lead to a dramatic drop in car theft rates
- I worked with the community to expand opportunities for community court defendants
- By working with property owners and prosecuting violators, I helped reduce the impacts of crime-plagued motels
- · My efforts have led to reduced graffiti and vandalism

I'm proud to have earned the trust of law enforcement, judges, and community groups for my integrity and commitment. I'm supported by current and former City Attorneys Pete Holmes, Tom Carr and Mark Sidran, Councilmember Nick Licata, Councilmember Tim Burgess, former Chief of Seattle City Attorney's Office Public & Community Safety Division Robert Hood, Seattle Police Officers Guild, Seattle Police Management Association, King County Police Officer's Guild, 36th, 37th 43rd, 46th District Democrats, Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors (GAIN), Citizens for Judicial Excellence, Roosevelt Business Association, Cowen Park Neighborhood Association, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes.

I'm proud of my Native American heritage, reflecting the diversity of our region.

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# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2



# C. Kimi Kondo

Judge C. Kimi Kondo, an experienced senior trial judge is currently assigned to one of two Domestic Violence calendars. She served four years on a national task force for New York's Center for Court Innovation drafting model protocols for domestic violence courts.

"Domestic violence affects society across economic, racial, cultural, religious and ethnic boundaries. In Seattle, hundreds of victims are injured and six people have been killed in 2010. Timely filing and effective prosecution of these cases is crucial to victim and family safety."

The Court has excellent professional probation counselors assigned to monitor defendants. High-risk individuals are identified for frequent contact. Noncompliance reviews are set swiftly. A firearms forfeiture procedure created in cooperation with the Seattle Police Department is referenced nationally in judicial education courses.

Currently Judge Kondo serves as Acting Presiding Judge and a member of the Executive Committee. Much work has focused on the difficult fiscal climate facing the region.

"With the loss of one judicial position the Court will be forced to adopt an assignment structure that may provide less accountability for offenders. Unfortunately, other branches of government made this decision without understanding our current case flow system. Individual calendars allow judges to monitor the same defendant to case conclusion. Valuing 'efficient' case processing over effective judicial oversight does not serve the people in Seattle well. Perceived budget and jail cost savings may not be realized."

Since appointment in 1990, Judge Kondo has rotated through every calendar. She presiding over DUI trials for many years and wrote several opinions on emergent legal issues.

Since 2004, Judge Kondo has coordinated the Northwest Regional Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition for the Asian Bar Association of Washington. She served as national chair of the competition for three years from 2006-2008 . "Educating the next generation of young lawyers is satisfying and fulfills a need to give something back to the legal community."

Judge Kondo enjoys dragon boat paddling and loves to compete with her team throughout the Northwest and Canada. A long time resident of Central Seattle, she walks to work most mornings and enjoys all that Seattle has to offer. "I can't imagine living and working elsewhere. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Seattle. I promise to advocate for an independent judiciary and will strive to provide justice for all litigants in my courtroom."

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- Call the Voter Hotline at 206-296-VOTE (8683)



# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 3



### Steve Rosen

"I believe in fairness, impartiality, and compassionate enforcement of the law. I'm running to bring leadership, integrity, and fiscal responsibility to the Seattle Municipal Court.

I know the importance of taking time to hear each matter and carefully consider how the experience can improve the lives of those who appear before me. I believe that our judicial system can improve lives and should always protect public safety."

Steve Rosen is a Seattle-based attorney in private practice and respected part-time judge running to bring his years of legal knowledge and experience on the bench to the Seattle Municipal Court.

Appointed as the only judge for the city of Black Diamond, Judge Rosen handles all court duties, criminal and traffic cases, and works with city departments on all justice issues. In addition, he has served as judge *pro tem* in more than 10 courts from Everett to Tacoma.

In his private practice, Judge Rosen tried over 100 cases in District, Municipal and Superior Court, handling misdemeanors to felonies. A former Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year for Pierce County, Judge Rosen has handled dozens of juvenile, drug and computer crime cases. As an Assistant Attorney General, Judge Rosen prosecuted sexually violent criminals.

Judge Rosen has earned broad support for his fairness and integrity in the courtroom. He has been endorsed by Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs and the King County Police Officers Guild. King County Bar Association, Loren Miller Bar Association, and Joint Asian Bar Association rated him "Exceptionally Well Qualified."

Judge Rosen is also endorsed by more than 40 current and retired judges including: King County Superior Court Judges Jean Rietschel, Mariane Spearman, Michael Hayden, Michael Trickey, Carol Schapira, King County District Court Judges Anne Harper, Frank Lasalata, and Mike Finkle, Kent Municipal Court Judge Glen Phillips, Tukwila Municipal Court Judge Kim Walden, Issaquah Municipal Court Judge Scott Stewart, Federal Way Municipal Court Judge Dave Larson, Auburn Municipal Court Judge Patrick Burns, Seattle City Councilmembers Sally Bagshaw, Sally Clark, Nick Licata and Mike O'Brien.

A dedicated husband and father, Judge Rosen has lived with his family in NE Seattle for 17 years. His children attend public school, and he coaches his son's soccer team in his free time.

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No information submitted

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# Regarding write-ins

A write-in line is provided on your ballot for each race regardless of the number of candidates. You have the option to write in the name of a candidate. However, write-in votes are not tallied by name unless the total number of write-in votes could make a difference in the results of the race.

You do not need to make a selection in every race for your votes to count.



# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 4



Judith Hightower

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you as Judge in the Seattle Municipal Court.

When you elected me as a write in candidate in 1991, I dedicated myself to serving with courage compassion, intelligence and hard work; to be tough but fair.

Good judges listen with wisdom, maturity and without fear of retaliation. Good judges know the law. I work hard to be a good judge.

Courts are about justice not revenue. Judicial positions are not for sale. Justice is having your day in court whether you are a witness, victim or accused. Justice is not the thoughtless processing of cases for expediency and cost savings. As an independent branch of government, Judges are charged to make decisions uninfluenced by political pressure be it from the Executive or Legislative Branches, the Prosecution or the Defense. The Court's responsibility under the Constitution is to remain independent yet accountable. I work with my colleagues to meet these mandates.

In recent, years, in the continued effort to reduce repeat offenders, my colleagues and I have developed programs such as Domestic Violence Court, Community Court, Mental Health Court and Day Reporting. We are recognized nationally for our innovative programs.

We now face serious financial challenges from severe budget cuts including the loss of valued and talented support staff and a judicial position. Despite these challenges, my colleagues and I will strive to maintain good programs; meet our constitutional mandate to provide trial by jury and remain accountable to the electorate.

I enjoy many opportunities to discuss the role of the Court and these issues in the community. My efforts are recognized in a variety of forums. I am pleased to be honored as the recipient of the 2006 SU Law Access to Justice Alumni of Distinction Award; the 2007 National Black Prosecutors' Thurgood Marshall Award; the 2009 Judicial Leadership Award from the State Bar Access to Justice Board; the 2010 Seattle University Black Law School Alumni of the Year Award; ten year service to the Public Legal Education Council and my recent term as chair of the Washington Judicial College Trustees.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to serving you for another term.

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# Information in Chinese

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Federal law requires counties to provide language assistance if more than 10,000 or 5 percent of voting age citizens do not speak or understand English. For more information, visit the King County Elections and Secretary of State websites.



# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 5



### Willie Gregory

Willie Gregory has earned a reputation as a fair and balanced jurist--respected by defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges. He began his legal experience helping people who could not afford a lawyer and will take that same commitment to ensure equal treatment and fairness into the

courtroom each day once he is elected to Seattle Municipal Court.

Willie has served in many roles in his 20-year legal career: trial attorney, manager, teacher, pro-tem judge and community advocate. His interest in the judicial system began while serving as a military police officer, where he developed strong leadership skills. Willie attended Seattle University School of Law (then known as the University of Puget Sound Law School) and received his law degree in 1989.

Inspired by his desire to help people, he interned at Seattle Catholic Community Services' Legal Action Center and Evergreen Legal Services. Later, he joined Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA), gaining valuable experience as a trial attorney and supervisor. Willie was on ACA's Board of Directors from 2003, when he started his own firm, until 2008, when he was appointed as a pro-tem judge to Seattle's Municipal Court.

Willie is also a trial advocacy instructor at University of Washington's Law School and teaches workshops through the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. His teaching emphasizes the responsibility of attorneys to practice *professionally* and *ethically*. He was honored by the King County Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division in 2006 for his exemplary mentoring, and he continues to mentor other lawyers and law students.

Willie received the highest judicial ratings by many bar evaluation committees. He also has strong community support and is endorsed by numerous community organizations as well as Chief Justice Barbara Madsen, Retired Justice Bobbe Bridge, King County Superior Court Judge Theresa Doyle, Retired Judges Robert H. Alsdorf and Donald Horowitz, Attorneys Dave Chapman, Lembhard Howell and John McKay, and many others listed on his website: www.WillieGregoryforJudge.com.

Willie lives in Seattle with his wife of 23 years and their son, and is deeply committed to our community. He is uniquely qualified to be a Seattle Municipal Court Judge and ready to put his education, dedication, experience and ethics to work for you. *Vote Willie Gregory for Seattle Municipal Court Judge!* 

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- Sign the oath on the back of the return envelope.
- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Carefully follow the instructions on the ballot and in the voters' pamphlet.
- Read your entire ballot, front to back, before filling it out.
- If you lose or damage your ballot, contact the Elections' office.
- Call 206-296-VOTE (8683) with questions.





# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 6



### Karen Donohue

"I'm proud of my reputation as a fair and well-reasoned judge – one who listens carefully to each party and treats everyone that appears before me with courtesy and respect. I'll bring compassion, the highest standard of ethics and a true commitment to justice to the Court."

Karen Donohue, a part-time judge with nearly 25 years of legal experience, is running to bring full-time leadership to Seattle Municipal Court. First appointed as a part-time judge in 1994, Karen has also been a prosecutor, attorney in private practice, general counsel to an international telecommunications firm, owner and manager of several successful businesses and a community volunteer.

Karen will bring proven experience, leadership and new energy to the Municipal Court. That's why she's earned the *highest rating in this position from the Municipal League* and been rated *"Exceptionally Well Qualified"* by the Joint Asian and Latina/o Bar Associations.

Karen has also earned the support of many community leaders and organizations we trust, including attorneys William H. Gates, Ryan Durkan, Bill McKay, Fred Butterworth, Judges Rebecca Robertson, Nicole MacInnes (ret.) and Jerome Johnson (ret.), Kris Jorgensen Faucett, Steve Mullin, William Gates III, Paul Murakami, Bruce Bentley Sr., Jan Hendrickson, King County Democratic Central Committee, the 11th, 36th, 37th, 43rd and 46th District Democrats, Senator Ed Murray, Rep. Jamie Pedersen, Rep. Sharon Nelson, Rep Scott White, Rep. Reuven Carlyle, U.W. President Emeritus William P. Gerberding, Prof. & Dean Emeritus U.W. School of Law John R. Price and the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington.

Seattle Municipal Court recently lost one judicial position and is facing additional budget cuts. It's time for a leader who will bring recognized judicial ability, innovation and smart ideas to make the court respected, more efficient and effective.

Karen will introduce technologies and innovation to the court to save time and money and improve public safety:

• Linking the proprietary Municipal Court software to the technology most other courts use so judges have more complete information when making sentencing or other important public safety decisions

• Initiating online contested and mitigation hearings for parking and traffic infractions

- Implementing an electronic records system to reduce paperwork
- · Using video conferencing for appropriate hearings

Karen is a life-long Seattleite, and lives with her husband and three children in Northeast Seattle.

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# Michael Salvador Hurtado

Judge Michael Hurtado graduated from University of Washington School of Law in 1978. Since his appointment to the Seattle Municipal Court by former Mayor Norm Rice in 1993, he's been re-elected to the Bench by Seattle voters four times. He has more than 32 years of legal experience.

Soon after his appointment, Judge Hurtado determined that he would be fair and compassionate in his court decisions, and that he would serve his community. He began by bringing more than 2,000 students to his courtroom to explain the judicial system to steer students away from a life of crime. For his educational efforts, he received KOMO Televsion's "Home Town Hero" Award. He volunteers with many community organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of King County, Goodwill, University Preparatory School, Concilio for the Spanish Speaking.

Judge Hurtado's consistency in adjudicating fairly and compassionately, helped him earn the statewide 2002 Trial Judge of the Year Award from the Washington State Bar Association.

Judge Hurtado's experience has been varied and unique. In addition to serving in King County Jail "Night Court" for 11 years, he has presided over DUI, domestic violence, traffic, and theft cases.

His recent three years of experience in mental health court has been humbling and eye-opening. This court serves are our fellow citizens who have a mental disorder that causes them to violate Seattle's Criminal Code. One option for those that experience two or more disorders at the same time, such as drug addiction combined with a mental disorder is two years of intensive probation. Judge Hurtado has practiced a unique judicial philosophy that is therapeutic in nature, while imposing strict sanctions when necessary.

Judge Hurtado believes it is a privilege to be elected by Seattle citizens to serve in "The People's Court." Growing up in South Central Los Angeles where he was a victim of gang violence, followed by service in Viet Nam and Thailand, are among his reallife experiences. These provide him with a unique, understanding lens from which to view others, but always with utmost regard for public safety and the rule of law.

Partial listing of Judge Hurtado's endorsements: King County Labor Council King County Corrections Guild Seattle Municipal Court Marshall's Guild 37<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney (D-46<sup>th</sup> District) Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (D-37<sup>th</sup> District) Estela Ortega, El Centro de la Raza Rev. Harriet Walden

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# Seattle Municipal Court Judge Position No. 7



## Fred Bonner

Legal/Judicial Experience: Elected to the Seattle Municipal Court in 1989

Statement: Over the past 20 years I have witnessed Seattle Municipal Court and the City of Seattle face many legal and social issues, including mental health, domestic violence, and quality of life crimes. As

one of the senior judicial officers, I felt strongly that the Court could respond to each of these challenges in careful, thoughtful yet judicially responsible ways by creating and staffing within existing resources.

Community Court, Mental Health Court, and Domestic Violence Court are some of the innovative programs that were developed under my leadership to address these underlying issues of criminal behavior while still insuring accountability. This long-term vision is working. Seattle Municipal Court has been recognized as a national model in each of the above areas.

During the past 10 years the Seattle Municipal Court has been reduced from 10 to 7 judges. The most recent reduction will occur in 2011. Although this could be seen as strictly a matter of resources; these reductions may also be an attempt to control the judiciary.

I am concerned that the judicial independence of the Seattle Municipal Court is being compromised. Judicial independence means that judges are protected from political pressure, legislative pressure, special interest pressure, financial pressure, or even personal pressure. Judges must be free from all influence. This insures autonomy to enforce the laws of the city.

I believe I have accomplished my goal to serve the Citizens of Seattle with the utmost integrity. I look forward to serving you for the next four years. Thank you for your support.

#### **Contact Information:**

No information submitted

# Reading ballot measure information

### **Explanatory Statements**

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

#### **Committees in Favor and Opposition**

Districts are responsible for appointing committee members to write pro and con statements.

The statements are a way to help voters decide how to vote on the measure.

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#### Charter Amendment No. 1 Amendments to the Preamble

Shall the preamble of the King County Charter be amended to specify the local and regional role of county government and clarify the purposes of county government, as provided in Ordinance No. 16884?



### Statement in favor

This amendment more clearly and definitively states the mission and goals of King County Government. It is consistent with the long-standing policy of providing regional services to the population of the entire county while providing local services to rural residents and encouraging local self-governance in all urban areas. In fact rural residents have called upon King County government to affirm its responsibility to providing local services in rural areas.

This preamble amendment was unanimously recommended by the King County Charter Review Commission. It was unanimously placed on the November ballot by the King County Council.

Your affirmative vote is urged.

Statement submitted by: Larry Phillips, John Jensen and Allan Munro

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#### Explanatory statement

The Preamble of the King County Charter is a statement of purpose for the adoption of the Charter. Currently, it states that the purposes of the Charter are to form a more just and orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability, enable effective citizen participation, preserve a healthy environment, and secure the benefits of home rule and selfgovernment.

If Charter Amendment No. 1 is adopted, it would add language to the Preamble specifying that insuring responsibility and accountability applies to "local and regional governance and services." It would also amend the current statement of purpose to "preserve a healthy environment" to read "preserve a healthy rural and urban environment and economy."

### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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# **King County**

### Charter Amendment No. 2 Amendment of Section 690 – Campaign Finance

Shall Section 690 of the King County Charter be amended to specify that timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter, as provided in Ordinance No. 16885?

◯ YES

O NO

#### Statement in favor

This cost-saving change reduces duplication in government!

Currently candidates and political committees must file campaign-related reports and statements twice - once with the King County Office of Elections; and a second time with the Public Disclosure Commission - PDC. Under this proposed County Charter amendment, the records would only go to the PDC, saving King County taxpayers money and making our Elections Office more efficient.

Last year the State Legislature unanimously passed Senate Bill 6243 which allows counties to eliminate this duplicate paperwork and save taxpayer dollars.

With the internet being a primary source of information today, it is not necessary to have redundant sets of the data in two places. Citizens benefit from reduced costs of government and having campaign information easily available and accessible online from the Public Disclosure Commission on their home computer, at any public library or other computer.

Statement submitted by: Luke Esser, Kathy Lambert and Dwight Pelz

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#### Explanatory statement

Section 690 of the King County Charter sets forth campaign contribution and expenditure filing requirements for candidates for county elective office. Currently, Section 690 requires the candidates to file contribution and expenditure statements with the King County elections department within ten days after an election. When filed, the statements become public records. Pursuant to state law, chapter 42.17 RCW, the same information must be filed with the Washington Public Disclosure Commission ("PDC"). The statements are posted on the PDC's website and are publicly available.

If adopted, Charter Amendment No. 2 would eliminate the duplicative filing of campaign contribution and expenditure statements. The amendment would provide that timely filing of the statements with the PDC satisfies the filing requirements of Section 690.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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# 40 King County

### Charter Amendment No. 3 Amendment of Section 890 and New Section 897 – Collective Bargaining

Shall the King County Charter be amended to allow the King County Sheriff to serve as the county's collective bargaining agent for all department of public safety issues except for compensation and benefits, which would continue to be bargained by the county executive, as provided in Ordinance No. 16900?

- ◯ YES
- O NO

### Statement in favor

#### SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTABILITY TO VOTERS

In 1996, King County citizens voted to make the Sheriff an independently elected official. The Charter leaves the King County Executive with authority to bargain with unions representing Sheriff's Office employees. It defies common sense for someone outside of the Sheriff's Office to have authority over management rights and working conditions of sheriff's employees without detailed law enforcement knowledge or direct accountability to the voters.

This Charter amendment aligns the accountability the voters intended with authority over management rights and working conditions, including matters such as limiting excessive overtime, imposing discipline for misconduct, and making job assignments. The County Executive would retain bargaining authority over wages and benefits.

The amendment is supported unanimously by the independent *Blue Ribbon Panel* on Sheriff's Office management and endorsed by two former King County Executives (Randy Revelle and Gary Locke), The Seattle Times, The Seattle PI, and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. This bargaining structure has been used effectively for many years in the King County Prosecutor's Office and Superior/ District Courts, as well as the majority of Sheriffs' Offices around the state.

Vote "YES" on Charter Amendment #3 to make the Sheriff's Office independent and accountable to King County voters.

### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The collective bargaining system does not give the Sheriff the ability to deploy crime-fighting resources in the most effective ways to protect the public's safety. The charter amendment requires the King County Executive and the Sheriff to consult and collaborate on collective bargaining. Other elected officials – the Prosecutor and county judges – have the right to negotiate working conditions for their employees. Let the Sheriff do the job we elected her to do.

Statement submitted by: Sue Rahr, Randy Revelle and John Jensen

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#### Explanatory statement

Section 890 of the King County Charter designates the county executive as the county's agent for collective bargaining with county employees covered by the county personnel system. The executive's authority for collective bargaining covers all issues, including those related to wages, hours, benefits, and working conditions. An agreement reached as a result of negotiations between the executive and employees must be adopted by the county council by ordinance to be effective.

If adopted, Charter Amendment No. 3 would designate the King County sheriff as the county's agent for collective bargaining with department of public safety employees on all issues for these employees except compensation and benefits, which would continue to be bargained by the executive. Currently, the sheriff can provide input, but has no authority over collective bargaining for these employees.

### Statement in opposition

The current system is simple, and it works well: The County Executive negotiates all aspects of public safety labor contracts. This amendment unnecessarily complicates the negotiation process by artificially splitting bargaining authority between the Sheriff and the County Executive.

Compensation, benefits, and working conditions are a package deal. Sadly, the Amendment does not define the boundary between working conditions and compensation & benefits. Defining that boundary could be a difficult problem. At a minimum, it will require collaboration between the Sheriff and the County Executive collaboration which may or may not exist. And if that collaboration exists, there is no reason why the Sheriff cannot have input to the negotiations conducted under the current system.

How would this amendment affect collective bargaining between the county and unions such as the King County Police Officers Guild? There is no clear answer. Why make this change, when the consequences are largely unknown?

This amendment is about changing collective bargaining. Although accountability and authority within the county government will be shifted, the primary question is: how will this amendment affect collective bargaining for public safety labor issues? If you do not know the answer to that question, how can you vote for it?

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

This amendment has NOT BEEN ENDORSDED by any of the politicians, newspapers, etc. claimed by the proponents. The so-called "independent" *blue ribbon* panel was requested by the Sheriff, and included zero representation by the affected unions.

Authority shifted to the Sheriff would be taken from the County Executive. This amendment would make the Executive LESS ACCOUNTABLE TO VOTERS.

Proponents offer NO EXPLANATION of its effects on collective bargaining. Vote "NO" on this poorly crafted amendment.

#### Statement submitted by: Mark P. Baldwin

# **King County**

#### Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice, Fire Protection, and Other Government Purposes

The Metropolitan King County Council adopted Ordinance 16899 concerning funding for criminal justice, fire protection, and other government purposes. This proposition would authorize King County to fix and impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.2%, spilt between the county (60%) and cities (40%). At least one-third of all proceeds shall be used for criminal justice or fire protection purposes. County proceeds shall be used for criminal justice purposes, such as police protection, and the replacement of capital facilities for juvenile justice. The duration of the additional sales and use tax will be as provided in section 6 of Ordinance 16899. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED

○ REJECTED

#### Statement in favor

YES on Prop 1: Protect Families, Crime Victims, Communities

Proposition 1 is needed to preserve adequate police protection, retain probation officers who monitor dangerous offenders, maintain services for crime victims, and ensure our courts and prosecutors can keep criminals off the streets.

King County has already cut \$140 million and faces \$60 million in new cuts for 2011. Even with Prop 1, more cuts will be made: wages are frozen for many, layoff notices delivered, and a hiring freeze is in place. Proposition 1 doesn't expand government—it simply avoids deep cuts that threaten public safety and basic services.

PROTECTING EVERY COMMUNITY: Every city and rural area will receive resources for police and emergency services—no matter where you live, you will benefit.

INVESTING IN KIDS AND FAMILIES: Proposition 1 will replace dangerously unsafe court and support facilities for youth and families, including foster kids.

PROTECTING VICTIMS: Proposition 1 will protect programs for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault—already cut by over 20%.

AFFORDABLE AND LIMITED: Proposition 1 will cost 2 cents on a \$10 purchase for 3 years, then will drop to 1 penny on a ten dollar purchase; less than \$3/ month for the average household.

#### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Tired rhetoric doesn't protect our communities - police and prosecutors do. Law enforcement, judges and human service providers endorse Prop 1 and employee groups are *voluntarily freezing* wages because \$60 million in cuts are real. \$140 million permanently cut over two years spared most criminal justice—but with 70% of the budget dedicated to public safety, new cuts are inevitable without approval of Prop 1.

Check the facts. Vote YES for safe communities and kids. Statement submitted by: Mary Ellen Stone, Sue Rahr and Dan Satterberg King County Elections is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of the statements, arguments or rebuttals.

#### Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to impose an additional sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). Sixty percent (60%) of the tax proceeds would be distributed to the county and 40% would be distributed to cities in King County on a per capita basis.

RCW 82.14.450 requires that one-third of the tax proceeds be spent for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes or both. All of the county tax proceeds would be used for criminal justice purposes, defined to be activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system (RCW 82.14.340), and for replacement of capital facilities, including the Alder Wing and Tower of the King County Youth Services Center. City tax proceeds would be used for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or other general city purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450 and as determined by each city. A report detailing the cities' use of the tax proceeds would be submitted by the county auditor to the county council no later than July 1, 2013.

As a condition for imposition of the tax in the first three years (2011, 2012, and 2013), at least 9,500,000 must be diverted from the county road fund and appropriated for police protection in the unincorporated area of King County. If this condition is not met, the entire tax will expire on March 31 following the year in which the condition is not met. Unless the tax has expired earlier, one half of the tax (one-tenth of one percent or 0.1%) will expire on April 1, 2014 and the remainder will expire on April 1, 2031.

#### Statement in opposition

If you believe King County has been well run, then you should vote for this sales tax increase. But if not, then please send 'em a message by voting "no".

Supporters of the sales tax increase say that if you don't vote for it, vital services will likely be cut, including sheriff's deputies, prosecutors and even judges. Crime investigations will be scaled way back.

What does that tell us about their priorities?

Everyone knows that when your income drops you cut your *last* priorities *first*. King County's income is down 10% and look at what they're threatening to cut first: basic services.

Let's look at what they're not cutting.

They've been handing out pay raises to county employees every year of the recession. Some of those raises will continue. County workers don't have to pay a monthly premium for their health care plan. Nor will they be asked to start.

And remember that 10-day furlough last year? There's no furlough this year. In fact, they're giving workers compensated time BACK this year –while telling us they need higher taxes to avoid cutting police and prosecutors.

It's time to change "business as usual" in King County. Please vote no on a higher sales tax.

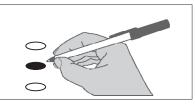
#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

King County has raised taxes and fees more than half a dozen times in the last five years. But we're getting *fewer* services for what we're paying. How come? Because of the increasing cost of government itself. Let's not continue that cycle by raising taxes yet again. Instead, let's vote No on Prop. One and tell the County to control its expenses, like every family has been forced to do at home.

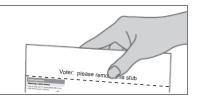
Statement submitted by: John Carlson

# How to fill out your ballot + envelope

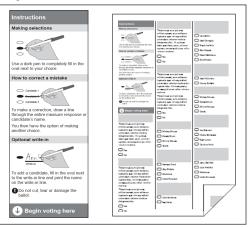
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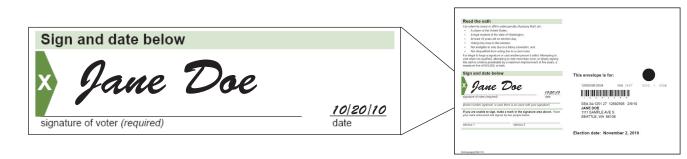
• Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.



 Carefully follow the instructions on the ballot and in the voters' pamphlet.



- Read your entire ballot, front and back, before filling it out.
- Sign the oath on the back of the return envelope.



# City of Enumclaw

**Proposition No. 1** 

Fire District 28 passed Resolution No. 10-003 and the city of Enumclaw passed Ordinance No. 2445 both concerning annexation of the city of Enumclaw into Fire District 28. Shall the city of Enumclaw be annexed to and be a part of fire protection district 28?



O NO

Statement in favor

The Enumclaw Fire Department and King County Fire District #28 are governed by a large multi-jurisdictional body consisting of The City of Enumclaw, a three member elected board of fire commissioners, and an additional two member oversite committee.

The annexation will greatly improve the function of The Fire Department by reducing the number of people involved. This will be a time saving measure and will also relieve The City of a department it is currently having difficulty funding. Annexation will also allow The Fire District to focus on a cost effective level of service to all the citizens in The City and The District.

Historically, many of our neighboring cities have already taken advantage of annexing to their respective Fire Districts. The cities of Maple Valley, Sumner, Puyallup and Orting have already chosen annexation, resulting in cost savings and more effective administration and operations.

State laws currently have more favorable taxing advantages for Fire Districts than for City Governments. In these difficult economic times, annexation would benefit The City of Enumclaw by eliminating their accountability to the Fire Department.

Statement submitted by: Larry Jensen (360-825-5332), Rick Cardoza (360-825-0169) and Lane Walthers

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#### Explanatory statement

The City Council of Enumclaw has passed an ordinance, calling for the annexation of the City into King County Fire Protection District No. 28 for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) only. The Boundary Review Board for King County has approved the proposal and the King County Council has approved it for this ballot.

For many years, the City of Enumclaw and District 28 have operated as one fire department, under a contract in which the city acted as "lead agency". On November 2, 2010 the voters of District No. 28 will also vote on whether to combine formally, with the fire district being the "lead agency". Otherwise the joint fire department will not change in any noticeable way, with all services remaining the same as before. This would result in one taxing district for fire and EMS only.

There will be no change in the delivery of services; administration will be centralized at the Enumclaw Fire Station as before. Employees of the City of Enumclaw Fire Department will become District No. 28 employees.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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# 44 City of Shoreline

Proposition No. 1 Basic Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, and Community Services Maintenance and Operations Levy

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 307 concerning basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services. If approved, this proposition would maintain current police/emergency protection including neighborhood patrols and crime prevention; preserve safe parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields and the Shoreline pool; and maintain community services including senior center and youth programs.

This proposition would restore Shoreline's property tax rate to \$1.48/\$1000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2011; limit levy increases for 2012-2016, not to exceed inflation (Seattle CPI-U); and use the 2016 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

- ◯ YES
- O NO

#### Statement in favor

TAKING CARE OF BASICS: Police, Parks & Community Services Shoreline, like many cities in our region, is facing financial challenges with its operating budget. Revenue has simply not kept pace with the cost of basic services. City officials have made extensive budget cuts, reduced staff, eliminated cost-of-living increases, and reduced reserves by 16% without raising taxes; while maintaining an excellent bond rating. In spite of these efforts, the budget gap is projected to be \$14 million over the next 6 years.

An 18-member citizen advisory committee researched the most effective ways to address Shoreline's long-term financial challenges. Based on feedback from Shoreline citizens they recommend this levy to preserve basic services.

Today, Shoreline neighborhoods are safe, crime is low, parks and recreation facilities are well-maintained, and a wide variety of people benefit daily from human services programs. Let's protect this.

For about \$9 a month, your YES vote on Proposition 1 will maintain the basic services most valued by Shoreline citizens. These services are greatly needed during this weak economy and at risk of being lost due to decreased revenue.

Vote YES FOR BASICS to keep Shoreline safe and healthy for everyone. www.supportshoreline.org

#### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Now is not the time for drastic cuts to basic services that support Shoreline's families, youth and seniors, including people hit hardest by the recession. Property tax exemptions are available for those most in need.

Our per capita property taxes are in the bottom 30% of King County's largest cities. Over 52% of Shoreline's operating budget is allocated to police, parks, and community services.

Keep Shoreline a great place - Vote YES for Proposition 1!

Statement submitted by: Carolyn Hope, Rich Gustafson, William Clements

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#### **Explanatory statement**

The City of Shoreline has taken aggressive steps to reduce costs and assure efficiency, including more than one million dollars in budget cuts, staff reductions and elimination of cost-of-living pay raises. Since 2001, Shoreline's property tax levy increase has been limited to 1% a year, while inflation has gone up nearly 3 times as fast, and as a result funding has not kept pace for basic City services.

If approved, Proposition 1 would maintain current levels of police and emergency services including neighborhood safety patrols, traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods, east and west-side police store-front programs, school safety officer in Shorewood and Shorecrest high schools, enforcement of drug and vice laws, and community crime prevention programs. Proposition 1 would preserve safe, well-maintained and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards, playfields, restrooms and the Shoreline pool; and preserve recreation programs for youth, families and seniors. Proposition 1 would continue funding for community services including the Shoreline senior center and youth programs.

If approved, any increase in the annual levy would not exceed inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2012-2016. Proposition 1 would set the City's property tax rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 at \$1.48/\$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2011 and will use the 2016 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. The typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$9.25 per month to maintain police and emergency protection, parks and recreation, and community services.

#### Statement in opposition

The city's proposed property tax increase comes at the worst possible time. There are alternatives for protecting city services without burdening taxpayers with higher costs.

Property taxes have the hardest impacts on those who can afford it least. Whether you rent or own, this increase will affect all residents. Seniors living on fixed incomes, young families struggling on stagnant wages, and local businesses operating on thin margins cannot afford higher property taxes.

Proposition 1 requests a specific rate increase for 2011. Future increases are tied to the Seattle Consumer Price Index until 2016, allowing unforeseen, unpredictable rate increases WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.

This proposed property tax increase DOES NOT GIVE high priority to distributing revenues for police and crime prevention, recreation, pool, and community services.

In the City of Shoreline's proposed budget, direct services such as the Shoreline Pool and Teen Recreation Program only receive a combined \$1.3 million for 2010. By comparison, indirect services such as Planning and Development Services is budgeted for \$2.4 million and the Finance Department is budgeted for \$4.8 million.

The City has options to endorse a pathway to economic stability, but taxing residents MORE is not the right option.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Don't be misled this money is not earmarked for the promised services. This series of compounding taxes through 2016 does not address the real issue. It's a stopgap technique and represents the City's failure to manage our government with the existing revenues.

The City has created a predicament for its residents, IGNORING commonsense suggestions to save us money; it also *increased* compensation to its highest paid administrators by more than 10% between 2007-2009. NoOnProp1Shoreline.com

Statement submitted by: Arthur Peach, William Bear and Walt Hagen

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#### Proposition No. 1 Supplemental Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 passed Resolution No. 2009/10-15 concerning this proposition for supplemental educational program funding. To partially replace reduced State funding and to improve education throughout Seattle Public Schools this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District, to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students:

	Approximate	
Collection	Levy Rate/\$1,000	Levy
<u>Years</u>	Assessed Value	Amount
2011	\$0.11	\$14,500,000
2012	\$0.12	\$16,000,000
2013	\$0.12	\$17,700,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
- NO

### Statement in favor

#### SUPPORT our KIDS and SCHOOLS!

#### Vote "YES" for Proposition 1 – the Seattle Schools Levy

Over the last 2 years the state CUT \$32 million from our Seattle schools. More cuts are inevitable next year, hurting every child and every teacher. This levy is a one-shot opportunity to lessen the impact of these cuts and help our kids get the BASIC education they deserve. Your "YES" vote will, among other things:

**1. Help purchase texbooks** and BASIC classroom supplies that state funding normally provides;

2. Provide teacher development, so our kids continue to get a good education;

3. Continue the progress being made towards closing the achievement gap;

**4. Fund critical programs** that help prepare students for life after graduation. This levy offers us the opportunity to offset **JUST SOME** of the funding cuts

our schools have suffered. The choice is a stark one: either we accept these cuts, or we come together locally to support our kids' education.

We feel strongly that if we don't pass this levy, our kids will be denied the programs and materials they need for a BASIC education.

Please join us and vote "YES!" It's for our children's sake!

www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org, or info@SchoolsFirstSeattle.org

### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The School Board's Resolution states what the funds will be used for: **supporting our KIDS' EDUCATION**. To suggest anything else is false. Some people will oppose any and every levy. Our children deserve better. The state continues to cut education funding - \$32 million since 2008. Given the economy we expect **MORE** cuts next year.

This levy restores SOME of what we've lost.

Parents, teachers and children urge you to **vote YES** – for our kids' sake! **Statement Submitted by:** Lauren McGuire, John Boyd and Greg Wong

#### **Explanatory statement**

In this Proposition the Seattle School Board requests voter approval of a supplemental operations levy. The supplemental funds will further the District's commitment to *"Excellence for All"* by ensuring a high quality school for every student. Our goal is for all students to meet or exceed grade-level expectations and graduate from high school prepared for college, career, and life.

This Supplemental levy will fund textbooks, other instructional materials and professional development in high school science and social studies, middle school language arts, and elementary music. In addition, these funds will support reform efforts to support student achievement and great teachers and leaders for Seattle Public Schools.

The proposed levy will provide supplemental funding to replace, in part, State per pupil funding for basic education. State per pupil funding has been reduced by approximately \$32 million beginning with the 2009-10 school year. Passage of this Proposition would allow the levy of property taxes over a three year period to pay for educational programs aimed at improving educational opportunities for all students.

The supplemental taxes would be levied as follows: \$14.5 million in property taxes within Seattle Public Schools District for collection in 2011, \$16.0 million in taxes for collection in 2012, and \$17.7 million in taxes in 2013. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.11 (2011 collection), \$0.12 (2012 collection), and \$0.12 (2013 collection).

### Statement in opposition

Seattle School District Central Administration continues to grow, even as enrollment has shrunk. District bureaucrats have tried to camouflage this growth, meanwhile school budgets have been gutted.

The District wants this money for expensive projects and headquarters staffing; software and three new central staff positions for a controversial teacher evaluation program, and central administration staffing for textbook adoption, curricular alignment, and teacher coaches. None of it is for schools or students.

The District says the levy will cover state cuts -- but remember, the money is to staff new projects at headquarters -- not for schools and programs that suffered cuts. They say that this will be a temporary tax. but have we seen a "temporary" tax go away?

The State Auditor recently found the District is out of compliance with state laws, mismanaged I-728 money, lacked controls on spending, and had "significant deficiencies in controls that adversely affect the District's ability to produce reliable financial statements." No authority holds them accountable for these failures. Only voters can.

"Excellence for All" is empty rhetoric. They can't justify this spending at headquarters when class sizes are increasing and schools are hurting.

Accountability first; vote NO on the supplemental levy.

#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Why is *Schools First* argument so vague? What progress on the gap? What critical programs? The *bulk of the levy* will be spent on **Central Administration**, NOT in classrooms. The State Auditor stated, yet again, that the *District leadership fails to oversee spending*. The Superintendent spent \$7,000 to party with 70 people - against the rules and without apology. How does that help kids?

Read the Audits. Get the Facts. http://enforcetopdownreform.blogspot. com/

Statement submitted by: Dorothy Neville, Ken Berry and Charlie Mas

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# King County Fire Protection District No. 28

#### **Proposition No. 1**

Fire District 28 passed Resolution No. 10-003 and the city of Enumclaw passed Ordinance No. 2445 both concerning annexation of the city of Enumclaw into Fire District 28. Shall the city of Enumclaw be annexed to and be a part of fire protection district 28?



O NO

#### Statement in favor

The Enumclaw Fire Department and King County Fire District #28 currently fall under the direction of The City of Enumclaw and the elected board of fire commissioners.

Annexation is really a common sense measure reducing the number of people involved in the administration of The Fire Department, resulting in streamlining The Fire Department and improving it's effectiveness within the community. Annexation would allow The Fire District to focus on it's main responsibility, which is to provide a cost effective level of service to all citizens in the city and the fire district. Another advantage for annexation is that state laws provide distinct taxing advantages for fire districts. These resources continue to generate funding mechanisms which will stabilize and secure a level of service. The cities of Maple Valley, Sumner, Puyallup, and Orting have already annexed to their local fire districts to take advantage of more simplistic forms of government.

Through this annexation process The City of Enumclaw would become a part of Fire District #28, which will help in developing one cost effective department which would be responsible for fire protection, emergency services and rescue operations.

Statement submitted by: Larry Jensen (360-825-5332), Rick Cardoza (360-825-0169) and Lane Walthers

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### Statement in opposition

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## **Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue**

#### Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Construct New Fire Station and Acquire Firefighting and Life Saving Equipment

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2010-009 concerning bonds to finance the cost of a new fire station. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip a new fire station, and purchase fire fighting and life saving equipment. The District would issue up to \$845,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to pay for those improvements; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2010-009. Should this proposition be:

REJECTED

### Statement in favor

Our Fire Department has needed a new station for decades. The need for emergency services continues to grow creating a strain on our Department to meet those growing needs and keep our community safe.

The current station is the only fire station within 20 miles of the pass, it is nearly 80 years old and is inadequate in many ways. A new fire station would serve as an emergency coordination center and shelter for those times, as have happened more than once recently, when environmental conditions isolate us from other communities to the east and west. The new station could also be used for community functions during less stressful times.

The Department has already received financial support for the \$6.3 million estimated cost of the project. This bond will provide the last \$845,000 needed to complete it. There are very few options for the Department to raise funds for the construction of the new station and without this bond the entire project is at risk. The new station is being designed for the next 50 years and will improve all aspects of emergency services.

Please vote yes on Proposition 1 and show your support on this important issue!

Statement submitted by: Lloyd Holman

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#### Explanatory statement

Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue (SPFR) has recognized the need for a new fire station since the 1970's. Station 291 was originally built in the early 1930's as a maintenance shed and over the years has been used for many different activities until it became the headquarters for our Fire Department. The building has numerous deficiencies including; structural damage, poor site design, noncompliant electrical system, no smoke alarm or sprinkler systems, no vehicle exhaust system, not enough apparatus bays, insufficient space in the apparatus bays, no decontamination area, and no hose tower. Additionally, there are inadequate training and exercise areas, insufficient office and dormitory space, no emergency shelter, command, or communication capabilities, and is not compliant with ADA or NFPA 1500 standards.

SPFR successfully asked Congress to donate land through the USFS for a new fire station. The district has also received \$4,007,374 in federal assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus package and is in the process of receiving assistance from the USDA Rural Community Development program in the form of a \$1,500,000 loan. However, even with that assistance, SPFR still needs additional funding to complete the new fire station.

This measure would authorize the issuance of an \$845,000 capital improvements bond to pay part of the cost of building the fire station. This bond should be financed over a 20 year period from the proceeds of a special property tax levy, and is meant to provide sufficient funds to complete the project.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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## Proposed Fairwood Annexation Area

#### Proposition No. 1 Annexation to the City of Renton

The Renton City Council received a petition to annex property to the City of Renton and passed a resolution calling for an election on the question. This measure would authorize annexation of that property, generally referred to as the Fairwood Annexation Area, to the City of Renton. Shall that area in unincorporated King County known as the Fairwood Annexation Area, as legally described in Resolution No. 4028, be annexed to the City of Renton?

◯ FOR ANNEXATION

AGAINST ANNEXATION

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#### Explanatory statement

If this Proposition is approved by the voters, the area known as the "Fairwood Annexation Area" could become part of the City of Renton. The exact date that annexation would be effective would be established by the Renton City Council. Services currently provided that will not change because of annexation include: the Renton School District or Kent School District: Soos Creek Water and Sewer District; Cedar River Water District; King County Library System; Fire District #37; and Renton's provision of fire and emergency medical services protection within Fire District #40. The local garbage collector will remain the same for a period of at least seven years. The City will provide other municipal services, including police protection, street and storm drainage facility operation, construction and maintenance, traffic management, building and land use permitting, parks and recreation, and neighborhood and economic development programs. Upon annexation, all property within the annexation area will be subject to City comprehensive planning and zoning as determined through an open public process prior to the annexation's effective date. Property within the annexation area will not be required to assume the City's existing voting indebtedness, and upon annexation, would be assessed and taxed on the same basis and at the same rate as property within Renton. This Proposition will be approved if a simple majority of all votes are cast in favor of the Proposition.

The Fairwood Annexation Area is approximately 4,479 acres, bounded by SE 162<sup>nd</sup> Place on the north, 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE on the west, SE 208<sup>th</sup> Street on the south and extending east to the King County Urban Growth Boundary.

#### Statement in favor

Vote FOR Annexation into the City of Renton. Renton offers *increased local services, greater local control*, and *lower taxes*. The alternative is to have service levels continue to erode by remaining unincorporated. Renton and King County officials support annexation.

• As Renton residents, we will see a dramatic increase in police services including two patrol districts, traffic officers, detectives, and proactive police units. King County has reduced Sheriff's Department staffing, and these cutbacks will only continue. Crime is on the increase in Fairwood – we need more police officers now.

Our Fairwood Library, Fire Service, Schools and street addresses <u>will not</u>
 <u>change</u>.

• Fairwood will have city employees to handle code enforcement, land use, planning, parks, recreation, road repair and maintenance.

• Fairwood will have a voice at City Hall and be participants in local government decisions and planning.

 Taxes <u>will not</u> increase for these <u>increased services</u>. A typical Fairwood house will pay LESS – including a reduction in property taxes – through annexation.

King County has made it clear that it cannot provide adequate services to Fairwood. Annexation to Renton is clearly the best option to protect the future for our citizens, businesses, police and local services, *and* pocketbooks. www.chooserenton.com

#### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

State law requires no changes for fire services after annexation. The aid car isn't going anywhere. Staffing at Fairwood Station won't change.

Your overall tax bill **will** be lower after annexation – and police and local services **will** improve. With King County, we **will** pay continuously higher taxes for continuously reduced services.

Fairwood doesn't have local control now – we rely on budget-strapped King County in Seattle. With Renton, we get true local control. Vote FOR annexation.

Statement submitted by: Linda Sartnurak, Doug Gibbs and Marcia Holland-Risch • 206-499-4957

#### Statement in opposition

**Now is not the time to annex.** Renton's heavy dependence on sales tax combined with historically low tax revenues has resulted in continual budget shortfalls. Fairwood's tax dollars will help to backfill Renton's ongoing budget shortfalls, rather than funding needed improvements in Fairwood.

#### Annexation to Renton will result in new taxes.

- 6% utility tax on your electricity, gas, cable, home and cellular phones, garbage, internet, etc.
- Additional taxation to build two new libraries. You already pay for the Fairwood library through existing bond measures.

# Fairwood loses control over services such as emergency response and garbage.

- Renton administrators previously suggested reducing Fairwood fire protection by 50%, including relocating Fairwood's aid car to Benson Hill
- Renton cut garbage pickup to every other week

Historically, Renton has neglected outlaying neighborhoods in favor of downtown redevelopment. Has Cascade improved since annexation? A new Hooters? Renton Highlands has deteriorated for years. The Renton Housing Authority recently purchased land in Fairwood targeted for low income housing. Be wary of empty promises!

Reduction in services and new taxes. How else will Fairwood change with annexation? Keep Fairwood, Fairwood, and avoid Renton's chronic problems. Vote NO Prop 1.

#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Proponents tout reduced taxes with Renton. Be wary! Property taxes may initially be lower, but there **WILL be new fees and taxes** on your utilities and businesses from day one! Renton will be forced to raise taxes to balance their budget.

"Greater local control" is just false! Giving control to a city focused on downtown growth is detrimental for a bedroom community like ours.

Do your homework before voting: www.savefairwood.com Vote NO on Prop 1.

Statement submitted by: Scott Helfen, Chris Shults and John Wruble

#### Complete Text Charter Amendment No. 1 Amendments to the Preamble

AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the Preamble of the King County Charter, to specify the local and regional role of county government and clarify the purposes of county government; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2010 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 next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, amendments to the Preamble of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

#### Preamble.

We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just and orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability <u>for local and regional</u> <u>county governance and services</u>, enable effective citizen participation, preserve a healthy <u>rural and urban</u> environment <u>and economy</u> and secure the benefits of home rule and selfgovernment, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

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

Shall the Preamble of the King County Charter be amended to specify the local and regional role of county government and clarify the purposes of county government, as provided in Ordinance 16884?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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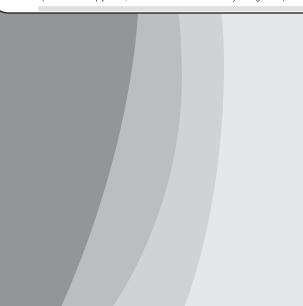
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Jane Doe

<u>10/20/10</u>

 signature of voter (required)
 date

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 phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)



# King County - Charter Amendment No. 2

#### Complete Text Charter Amendment No. 2 Amendment of Section 690 – Campaign Finance

AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 690 of the King County Charter, to specify that timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington state Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter; making technical corrections; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2010 general election.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

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1. Section 690 of the King County Charter is redundant with requirements in the RCW chapter 42.17 regarding the timely filing of statements of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.

 The redundant filing of statements of campaign receipts and expenditures is inefficient and not in the public interest.
 Technological advances make records universally accessible electronically, and it is more valuable and a better use of resources to have records available electronically than in duplicate hard-copy format.

4. The county and the state have been performing the same function in reporting campaign receipts and expenditures, but duplicating efforts is not the most efficient use of public finances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment to Section 690 of the King County Charter as set forth herein:

# Section 690 Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

Every candidate for nomination or election to an elective county office shall, within ten days after the primary, general or special election as the case may be, file an itemized statement with the executive department responsible for conducting elections showing all campaign contributions and pledges of manpower and material made to ((<del>him</del>)) <u>the candidate</u> or on ((<del>his</del>)) <u>the candidate's</u> behalf and all campaign expenditures and obligations incurred by ((<del>him</del>)) <u>the candidate</u> or on ((<del>his</del>)) <u>the candidate's</u> behalf. Such statement when filed shall be a public record. The county council shall by ordinance prescribe the form of such statement. <u>Timely filing of a statement of campaign</u> receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 <u>RCW satisfies the filing obligations of this section.</u> A willful violation of this section shall disqualify the candidate from holding county elective office.

SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney: Shall Section 690 of the King County Charter be amended to specify that timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter?

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# King County - Charter Amendment No. 3

#### Complete Text Charter Amendment No. 3 Amendment of Section 890 and New Section 897 – Collective Bargaining

AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend Section 890 of the King County Charter and to add a new Section 897 of the King County Charter, to designate the county sheriff as the county's bargaining agent on all department of public safety issues except for compensation and benefits; submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2010 general election; and requiring the executive and the sheriff to submit a joint proposal to the council for legislation to facilitate implementation of the charter amendment if it is approved by the voters.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

#### SECTION 1. Findings:

A. Section 890 of the King County Charter specifies the county executive as the bargaining agent of the county. The county executive has authority over collective bargaining for department of public safety and other departments on all issues, including contract terms related to wages, hours, benefits and working conditions.

B. The county sheriff, a separately elected official, currently has input, but no authority to bargain contract provisions with represented employees of the department of public safety.

SECTION 2. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment to Section 890 of the King County Charter and the addition of a new Section 897 to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

#### Section 890. Employee Representation.

The county council may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive; and, except with respect to bargaining by the county with employees of the department of public safety pursuant to Section 897 of this charter, it shall designate the county executive as the bargaining agent of the county. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

# Section 897. Department of Public Safety Employee Collective Bargaining.

The county council may enact an ordinance providing

for collective bargaining by the county with employees of the department of public safety. The county executive shall not have veto power over this ordinance. If such an ordinance is enacted, it shall designate the county sheriff as the bargaining agent of the county on all department of public safety matters except for compensation and benefits, which shall be negotiated by the county executive as provided in Section 890 of this charter. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county sheriff or the county executive with employees of the department of public safety shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

SECTION 3. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager of the elections division, 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 allow the King County Sheriff to serve as the county's collective bargaining agent for all department of public safety issues except for compensation and benefits, which would continue to be bargained by the county executive?

SECTION 4. Within ninety days after certification that the charter amendment in section 2 of this ordinance has been approved by the voters, the county executive and the county sheriff shall submit to the county council a joint proposal for legislation establishing a process of consultation and collaboration between the executive and the sheriff in advance of collective bargaining negotiations concerning employees of the department of public safety. The process shall be designed to promote successful implementation of the charter amendment by identifying and resolving any disagreements between the county executive and the county sheriff concerning the division of bargaining authority, the positions to be taken on issues expected to arise during collective bargaining or other matters that have the potential to interfere with collective bargaining. The process shall provide that the county executive and the county sheriff shall promptly submit a confidential, detailed, written report to the chair of the county council and the chair of the council's labor policy committee describing any such disagreement that the executive and the sheriff are unable to resolve. The process shall further provide that neither the county executive nor the county sheriff shall propose or agree to the inclusion of language in any collective bargaining agreement concerning employees of the department of public safety without conferring with one another, except in regards to compensation and benefits.

#### Complete Text Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice, Fire Protection, and Other Government Purposes

AN ORDINANCE directing the submission to the gualified voters of King County at a special election on November 2, 2010, a proposition authorizing an additional sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 for criminal justice, fire protection and other general governmental purposes, with proceeds split between the county (sixty percent) and cities (forty percent), subject to a requirement to appropriate certain unincorporated area property tax revenues for criminal justice for the first three years; limiting the use of county tax proceeds to criminal justice purposes and replacement and expansion of capital facilities for juvenile justice and family law services, including, but not limited to, replacement of the Alder Wing and Tower of the King County Youth Services Center; setting dates for the expiration of the new taxing authority; appointing committees to write the voters' pamphlet statements for the special election on November 2, 2010 and repealing Ordinance 16888, Section 1, Ordinance 16888, Section 2, Ordinance 16888, Section 3, Ordinance 16888, Section 4, Ordinance 16888, Section 5, Ordinance 16888, Section 6, Ordinance 16888, Section 7, Ordinance 16888, Section 8, Ordinance 16888, Section 9, Ordinance 16888, Section 10, Ordinance 16888, Section 11, Ordinance 16888, Section 12, Ordinance 16888, Section 13, and Ordinance 16888, Section 14. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF F COUNTY:

#### SECTION 1. Findings:

A. Public safety is one of the most fundamental purposes of government.

B. A strong system of criminal justice is necessary to maintain safe and livable communities.

C. Under Washington state law, counties provide many regional and local criminal justice functions, including police protection services and responding to emergencies.

D. In order to have the greatest possible impact in helping those most in need and the highest return on its investments, King County focuses on prevention and intervention efforts, job readiness and employment services, ending homelessness and providing services that reduce criminal justice involvement and costs.

E. The current funding for criminal justice is limited and insufficient to provide King County residents with the level of services that are needed to build and maintain safe and strong communities.

F. The county's projected 2011 and 2012 budget deficits threaten important criminal justice, and other essential government functions. The projected deficits will require that cuts be made to these essential services unless additional revenue is approved by the voters. In order to limit these cuts and maintain safe and strong communities, it is important for the voters to consider a sales and use tax proposition to support criminal justice.

G. The county's current expense fund faces continuing challenges in future years. To balance the 2010 budget, the county was forced to cut fifty-six million dollars. For 2011, the deficit is projected to approach sixty million dollars with another eighty million dollars in cuts necessary for 2012.

H. King County must continue to find efficiencies and capitalize on productivity gains through the use of technology, better program management, and performance measurement in order to contain costs and bring growth in revenues and expenditures into equilibrium.

I. The King County Youth Services Center ("YSC") facility at 12th Avenue and East Alder Street in downtown Seattle serves the justice needs of King County juveniles and families. The superior court has undertaken long-range planning efforts for the provision of juvenile and family justice services and has completed both a Targeted Operational Master Plan ("TOMP") and a Targeted Facilities Master Plan ("TFMP"). The TFMP recommends the replacement of the Alder Wing and Tower at the YSC. Over forty years old, the current facility is in a state of disrepair and has reached the end of its useful life. The costs of maintaining the building have become untenable with over \$20 million in deferred maintenance costs alone. The facility is in need of replacement to ensure the continuing justice services for King County youth and families and to meet the demands of population growth in future years.

J. The county council hereby finds that the Youth Services Center is a criminal justice facility and finds further that the essential public health and safety services provided by this facility are of general benefit to all of the residents of King County. The facility also will provide family law services. To maintain King County's ability to continue to provide services at a facility on the current site of the YSC, the county council further finds that the best interests of all of the residents of the county require the county to undertake a replacement project for the facility.

K. The county council hereby finds and declares that the proposition authorized to be submitted to the voters by this ordinance and the replacement of the Youth Services Center authorized thereby and described in this ordinance have for their object the furtherance and accomplishment of a system of criminal justice facilities for the benefit of all residents of King County and constitute a single purpose.

L. The total estimated cost of the Youth Services Center replacement and expansion, including the costs of issuing and selling the bonds, is declared to be, as nearly as may be determined, \$150,000,000.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The definitions in this

section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Criminal justice purposes" means activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system, including but not limited to services such as police protection, the incarceration of offenders, court services, and the prosecution and defense services of defendants on behalf of King County residents, domestic violence services, sexual assault services and legal assistance.

B. "Proceeds from the sales and use tax" means the principal amount of funds raised by the additional sales and use tax authorized by this ordinance and any interest earnings on the principal amount of funds.

C. "Youth Services Center Replacement Project" or "replacement" means: a capital project or series of capital projects to design, remodel, construct and equip\_facilities for juvenile justice and family law services, including but not limited to replacement and expansion of the Alder Wing and Tower of the King County Youth Services Center located at 12th and Alder in Seattle, WA. The facility presently is used to provide court services primarily to youth involved in the criminal justice system as well as certain family law services such as truancy cases.

# SECTION 3. Authorization of additional sales and use tax.

A. In order to provide funding for the purposes identified in section 6 of this ordinance, the council hereby directs the submission of a proposition to the voters of the county substantially as set forth in section 8 of this ordinance to authorize the county to fix and impose pursuant to RCW 82.14.450 an additional sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent.

B. If approved by the voters, the additional sales and use tax:

1. Shall be in addition to other existing sales and use taxes currently imposed by the county;

2. Shall be imposed on all taxable events as authorized under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW and collected as of a date as determined by the council by ordinance;

3. Shall not apply to any exempt transactions identified in RCW 82.14.450(4), and

4. Shall be subject to the conditions in section 4 of this ordinance.

C. If, as a result of the adoption of this proposition by the voters of the county, the county imposes an additional sales and use tax upon sales of lodging in excess of the limits contained in RCW 82.14.410, those sales shall be exempt from the imposition of that additional sales and use tax.

SECTION 4. Condition on imposition and continuation of taxes.

A. The authority to fix and impose the sales and use tax for the purposes in section 7 of this ordinance shall be

subject to the following condition: annually, in accordance with RCW 36.33.220 and 36.82.040, at least nine million five hundred thousand dollars is diverted from the county road fund and placed into a separate and identifiable account in the county current expense fund, and the diverted funds appropriated for police protection in the unincorporated area of King County. The amount diverted and appropriated annually shall be in addition to any amount of the county roads fund revenues that may lawfully be spent for traffic enforcement purposes without utilizing the authority in RCW 36.33.220;

B. In any year in which subsection A. of this section is in effect and the condition in subsection A. of this section is not satisfied, the additional sales and use tax authorized by this ordinance and fixed and imposed by the county shall expire in accordance with section 6 of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. Distribution of taxes collected.

A. If approved by the voters, sixty percent of any sales and use tax proceeds authorized by section 3 of this ordinance and collected by the state Department of Revenue shall be paid to the county.

B. If approved by the voters, forty percent of any sales and use tax proceeds authorized by section 3 of this ordinance and collected by the state Department of Revenue shall be distributed to cities within King County on a per capita basis.

#### SECTION 6. Expiration.

A. If an additional sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent authorized under section 3 of this ordinance is imposed and levied, then the tax expires on the earlier of:

1. If in 2011, 2012 or 2013 the condition identified in section 4.A. of this ordinance is not satisfied, the last day of the first quarter in the following year; or

2. According the following schedule;

a. The tax of one tenth of one percent expires April 1, 2014; and

b. The tax of one tenth of one percent expires April 1, 2031.

B. Section 4 of this ordinance expires April 1, 2014.

SECTION 7. Use of tax proceeds. If approved by the voters, at least one-third of all proceeds from the sales and use tax authorized by section 3 of this ordinance shall be used for criminal justice purposes or fire protection purposes, or both. County proceeds shall be used solely for criminal justice purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450, and replacement of capital facilities for juvenile justice and family law services, including but not limited to replacement of the Alder Wing and Tower of the King County Youth Services Center located at 12th and Alder in Seattle, WA. City proceeds may be used for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes or other general city purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450.

SECTION 8. Call for election. Pursuant to

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# King County - Proposition No. 1 (continued)

RCW 29A.04.321, it is hereby found that the proposition, substantially as hereinafter set forth, be submitted to the qualified electors of the county at a county special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 2, 2010. King County elections is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct such election to be held within the county on said date and to submit to the qualified voters of the county at such election said proposition.

The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following form:

The Metropolitan King County Council adopted Ordinance 16899 concerning funding for criminal justice, fire protection, and other government purposes. This proposition would authorize King County to fix and impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.2%, split between the county (60%) and cities (40%). At least one-third of all proceeds shall be used for criminal justice or fire protection purposes. County proceeds shall be used for criminal justice purposes, such as police protection, and the replacement of capital facilities for juvenile justice. The duration of the additional sales and use tax will be as provided in section 6 of Ordinance 16899. Should this proposition be:

#### Approved?

#### Rejected?

SECTION 9. Appointment of voters' pamphlet committees. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280, the following individuals are appointed to serve on the voters' pamphlet committees, each committee to write a statement for or against the proposed criminal justice sales and use tax ballot measure:

#### FOR

AGAINST

- 1. Bruce Hilyer
- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2.
- Sue Rahr
   Mary Ellen Stone
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_

<u>SECTION 10.</u> **Ratification.** Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on November 2, 2010, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> Authority supplemental. The authority granted in this ordinance is supplemental to all other powers of the county, and nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as limiting or restricting any powers or authority conferred upon the county by law.

SECTION 12. **Regional accountability**. No later than July 1, 2013, the county auditor shall, in a report, prepare an inventory of how cities have expended proceeds of the additional sales and use tax imposed under this ordinance, for city criminal justice purposes, for fire protection purposes and other general city purposes. The report shall detail, to the extent possible, city expenditures of the additional sales tax which benefit both city and regional objectives, including, but not limited to, infrastructure investments to promote growth management act goals, investments that spur annexations to cities, city payments for regional contract services and city contributions to local and regional human services. The auditor shall file one paper copy and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the paper copy and forward an electronic copy to each councilmember.

SECTION 13. 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.

SECTION 14. **Repeal.** Ordinance 16888, Section 1, Ordinance 16888, Section 2, Ordinance 16888, Section 3, Ordinance 16888, Section 4, Ordinance 16888, Section 5, Ordinance 16888, Section 6, Ordinance 16888, Section 7, Ordinance 16888, Section 8, Ordinance 16888, Section 9, Ordinance 16888, Section 10, Ordinance 16888, Section 11, Ordinance 16888, Section 12, Ordinance 16888, Section 13, and Ordinance 16888, Section 14, are each hereby repealed.



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