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You will receive two voters’ pamphlets

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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• A citizen of the United States
• A legal resident of Washington state
• At least 18 years old by election day
• Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections

How to register

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• Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
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Visit our Voter Registration Annex
King County Elections offers convenient, in-person service in downtown Seattle for voter registration-related matters only.

Services offered:
• Register to vote
• Update your address or name
• Get voter registration cards
• Get help with address issues
• Cancel a voter registration

Services not offered:
• Get a replacement ballot
• Return voted ballots
• Resolve signature challenges
• Vote at an Accessible Voting Center
• Get maps or data files
• File for office

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

Contact information

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

Email:
elections@kingcounty.gov

Online:
www.kingcounty.gov/elections

Mail or in-person:
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA  98057

King County Elections is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Annex*
King County Administration Building
500 4th Ave., Room 440
Seattle, WA  98104

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

*Please note, this location only provides services associated with voter registration.
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 3. Mailed ballots require first class postage, now 49 cents.

24-hour drop boxes

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

Bursten City Hall
400 SW 152nd Street, Burien 98166

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

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

Issaquah City Hall
130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

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

Redmond City Hall
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond 98052

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

Seattle ballot drop box locations:

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

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Ballots drop boxes are open
24 hours a day beginning October 15.

Ballots drop boxes close
on election day, November 3, at 8 p.m.
Scheduled drop vans

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

Auburn City Hall
25 West Main Street, Auburn 98001

Kirkland City Hall
123 5th Avenue, Kirkland 98033

Sammamish City Hall
801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish 98075

SeaTac City Hall
4800 S 188th Street, SeaTac 98188

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

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

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

Woodinville City Hall
17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville 98072

Seattle locations:

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

Rainier Community Center
4600 38th Avenue S, Seattle 98118

West Seattle Stadium
4432 35th Avenue SW, Seattle 98126

College Campus location:

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

Hours of operation

Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Election day, November 3, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Voting by mail is a convenient option for most people. There are other options available.

**Online Ballot Marking Program**

- Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program.
- Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking program has been designed specifically to enable blind and vision-impaired voters to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter’s ballot is damaged or lost, voters may mark their ballot on a computer, print it out, and return it by fax, standard mail or email before the 8 p.m. election day deadline.
- Overseas and service voters may request to permanently receive their ballot using this program.

**Accessible Voting Centers**

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

**King County Elections**
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

**Hours of operation:**
- Weekdays, October 14 - 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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**Seattle Union Station**
401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle 98104

**Bellevue City Hall**
450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue 98004

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Voters also may return ballots at these locations during the hours listed.

Reading the local voters’ pamphlet

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

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

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

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

Are candidate statements fact checked before they are published?

No. King County Elections is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the statements, and we print them exactly as they are received (including any potential errors). Candidate statement word limits are based upon the number of registered voters within each district.

What is an explanatory statement?

A ballot measure explanatory statement is prepared by the district’s attorney; it outlines the effect the ballot measure would have if passed into law.

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

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

The statements are a way to persuade voters to vote for or against a measure. King County Elections is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the statements, and prints them exactly as they are received.

Your signature matters

Did you know that by law, we can’t count your ballot if you don’t sign the ballot return envelope? Carefully sign the declaration on the back of your return envelope before you return your ballot.

If you forget to sign or if the signature doesn’t match the one on file with your voter registration, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.
<table>
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<th>Title</th>
<th>Duties</th>
<th>Term (years)</th>
<th>Salary (2015)</th>
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<tr>
<td>King County Assessor (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Oversees assessments of residential and commercial properties in King County.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$174,379</td>
</tr>
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<td>King County Director of Elections (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Conducts elections and oversees voter registration and voter education in King County.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$174,379</td>
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<td>Metropolitan King County Council (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Sets policies and enacts laws. Develops and adopts county budget. Oversees county services.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$148,093</td>
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<td>Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port. Establishes port policy.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$7,620 and $42,106 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>City Mayor (elected by voters in the city)</td>
<td>Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Varies by city (check with them directly)</td>
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<td>City Council Position / District (elected by voters in the city2)</td>
<td>Approves the city's budget. Develops laws and policies. Oversees public services.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Varies by city (check with them directly)</td>
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<td>School District Director/Position (elected by voters in the school district3)</td>
<td>Sets policies for schools. Provides oversight for the operations of the school system. Represents the interests of the community on public education issues.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<td>Fire District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees fire services including fire response and protection, emergency medical aid and more.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<td>Sewer/Wastewater District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees the sewer district to keep up facilities, meet water needs and meet environmental requirements.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<td>Utility District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy and monitor use of many types of energy.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<td>Public Hospital Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<td>Airport Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees county airports.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cemetery Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Oversees the maintenance and operation of district cemeteries.</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Park and Recreation District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)</td>
<td>Adopts the parks budget, and develops goals, policies and regulations for parks.</td>
<td>Varies</td>
<td>No annual salary</td>
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1 Current office holders receive the lower salary. Candidates who are elected to office in 2015 will receive the higher salary. Current elected officials cannot have a change of salary in the middle of their term.

2 For Seattle City Council, voters now elect seven members by district and two at-large (citywide) positions.

3 Seattle School District No. 1 director districts are only voted on by voters within each director district for the primary election. In the general election, these districts are voted at-large (district wide) by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.
King County

Assessor

Lloyd Hara

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Education: BA in Economics, Masters in Public Administration, University of Washington

Occupation: King County Assessor and Small Business Owner

Statement: When you elected me Assessor, we were in the grip of the recession. With property values back on the rise, it’s important your property assessments continue to be fair and accurate.

We made it easier to petition values with online appeals. Even with this improvement, property valuation appeals have dropped 50% since I took office, signaling public confidence in our work!

The Assessor’s office does not set taxes. We do, however, value 700,000 King County properties annually. In that process, we won nine national awards. We are rated one of the best Assessor’s offices nationally for excellence in setting values, technology innovation, public education, transparency, and customer service.

We help senior-citizens with tax relief programs to keep housing affordable. We advocated to the Legislature and this year the income limits were increased so that more seniors, veterans, and disabled qualify for property tax relief. This will help homeowners afford to stay in their homes – as King County becomes more expensive.

We transformed the office by focusing on customer service. When you call our office you speak with a live person – not a recording. Our award-winning website is the second most visited County site. We launched LocalScape, which provides info 24/7 about how we value your property and other significant community data.

Employees rated us with the highest workplace satisfaction among all King County agencies!

We have more great work to do and would appreciate your vote.

I am endorsed by a coalition of supporters including former Governors Gary Locke and Mike Lowry; Attorney General Bob Ferguson; King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, Larry Phillips, Dave Upthegrove, Rod Dempowski, and Pete von Reichbauer; Sheriff John Urquhart; Laborers Local 242; King County Democrats; Mainstream Republicans of Washington; King County Realtors; Equal Rights Washington, and Fire Fighters 27.

John Wilson

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Education: Bachelor’s in Editorial Journalism and Political Science, University of Washington

Occupation: Special Project Manager for Innovation at King County

Statement: John Wilson is the clear choice for non-partisan King County Assessor. He’ll put taxpayers before politics.

John will make sure property taxes are fair, ensure it’s easy to file an appeal, and that the office is well-run.

The incumbent, Lloyd Hara, is a career politician who has raised property tax levels to their highest since 2009, killed a technology partnership potentially worth millions to King County taxpayers, and then demanded a huge pay hike for himself – $14,000 a year more than what we pay the Governor. Hara compared himself to Assessors in California and Texas. He’s already the highest paid Assessor in Washington at $169,000 a year.

John will reject the incumbent’s self-serving pay hike demand. As chief deputy assessor, John built a record of innovation and reform. He spearheaded development of the first-ever mobile device app to improve assessment accuracy and efficiency. He launched the state’s first online property tax appeals platform. He even re-deployed slightly used fleet vehicles to save money and get work done more efficiently. John’s leadership saved taxpayer millions and delivered results.

Sadly, many innovative initiatives in the Assessor’s Office have stalled since John left.

If elected, John will aggressively work to sign up eligible seniors and veterans for the property tax exemption program, and work with Executive Constantine, Mayor Murray and others to find solutions to the affordable housing crisis to help renters and homeowners.

John isn’t a life-long politician. He’ll do what’s right instead of what is self-serving. That’s why Dan Evans, Martha Choe, Bruce Harrell, Rob McKenna, John Okamoto, Cathy Degginger, Claudia Kauflman, Paula Boggs, Norm Dicks, Chris Vance, Dorothy Buiitt, Denis Hayes, King County Labor Council, Aerospace Machinists 751, Amalgamated Transit Union 587, Teamsters 117 and countless others have endorsed John.

Please vote John Wilson for King County Assessor. Thank you.
Director of Elections

Julie Wise

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www.electjuliewise.com

Education: University of Washington Evans School; Harvard Kennedy School; Certified Washington State and National Election Administrator

Occupation: Current Elections Deputy Director and 13-year veteran elections administrator

Statement:

Thank you, voters, for your support in the primary. I was humbled by the results of my first election as a candidate, receiving 63% of the County’s votes.

Your confidence in our election system is very important to me; I want to bring more community input into elections to continue building upon our record of accurate, fair and transparent election administration.

As the current Elections Deputy Director, I oversee four elections every year, and I’ve been part of the team responsible for completely reconciling all elections for the past five years. I introduced Lean Management principles and Six Sigma techniques to more than 100 election processes, giving me a national reputation as an innovator. I have expanded education, outreach and services for all voters, including voters with disabilities, new citizens and those in the military.

I am the only nonpartisan candidate running in this race, and I’m proud of my track record of serving all equally and fairly. The Elections Director is too important a position to be trusted to an overly partisan candidate who lacks election administration experience.

I am committed to continued reform of King County Elections. I plan to install more permanent 24-hour ballot drop boxes across King County and expand accessible voting options for all voters. I look forward to implementing new techniques that enhance elections audits, replacing aging equipment and further strengthening our accountability. I will keep expanding voter education and outreach to better serve all citizens and communities.

I am proud of the diverse endorsements I have received: The Seattle Times, The Stranger, National Women’s Political Caucus, Secretary of State Kim Wyman, retiring King County Elections Director Sherril Huff, bipartisan election officials across the state and Democratic, Republican and Independent voters countywide.

I ask for your vote. Thank you for your support.

Zack Hudgins

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Education: BA - University of Notre Dame

Occupation: High Technology Manager / Citizen Legislator

Statement: Zack Hudgins is the only candidate in this race with successful leadership in elections, business, and public service. His competency and integrity is recognized by many civic and veteran organizations. Zack has the education, experience and vision to move this office into the future.

It’s time for a change. The King County Elections administration has stumbled over the last few years with the 2004 governor’s recount, having too few ballot boxes and other practices that have dramatically lowered voter turnout. The current administration isn’t ready for the growth and technology of the future.

We can do better. As the next Elections Director, Zack commits to prepare the office for the coming challenges through constant enhancements to the counting process, improving accountability measures, more ballot security, friendlier online tools and expanded community outreach.

Zack is a nationally and internationally respected elections expert with a background in Information Technology (IT). In 2004, he was a U.S. senior process advisor to the Interim Iraqi National Congress preparing for their first free elections.

Zack brings a unique competence to manage the Elections office from many years of service in the State Legislature. This service includes oversight of the Public Disclosure Commission, the Secretary of State’s Election division, budgets and large and complex IT projects. In addition to his Legislative responsibilities, Zack regularly works with civic groups around the state, including high school and college students, on how to be more effective citizens. Zack is the candidate with a completely untarnished record of public service.

Zack brings his business experience at Amazon.com and Microsoft to identify efficiencies needed in the Elections office.

With his wife, Gabriela Quintana, Zack is parent to a four year old son. Because of his public record, Zack is widely supported across the county.

Vote Zack Hudgins for Director of Elections.
Voting is like soccer—you’ve got to stay on the ball and get it in!

Don’t miss your chance to vote- it’s how you score for all of us!

Be an informed voter!
Joe McDermott

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Joe@JoeMcDermott.org
www.JoeMcDermott.org

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

Occupation: King County Councilmember; previous: State Legislator, Senior Budget Analyst

Statement: King County needs seasoned, effective leadership. On the County Council and Sound Transit Board, I’ve rolled up my sleeves and gotten results on critical issues: transit and transportation priorities; human services; and environmental protection. I look forward to continuing to serve our diverse and unique region.

A lifelong area resident, I have worked hard to keep King County on track—bringing compassion and innovation to budgeting and safeguarding critical services. I have chaired the Council’s Budget and Fiscal Management Committee for the last 4 years.

Transit and Transportation: I believe in high quality transit for the whole region. I will advocate for light rail to West Seattle. On the Council, I supported innovative ridership-expansion programs and fought to maintain Metro service with fiscally responsible reforms.

Human Services: I have been a consistent voice for safeguarding services for the vulnerable. That work includes keeping Greenbridge and other public health clinics open and ensuring funding for Maternity Support Services.

Environmental Protection: I proudly sponsored legislation to preserve Maury Island and continue to lead on Duwamish cleanup and other conservation efforts in District 8 and beyond.

I would be honored to have your vote to continue to represent you on the County Council.
Commissioner Position No. 2

Courtney Gregoire

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Education: Graduate of Olympia High School, Willamette University, and Harvard Law School
Occupation: Microsoft Counsel, Former Deputy Chief of Staff US Commerce Department
Statement: It’s been my honor to serve as one of your Port Commissioners for the last two years.
I ran for office to ensure that we have quality jobs at our port, protect our precious environment, and strengthen our region’s international competitiveness.

Growing Jobs and Regional Competitiveness
I want the Port of Seattle to be a place that respects all the women and men who work there. That’s why I led our quality job initiative to raise the standard of living for airport contractors, enable every employee to grow in their careers and better serve the people of our region.

For too long, the ports of Seattle and Tacoma were locked in race-to-the-bottom competition harming our region and state. In 2014, we launched the landmark Northwest Seaport Alliance and proved that collaborative leadership can get things done. This historic new partnership will ensure that our state’s largest two ports will work together to move Washington products around the globe and support good-paying jobs here at home.

Protecting Our Environment
Environmental protection is vital and remains my core priority. We have made smart investments at SeaTac Airport and, in 2014, our airport was the first in North America to win a carbon emission award for reducing emissions by 8% in 3 years. The Port must keep its commitment to cleaning up Puget Sound and the Duwamish River.

Moving Forward
But despite all of these accomplishments, there’s still much work to be done. We must continue to grow and improve SeaTac Airport, expand workforce training opportunities in the maritime and aviation sectors, and fulfill my commitment to make the Port an environmental leader.

With your support, we can continue to meet these challenges.
My husband Scott and I live in Seattle with our two daughters. I would appreciate, and ask, for your vote.

Goodspaceguy

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Education: University educated in Germany, Sweden, and America, Goodspaceguy earned Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees (economic minors.)
Occupation: Shared Corporate Owner Goodspaceguy: “Unsabotage our shared, competitive, free market!”
Statement: Warning: There are several people (some brilliant) who have been writing and producing under Goodspaceguy’s name (perhaps to cause him vote loss?) This is entirely unnecessary because Goodspaceguy can lose votes all by himself just by saying that the anti-free-market, minimum wage should be abolished so that less-productive, disadvantaged people can easily get work at their low market value. (Note: Jobs educate! Being forbidden to work by the minimum wage is terrible.)

You the people of King County own the Port of Seattle. Why are you subsidizing this business through your property tax and through your rent? Are you getting a prosperous King County? No! Goodspaceguy thinks you are getting a lower living standard.

Improving the economy by increasing jobs should be a goal of the port. Make it easy for the long-term unemployed and the homeless and the many beggars to get jobs somewhere in our competitive economy (where supply and demand sets prices.) Unsabotage our economy. Raise the people’s living standard by increasing production.

To fix your car, hire auto mechanics. To fix your economy, elect economists who understand business and the profit incentive. At university, Goodspaceguy spent much time studying business and economics. Because you have a super-duper high-cost port, Goodspaceguy believes cost control should be increased. Investor Goodspaceguy, a small spender and a big saver, has become prosperous. To increase business, Goodspaceguy hopes we will become willing to use business and economics principles to change from a high cost port to a low cost port!

To help Goodspaceguy raise the living standard, please study economics. Read the news. Listen to radio talk show hosts. Discuss and defend capitalism. Remember: when you vote for big spending candidates, you are voting to increase taxes and waste and wild, wild spending (with millions to the terrible tunnel?)
Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: Masters of Science in Fisheries, University of Washington. B.S. in Psychology, University of Michigan.

Occupation: Marine Environmental Consultant

Statement: We can all share in the natural wealth, economic opportunity, and beauty of the Puget Sound region if the Seattle Port Commission’s governance is based on ecological integrity and equity. I’m the most qualified candidate to protect our environment while creating good paying jobs.

The Port’s success is critical to King County’s middle-class economy built on trade, tourism, fishing, and recreation. We need to bolster public trust in the Commission to address challenges from global competition to climate change.

The science of climate change is clear. We must find a sustainable tenant for Terminal 5 rather than Shell Oil and catalyze our clean energy economy.

As Port Commissioner I will:

- Protect our working waterfront while implementing the NW Seaport Alliance,
- Practice inclusive engagement in all decision-making,
- Advocate for equitable funding for airport construction,
- Ensure effective Duwamish River clean-up, and
- Require that contractors and employees are treated and paid fairly.

Port Commissioners need technical and policy expertise, as well as experience building alliances. As a marine ecologist and policy consultant for 25 years, I have worked in broad coalitions to protect the natural and cultural heritage of Puget Sound by preventing oil spills from ships and trains, ending cruise ship sewage discharges and restoring Golden Gardens Park. For the past ten years I have been the only candidate participating in Port Commission meetings.

Working together we can ensure the Port grows responsibly while cutting carbon emissions. This will support our communities, unions, and industries at our airport and seaports now and into the future.

I am proudly endorsed by SEIU Local 6, Sailor’s Union of the Pacific, King County Democrats, WA Conservation Voters, The Stranger, the Progressive Voters Guide, Max Vekich, Martha Kongsgaard, Kay Bullitt, Larry Phillips, Maralyn Chase, Pete Knutson, Nick Licata, and Ron Sims.

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Occupation: Economic Development Consultant, Councilmember City of Normandy Park (former)

Statement: Marion Yoshino is an economic development professional with a background in banking and finance. She is a candidate for Port Commissioner today because of a series of successes that she and other community leaders achieved in working with the Port, including securing Port funding to construct soundproof school buildings throughout the Highline School District; wetland restoration and water quality measures; and other environmental and community improvements.

In her career as an economic development official, Marion drove the development of the first business park on Port property. The 90-acre Des Moines Creek Business Park has been awarded the FAA Regional Headquarters office project, turning vacant land into over 1600 local jobs. The Port owns much more property that could be used to create family wage jobs. Marion brings a commitment to helping people, and a dedication to economic development, to the Port Commission.

Marion is the only candidate who has experience as a public official. She has both private sector business, and local government, expertise. Marion is candidate of choice because she takes a strong stand:

- The Shell Oil lease decision should not have been decided by Port staff, but rather by public process.

The assets of the Port should be used to create family wage jobs.

Environmentally friendly businesses are now creating more jobs, while preserving and restoring beautiful Puget Sound. We shouldn’t have to settle for anything less than a clean environment and local jobs.

Let’s stand together for a clean environment, local jobs, and fair wages as best business practices at the Port of Seattle. Leaders throughout King County support Marion for Port Commissioner.

City of Carnation

Council Position No. 1

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Education: Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering & Air Safety Certificate Program
Occupation: Retired Air Safety Investigator and Naval Aviator
Statement: The City of Carnation is at the threshold of a new and exciting period in its history. To keep Carnation a viable and livable community in the 21st century, a realistic plan to implement a vision as a rural city with modern amenities needs people who understand how to do it by prudently using the city’s limited resources. I have done that during my tenure on the city council. The expectations of all Carnation’s citizens are important. I will strive to ensure their expectations are met.

Steve McFall
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Education: Managed projects that came at or under budget. Concept to finish.
Occupation: Construction, dirt to door knobs
Statement: My family has lived in Carnation for twenty-eight years. I have served two terms on the City of Carnation Planning Board. My goal is to encouraging and supporting local businesses.

My experience in managing large commercial projects in multiple U.S. States has helped me see how Carnation can be managed better. From the concept to final completion of a project require tight oversight. We need Carnation to be proactive not reactive in matters of infrastructure. Our basic infrastructure needs to be addressed.

With this many homes being added to our City Police and Fire Protection also need to be addressed. These are issues that I feel should be a main priority of City Council. This will be a priority for me.

This should be in the planning stages now.
Together we can make Carnation a great place to live and raise a family!

Council Position No. 3

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Education: No information submitted
Occupation: Small Business Owner: Ambassador Marketing
Statement: This City is growing fast and will continue to grow. With growth come challenges and decisions that will need to be made in a clear manner. There needs to be strategies behind it to better the entire City. Priorities need to be set on spending and clear goals need to be in place for the City. Owning my own small business brings a skill set to Council that I feel is needed now. I do business in multiple States and negotiate contracts for entities. This experience will help Carnation using money more wisely in decisions.

It is time Council looks at how to best spend money to improve the entire city. We have an increased criminal element that needs to be addressed. The Cities inferior infrastructure is in need of a lot of work. I look forward to having conversations about these things and working for the Citizens of Carnation.

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Education: Tufts University, International Relations, BA
Occupation: Business Owner, Miller’s Mercantile
Statement: When I talk to neighbors about Carnation, I often hear the same thing: we need to grow wisely while preserving our small-town character.

Carnation is at a turning point—we have over 100 new homes underway and more are in discussion.

How do we maintain our small-town character as we grow? By ensuring new housing meets the needs of our community. By keeping Carnation safe for walking and biking. By remaining strong and cautious fiscally. By keeping safety a priority. By improving our streets and lending our Parks. By supporting a strong, locally owned downtown economy.

I’ve served the City for 15 years, on the Planning Board and City Council. I opened a business in 2004 that has grown to become Miller’s Mercantile.

As a friend, neighbor, and public servant to many of you, I would be honored to continue serving you, to help strengthen our close-knit community.
Council Position No. 5

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering - University of Washington
Occupation: Mechanical Engineer - medical device industry
Statement: Carnation adopted me 19 years ago. I’ve strived to give back by volunteering with the Eastman-Rush Foundation, Carnation Matters, Carnation Elementary, the Sustainable Carnation Committee and the Riverview Education Foundation.

Carnation is a great place to play, work and raise a family. Making wise choices and utilizing our resources efficiently will be critical as we welcome new neighbors to town in the months and years to come. As your representative on the city council, I will make sure your concerns are heard and that city successes are communicated.

I’d love to talk with you about the past, present and future of our little town. Please feel free to contact me via phone, e-mail or social media. We could even talk in person if we bump into each other at the Carnation Farmers Market or around town. Looking forward to our conversations and your support.

Ernest Fix

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Education: Washington State University, Bachelor of Arts – Political Science
Occupation: Lead Maintenance Technician, City of Redmond Public Works
Statement: As a native of the Snoqualmie Valley, it has been my sincere privilege to serve Carnation as the Vice Chairperson of the Planning Board. I aspire to continue serving the community as a member of the City Council.

I will bring an informed, levelheaded approach to the Council, and will work to ensure Carnation’s future as a safe, vibrant community that is in touch with its historical roots and the natural beauty of the region. I value transparency and accountability in public administration and the use of public funds. My combination of ten years experience working in City government, education, and genuine desire to represent the people of Carnation make me confident in my ability to serve our community.

Tips for voting

- Read the ballot, envelope and voters’ pamphlet carefully.
- Use a black ink pen to fill out your ballot.
- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Sign the declaration on the back of the return envelope.
- Return only your ballot in the envelope provided. Do not return multiple ballots in the same envelope.
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### Council Position No. 2

**Veronika Williams**

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**Education:** Concordia University, Irvine  
**Occupation:** City of Duvall Planning Commissioner  
**Statement:**  
I moved to Duvall in 2012 with the intention of spending the rest of my life here. I want to see my young children graduate from Cedarcrest High School. I am deeply committed to Duvall remaining the place I want to raise my children.  
I am a Planning Commissioner for the City of Duvall, and serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. I am currently President of Duvall Foundation for the Arts. I am the Outreach/Advocacy Chair of the Cherry Valley Elementary PTA. I volunteer 4 days a week at Cherry Valley Elementary during the school year. I am becoming involved this year with the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network.  
My focus is on Family, Community, Heritage, and Culture. I will strive to keep Duvall a safe, family-friendly, close-knit community, that celebrates its agricultural heritage and embraces its unique culture.  
I am committed to Duvall.

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### Council Position No. 4

**Becky A. Nixon**

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**Education:** Attended Tacoma Community College, and Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas  
**Occupation:** Pacific Crest Insurance, Agency Owner  
**Statement:**  
It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Duvall. I will continue to listen to what the citizens tell me are priorities for their families and what direction they would like to see their city move towards in the future.  
Ms. Nixon is a business owner, mother, and community advocate. She is a former Mayor of Duvall, and has served on numerous boards including Duvall Chamber of Commerce, Riverview Education Foundation, and Snoqualmie Valley Community Network.

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### Leroy Collinwood

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science, Business Administration. University of Phoenix  
**Occupation:** Consulting Delivery Manager  
**Statement:**  
Four years ago when I came to office I said I wanted to help business flourish, promote responsible growth, and manage a prioritized budget. I’m happy to report progress in all areas.  
My unwavering support for the Cultural Commission improves Duvall’s reputation through successful events like Duvall Days and Summer Stage, helping all businesses in town. As Chair of the Land Use Committee for two years, I guide policy and negotiate agreements with developers to provide the best outcome for the city and its current and future residents. I promote ongoing sidewalk and street improvements, and push for updates in utility operations resulting in significant cost savings. I successfully advocate for balanced budgets and maintain healthy reserves, all while prioritizing the most important projects, even during lean years.  
I look forward to continuing to serve and support our amazing community for the next four years. Thank you for your vote.
Council Position No. 7

Jason Walker

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Education: Arizona State University and University of Washington
Occupation: Landscape Architect and Planner, PerTeet Engineering
Statement: It has been a privilege to serve you on City Council since 2012, as Mayor Pro-Tem in 2013 and 2014, and previously as Chair of your Planning Commission.
I have worked collaboratively with our Mayor and Council to change growth policies to reflect community values, to implement greater accountability in city government, adopt sustainable budget practices, and to improve our already amazing police. I also support infrastructure investments such as constructing sidewalks along the remainder of Main Street to improve public safety and to stimulate business growth.
It is also an honor to serve regionally on the King County Growth Management Policy Council, on the Board of Directors for the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, and as Chair of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum.
Your vote will insure my continued determination to protect the integrity, stability, and beauty of our remarkable city, and the greater legacy we leave as a community.

What do pancakes and ballots have in common?
They both need to be turned over to be done. Remember to vote both sides of your ballot!
City of North Bend

**Mayor**

**Ken Hearing**

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**Education:** Mt Si High School, North Bend  
Planning Commission, Association Washington Cities Certified Municipal Leader

**Occupation:** Mayor, City of North Bend; Owner, Scott’s Dairy Freeze

**Statement:** Thank you citizens of North Bend for your past support. We have accomplished much for our community and I’m asking for your vote for continued progress. As Mayor, we secured new water rights and infrastructure, sewer upgrades, and numerous street improvements. The new agreement for police services has resulted in citizens feeling safer in their homes and neighborhoods. My energy and passion to serve you continues unabated as we have more yet to do. Growth is challenging our infrastructure and we need to ensure that developers pay for improvements. I will also continue to lead the revitalization effort to fill underutilized storefronts. As your Mayor, I strive to model open government practices keeping the needs of the community front and center. My experience, strong understanding and in depth knowledge of budget and human resources will continue to benefit the city. Vote experience; vote Ken Hearing.

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**Council Position No. 1**

**Jonathan Rosen**

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**Education:** Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, George Washington University, Washington D.C.

**Occupation:** Small business owner

**Statement:** It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Councilmember. Over the past few years our community has experienced tremendous challenges and change. I have lead efforts to increase our level of police protection and improve our parks. I take pride in keeping our property taxes low while respecting the voters trust in the city to manage your tax dollars effectively. I deeply appreciate the voters confidence in passing both a transportation and public safety measure. I’ll continue to work hard to see your investment is spent wisely and transparently. Our public infrastructure requires improvements and I’ll continue to maintain and upgrade it. I’ll insist that growth pays its share of its impact on traffic and neighborhoods. I will listen and work with the citizens of our great town and respectfully ask for your vote this November. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve you.
Dee Wayne Williamson

Education: Bachelor of Science in Engineering
Sciences from University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Occupation: Owner, Relevant Planning & Development; Ski Guide, Pro Guiding Service

Statement: I believe we are at a critical, and fortunate, time for the future of North Bend. We are surrounded by natural beauty with a good network of public parks, an authentic downtown core with great potential, and an interstate freeway connecting us with a metropolitan city. Such unique assets provide us a spectacular location to live without becoming the next eastside suburbia.

I oversaw Planning & Development for The Summit at Snoqualmie ski area before starting my own company, where I’m currently guiding a new mixed use project called The Pass Life. I moved from Snoqualmie Pass to North Bend in 2010 and soon began serving on the Economic Development Commission, where I’ve pushed for downtown revitalization and strategic growth.

As your city council member I will prioritize revitalization of downtown, creating and maintaining usable public spaces, and connecting existing and new residential areas to local businesses, schools, and organizations.

David Cook

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bradley University

Occupation: Senior Consumer Insights Manager, T-Mobile

Statement: Greetings, thank you for your consideration:

A fresh balanced perspective is what I promise, and why I ask for your vote. As the economy strengthens and pressures on our limited resources increase, you can count on me to make smart measured decisions that put the needs of the community first.

I am an active decision maker for our community’s health and vitality, serving on both the North Bend City Planning Commission and Si View Metropolitan Park District, and I believe it to be a privilege and necessity to work with businesses, citizens, visitors - all those who hold North Bend special in their hearts - to make our community great.

Raising my family in North Bend and being involved with our City’s development has taught me that effective leadership requires listening to the people’s needs in order to achieve realistic balanced solutions.

This is how I will honor your vote.
Council Position No. 7

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Certified Mountain Guide

**Occupation:** Mountain Guide, business owner, book author, product development consultant

**Statement:** Since 2009 I have been part of the Economic Development Commission that developed North Bend’s officially adopted Outdoor Brand. As a council member I would help realize the potential of our brand. I moved here in 1994 and raised my family here. I have spent my entire professional career in the outdoor recreation industry and have built and sustained my businesses in downtown North Bend since 1999. We need to revitalize our downtown in order to stimulate the local economy and ultimately increase our quality of life. I would like to see the downtown revitalization used as a touching stone to other well-planned community projects.

Our natural surroundings are our greatest asset and we need to build relationships with the responsible land management agencies if we want to have any influence in how our surroundings look and how we can utilize them to the benefit of the North Bend community.

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**Education:** University of Washington

**Occupation:** Retired

**Statement:** After 10 years of a building moratorium followed by 5 years of recession North Bend is now facing growing pains. With this growth comes financial opportunity and the responsibly to manage this growth to benefit all our citizens. Mitigation fees associated with development need to be directed to the targets for which they are designated: schools, roads, parks and fire. City Council must allow voters to decide on what type of big ticket amenities they would like to fund.

Downtown revitalization is a separate issue. Our downtown business community is not just one block. The city’s part in the revitalization should include cohesive and eye-appealing improvements for streets, sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping and public parking. As a current Park Commissioner, I support attractive linkages to our parks and trails in the revitalization.

My focus as your city council member will be fiscal responsibility during this period of growth.

You’ve moved your furniture, your clothes and even the garden gnome.

But what about your vote?

When you moved, did you remember to update your address with King County Elections?

You can update your address online, by phone, or by visiting our office.
**Council Position No. 1**

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**Education:** Completed and Received my GED from Everett Community College and currently enrolling for classes  

**Occupation:** Full Time Mom, Wife and Home Care Aid  

**Statement:** I'm Jennifer Childs and I’m asking for your vote to represent you in the City of Skykomish. I’m your neighbor and want to be your voice in City Hall. We live in a beautiful town tucked away in the heart of the Cascades. This place we call home! I’ve called this town home for a total of 4 years. I believe that even in a small town there is room for new ideas and improvements. Allow me to work for you in making positive changes for our Community. There are many things to be addressed in City Hall and I will be honored to be a strong voice for you. As your City Council member I will listen to your ideas. I want to help make our town the best it can be. Together we can do this. I appreciate your time, consideration and I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Council Position No. 3**

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Town of Skykomish

Council Position No. 5

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City of Snoqualmie

Council Position No. 2

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Occupation: Director, Center for Leadership & Strategic Thinking, Foster School, UW.
Statement: As revenues from a decade-long residential construction boom dwindle and residential property tax revenues flatten, Snoqualmie must attract and support new revenue streams and employ responsible spending. We’ve invested in designing economic development and financial management strategies for retaining a family-focused, safe, livable community for residents while attracting more local business, jobs, tourism and recreation revenue. My focus is on refining and staying this course, transparency, and continuing to unify the interests of new and historic sectors. I endorse Charles Peterson for Position 6.

I’m qualified to serve on City Council by virtue of my 30+ years of business experience, education, and a progression of civic leadership roles including: Encompass Board of Directors, Parks Board, and Snoqualmie Valley YMCA Board of Directors.

I look forward to serving another term on this robust Council, the Public Safety and Community Development Council Committees and as City Council liaison to the Parks Board.

Council Position No. 4

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Education: Attended Shoreline Community College & Seattle Pacific University
Occupation: Management & Financial Services
Statement: The biggest challenge for any organization is identifying its priorities. As a member on the council, mine are economic development, truth and transparency of government and preserving Snoqualmie’s culture and environment. In relation to all three, city government must always operate within its means. The biggest challenge in this is adopting the right strategy to meet its budgetary obligations in a way that respects the taxpayer. One of the ways the city must improve is in its economic development. Economic development strengthens the tax base, creating more stability even in the most difficult of conditions. In addition it improves the quality of life for citizens, by offering more local commerce and services. Brad has been a Snoqualmie resident with his family for nearly 13 years. He has led teams for Fortune 500 firms and been a small business owner. Learn more at bradforsnoqualmie.com.
City of Snoqualmie

Council Position No. 6

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Occupation: City of Snoqualmie Planning Commissioner; Business and Community Development Manager.

Statement: My wife, three children, and I are grateful to live, work, worship, and play alongside you in this extraordinary valley. After years of unprecedented growth and over $30 million in downtown improvements, construction is finally beginning to subside.

Now is the time to appreciate our accomplishments and ensure we have the resources to sustain them. Many of our “new” roads were paved nearly twenty-years ago. Ironically, the ridge was developed to help reverse years of neglected infrastructure in older sections of town. As we take on new projects, I will actively seek your input and participation to ensure we balance growth with sustainability.

I’m passionate about the civic health of our community and eager to work with you. A vote for me ensures your input guides development! Endorsed by: Democrats, Republicans, local, and state leaders, including State Rep. Jay Rodne, supporting the Snoqualmie Riverfront Project and new I-90/SR-18 interchange.

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Education: B.A. St. Mary's College; U.S. Army: Defense Language Institute, Military Police Officer, Military Intelligence Corps.

Occupation: Business and Community Development Manager.

Statement: It's an honor serving Snoqualmie. I ask for your vote, so I may continue providing you consistent, committed representation. Our dynamic city of unique neighborhoods must remain a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Four years ago, I wrote you that “I was committed to a conservative financial policy that would deliver the services needed.” Our city government is in excellent financial condition.

I serve on two committees: Public Safety, where our fire and police provide outstanding service to our citizens. I will continue to insure their needed resources. On Parks and Public Works, we opened Jeanne Hansen Park and added a field and amenities. We purchased new equipment for Fisher Creek and Dogwood Parks. It is now time to build a skate park. Our utilities systems are receiving major upgrades, yet our average home owner’s rate is lower than that in the seven nearest cities.

Return your completed ballot as early as possible

You can return your ballot at a ballot drop box or through the mail as early as the day you receive it! This helps keep election costs down and allows more time to resolve any issues that may be associated with your signature.
**Director Position No. 1**

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**Occupation:** Software Engineer, NOAA/UW; Adjunct Faculty, Computer Science, Olympic College  

**Statement:** As a school board director from 2005-2009, I advocated for the success of every student in the district. I worked hard on a facilities plan that produced our new high school and helped lead the citizens’ committee that won approval to pay for it. I will bring new energy and insights to the school board. I commit to sound maintenance practices to protect this community investment and developing a culture of stewardship and sustainability in the school district. I will help find a fiscally responsible way to renew our failing athletic facilities because I recognize sports help educate the whole student. We need to reduce class sizes at Chautauqua and reduce student fees. I promise a thoughtful approach to implementing Common Core and believe testing should not come at the expense of teaching our kids.

**Director Position No. 3**

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**Education:** Engineering, University of Buffalo  

**Occupation:** Facilities Maintenance Manager  

**Statement:** I ask for your support to serve on the Vashon Island School Board. I will work hard to build upon current successes of our school district to ensure it is a place where: each child receives an education that prepares them to achieve their hopes and dreams; our educators are provided the resources required for them to excel in their profession; and our school system is accessible, responsive and accountable.

I am a 38-year Island resident whose children and grandchildren attended/attend Vashon schools. I have served you with integrity, honesty and straight forwardness on various boards in our community including the Vashon School Board, Vashon Park District, Community Council, and VUB Basketball. I have coached and mentored our Island youth for over 30 years. Providing our children with what they need to grow to their fullest potential is of the utmost importance to me.

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**Dan Chasan**  
17228 Westside Hwy SW  
Vashon WA 98070  
(206) 463-2571  

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

**Occupation:** writer, lawyer  

**Statement:** We need balance.  

We’re still dealing with state and national pressure for excessive (and not very useful) testing and with the combination of needs and wants that will be packaged as a “Phase II” capital bond.  

The school district should create flexibility for teachers to actually teach, rather than just get kids ready for tests, and should support teachers’ efforts to combine new curriculum requirements with things that may have more value for kids.

The district should also balance capital needs and wants with a concern for taxpayers’ wallets. Our old buildings and fields won’t magically repair or replace themselves; at some point, we have to put money into them. But how much? And when? As I write this, the community at large hasn’t been involved in the discussion. By the time you read this, I hope it will be. Everyone who lives here should be treated as a “stakeholder.”

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**Zabette Macomber**  
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Vashon WA 98070  
(206) 463-6392  
zabettevashonschoolboard@yahoo.com  

**Education:** B.A., Wesleyan University; Teaching Certificate, Pacific Oaks College.  

**Occupation:** Volunteer, Education and Environmental Advocate  

**Statement:** The Vashon School District is in a great position to do creative and inspiring things. We are small, our community is involved and motivated, and we are fiscally stable. As a School Board member, I would help maintain this stability especially while we plan Phase II - the proposed plans for new sports facilities.

With one child in Chautauqua and one in McMurray, I have seen the struggles and successes teachers and parents work through on a daily basis, and I know the District can find balance between state requirements and what we, as a community, desire and require for the future of our children.

As a Board member, I will work to recognize these needs and desires by listening to teachers, parents and administrators. We can do more to make our district one of the best in the state, and I would like to be part of that process.
Director Position No. 5

Toby Holmes
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Grovertdi@gmail.com

Occupation: Director of Business Development, Vix Technology.
Statement: I am a Vashon native and educated in Vashon public schools. While our schools are strong, there is more that we can do to listen to the needs of our community and invoke positive change. I bring new energy to the board and the willingness to respectfully ask hard questions. My contribution to the board will help us navigate the implementation of new standards effectively while preventing a wholesale standardization of the educational experience. I bring professional expertise in evaluating the challenging choices in complex capital investments we currently face in the district. My interests are to: improve school culture through greater transparency between administrators and parents; nurture and support the unique culture of our Island reflected in the schools; and, ensure that the choices made in the schools are driven by our stated mission: “To equip every student to engage, thrive, and contribute within an ever-changing world.”

Laura Wishik
23722 71st Ave SW
Vashon WA 98070
(206) 463-6561

Education: B.A. Geology, Oberlin College; J.D., University of Washington School of Law
Occupation: Environmental attorney, Seattle City Attorney’s Office; Coordinator, Shape Up Vashon
Statement: Our district’s mission is, “To equip every student to engage, thrive and contribute in an ever-changing world.” I believe in this promise. To fulfill it, we must partner with parents to develop youth who persevere when tasks are difficult and who aren’t afraid of making mistakes. We also should guide students to choose healthy foods and daily physical activity. Many of our graduates compete successfully for admission to excellent colleges. We must provide support for students on a different path. Internships and work-study jobs are options we should explore further.
I believe that listening to teachers is key to successful schools. At the request of teachers, we increased paid time for them to confer and learn from each other. We also increased counselling staff.
I’m proud to have contributed to our wonderful schools. I humbly ask for your vote so I can continue making sure our mission is achieved.
## Skykomish School District No. 404

### Director Position No. 3

**William Atkinson**  
531 Sky Ln  
Skykomish WA 98288  
No photo submitted

No information submitted.

### Director Position No. 5

**Danial Woodford**  
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No photo submitted

No information submitted.

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### Director District No. 2

**Jodi A. Fletcher**  
23236 NE 141st Pl  
Woodinville WA 98077

**Education:** Associate of Science  
**Occupation:** Homemaker  
**Statement:** I have been a resident of the Riverview School District for nearly 15 years, with two sons attending Riverview Schools. It has been my pleasure to serve on the RSD School Board the past 4 years. As a parent, and a School Board Director I will remain committed to promote student achievement, excellence and opportunities in learning. I believe the continued success of our students and schools are of the utmost importance.

### Director District No. 3

**Carol Van Noy**  
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carsort@broadstripe.net

**Education:** BA - Sociology  
**Occupation:** Development Relations Officer, United Way of King County  
**Statement:** Thank you Riverview voters for your support of the Riverview School District!  
Your school board has been hard at work. In the last two years we have hired an excellent superintendent, set the district’s vision with our new strategic plan, approved the budget, followed a multitude of policies, finalized a 20 year Capital Facilities Plan, and advocated with legislators for more funding for education.

At the heart of what we do is our commitment and passion for student learning. We believe that every student is entitled to a great education - with efficient facilities, excellent staff and quality learning resources.

Our mission is - Educate Children  
The board highly values your input, collaboration and partnership for our students. Thank you for supporting your school board with your vote!
Director District No. 4

Danny L. Edwards

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**Education:** ChFC, CLU - The American College AAMS - College for Financial Planning

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor

**Statement:** It has been my privilege to have served our community as a Director for the Riverview School District since 2007. As a parent, I'm keenly aware of how important my role is. I'm looking forward to continuing to represent you, as we face the challenges that lie ahead.

My family has lived in Duvall for 22 years, and I run my business right here in Duvall. I'm a strong believer in public education. We've made great progress over the last several years, and our bottom line goal remains student achievement. As the Legislative Representative for our Board, mine is one of the loudest voices reaching out to our lawmakers in Olympia, and I'll continue to advocate for our kids to the legislature. I'm here to represent you, the citizens and taxpayers of our valley.

Thank you for your support.

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Director District No. 5

Sabrina Parnell

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Duvall WA 98019
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**Education:** BA, Gonzaga University

**Occupation:** homemaker, community volunteer

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve on the Riverview School District Board of Directors since being appointed to fill a vacancy. I ask your support as I seek election to that position. Our students need to be prepared for a changing future, and our schools play an integral role in preparing them for that future. I am a strong advocate of public education, and am proud to be a member of a Board that so strongly advocates student learning.

I have three children, currently attending Cedarcrest and Tolt. Prior to my appointment to the Board, I served multiple terms as the president of the PTSA at the elementary and middle school level, as well as the Vice President of the Riverview PTSA Council. I have served on several district committees, and have actively participated in the Strategic Planning Forums that the District held in 2010 and 2015.
Director District No. 2

Geoff Doy
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Director District No. 3

Carolyn Simpson
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Education: BS Business/Accounting – San Diego State University/University of Southern California; CPA
Occupation: Prior Senior Financial Audit Manager - Ernst & Young; CPA
Statement: Since being elected four years ago, I have not wavered in my commitment to put kids first. My goals then are the same today: raise expectations and focus on student success; enhance planning, decision making, and accountability; and further develop community relationships.
I am proud to say that our school district has made very significant progress. We are focused on preparing all students for college, career, and citizenship, and we are committed to reducing the dropout rate. We have developed a district-wide strategic plan to align all of our schools toward these goals. We have improved communication with parents and the community. And, thanks to the support of over 62% of the voters, we have set out boldly to make significant additions and improvements to our school buildings.
I am energized to continue this meaningful work for our children and our community. I would be honored to have your vote.

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Director District No. 5

Dan Popp
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No information submitted.

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Diane Schuur
Grammy Award-Winning Jazz Legend
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**Education:** BS Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of CA Davis; MS Engineering Management, Santa Clara University  
**Occupation:** Education & Advocacy Volunteer; former Manager of Operations & Marketing  
**Statement:** Thank you for allowing me to serve as your School Board Director for four years. I have focused on expanding opportunities for students as they prepare for the next step after high school, whether it’s college, a career or another path. Our students have attained an on-time graduation rate of over 91%. Now I want to continue to help ensure that all students have the resources they need to be successful at every grade level. There is much growth occurring within our community and our schools need to be ready to give every student a quality education. 
I served as our Board’s Legislative Representative for two years and am currently President. For the past eighteen years, I’ve been involved in education volunteer work through Cougar Ridge, Apollo, Issaquah Middle, and Issaquah High PTSA’s; Issaquah PTSA Council; Issaquah School District Bond/Levy Committees; and Volunteers for Issaquah Schools. I appreciate your support.

**Education:** MD University of Washington; BS University of Puget Sound  
**Occupation:** Emergency Physician; former 6th grade math/science teacher  
**Statement:** Engaged  
I look forward to the opportunity to serve families throughout the district. I am the father of a second grade student at Discovery Elementary and a preschooler. I am passionate about Early Childhood Education and creating partnerships within the community that support and enrich the educational opportunities for ALL students: kindergarten through 12th grade. 
**Experienced**  
As a School Board Director in Gig Harbor, I have worked with the District and fellow board members to implement new standards and assessments, raise our graduation standards, revise our strategic plan, and create strong community partnerships. My experience has equipped me to better serve students within the Issaquah School District. 
**Equity-driven**  
I will work hard to make sure that every student in the District has equal access to rigorous curriculum and necessary supports to be successful and career/college ready, regardless of whether a student lives within the Skyline, Issaquah, or Liberty boundaries.
Suzanne Weaver
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**Education:** MBA, Finance, University of California, Berkeley. BA, French Studies, Brown University.

**Occupation:** Current: Director, Issaquah School Board. Previous: Corporate Controller/Financial Analyst.

**Statement:** It has been my honor to serve you as a director of the Issaquah School Board for the past nine years. Because of its on-going emphasis on quality instruction, Issaquah continues to post among the highest student achievement results in the state.

It is the Board’s goal to ensure that student success is at the forefront of everything we do. Our students are our future, and it is imperative that they be engaged in challenging and relevant learning opportunities to prepare them for college and careers.

I am extremely proud of the district’s responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and management of its physical assets. My work with and support of the PTAs, the Issaquah Schools Foundation, and Volunteers for Issaquah Schools keeps me connected to my constituents.

I look forward to the continued focus on student achievement for all students in our district and I appreciate your vote.
Commissioner Position No. 5

Mike Mitchell

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Carnation WA 98014
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mm7591@hotmail.com

Education: Graduate CTC Technical College
Occupation: IT Engineer for the Boeing Company (Retired)
Statement: I would be honored to serve another term as Fire Commissioner. I will use my years of experience working to promote regionalized fire service within our area. Membership within Eastside Fire and Rescue has been a phenomenal benefit to Fire District 10 as well as the other partners, and I believe this concept can be expanded to include more partners within the region.

Ballot stub

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(There is no need to keep it.)
## Commissioner Position No. 3

**Tamalyn Nigretto**  
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**Education:** No information submitted.  
**Occupation:** No information submitted.  
**Statement:** Over the past 28 years, I have worked for the Seattle Fire Department, first as a fire fighter, then promoting to Lieutenant, Capitan and for the past sixteen years as a Battalion chief, with extensive service as a Health and Safety officer. In addition to my regular responsibilities, I chair the promotional committee, and serve as an instructor for the City of Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative and Fallen Firefighter’s Fire Ground Survival. I am also a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management team.

I have lived on Vashon for the past 19 years. My children attend Vashon Public Schools and I am deeply committed to the safety of our island. I would like to offer my experience and expertise in Fire Service matters to help protect the ongoing safety of our Island and our Islanders in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner.

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## Commissioner Position No. 5

**David Daniel Hoffmann**  
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hoffmann_david@yahoo.com

**Education:** 35 years EMT, 35 years Ski Patrol  
OECT, M.Ed (counseling), BS Sociology  
**Occupation:** 35 years EMT, 12 years CPS social work, 15 years nursing  
**Statement:** I’m a 33-year Vashon resident. I raised my family here and will retire here. My working career on Vashon began as a clinic nursing coordinator and continues as a medical education grant writer for a local foundation. I spent 14 years as a Chautauqua and McMurray school health room volunteer, putting my health and social work experience to good use. This background and my 12 (continuing) years as a Vashon Island Fire and Rescue volunteer EMT have given me a solid understanding of our wonderful island’s unique needs.

I have the experience in what it takes to protect our community. As commissioner I’ll work to insure that we continue to enjoy a high level of safety and protection. As an island homeowner, I understand the importance of defending our families, properties, and unique environment. I believe in fiscal responsibility, in listening, and in sound, responsible judgment.

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## Commissioner Position No. 3

**Brigitte Schran Brown**  
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Vashon WA 98070  
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**Education:** 35 years EMT, 35 years Ski Patrol  
**Occupation:** 35 years EMT, 12 years CPS social work, 15 years nursing  
**Statement:** I'm a 33-year Vashon resident. I raised my family here and will retire here. My working career on Vashon began as a clinic nursing coordinator and continues as a medical education grant writer for a local foundation. I spent 14 years as a Chautauqua and McMurray school health room volunteer, putting my health and social work experience to good use. This background and my 12 (continuing) years as a Vashon Island Fire and Rescue volunteer EMT have given me a solid understanding of our wonderful island’s unique needs.

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Commissioner Position No. 3

Daniel E. Meredith

PO Box 459
Fall City WA 98024
(206) 612-9185
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Education: University of Washington, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Master of Business Administration
Occupation: Engineering and Management Consulting
Statement: Thank you for allowing me to serve as Fire Commissioner for Fall City and thank you for your strong support of the special levy that was critical to maintaining the staff and equipment that provide the outstanding service we have come to expect. In the spirit of that partnership, as the economy and home values began increasing after the recession, the Fall City Fire District Commissioners reduced the special levy to collect just the revenue that we told you we needed. With your support, we will continue to attract and retain qualified and dedicated staff, provide the unique combination of services that the Fall City area requires and ensure the services each of us may need some day are always available. With your vote, I will continue to promote the responsible and practical administration of the district. I appreciate your vote.

Your signature matters

Did you know that by law, we can’t count your ballot if you don’t sign the ballot return envelope? Carefully sign the declaration on the back of your return envelope before you return your ballot.

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Commissioner Position No. 3

Fred Shanafelt

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Education: BA Business Administration, University of Washington
Occupation: Retired
Statement: My family and I have enjoyed living in the District for the last 25 years and, if re-elected, I look forward to continuing to contribute to the future welfare of our community. For many years, KCFD #34 has worked closely with the City of Redmond Fire Department to provide quality and timely Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the residents and businesses in our District. We have been fiscally prudent and continually monitor the adequacy of our coverage of the District. Over the past 5 years, I have been able to contribute to the analysis and reporting of our financial results and assisted with the design of policies and procedures. I would appreciate your vote in November. Thank You.

Why wait?
You can vote and return your ballot as soon as you receive it.

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Woodinville Fire & Rescue

Commissioner Position No. 3

Tim Osgood
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osgood44@gmail.com

Education: Attended Edmonds Community College
Occupation: Firefighter
Statement: It is a distinct honor and privilege to continue to serve the citizens of our community as a Fire Commissioner.

Since my first term began 18 years ago, our entire department and community has been in a constant state of change. New buildings, new priorities, new standards, efforts to regionalize services, new partnerships, new personnel and new community hazards to face. Although at times it hasn’t been easy, I’ve worked hard to provide leadership and to ensure the needs of the community have been met.

I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of our community and to make certain that Woodinville Fire and Rescue stands ready to serve at a moment’s notice.

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Commissioner Position No. 5

Roger Collins
19900 144th Ave NE
Woodinville WA 98072
(425) 486-0474

Education: Bachelor of Science in Building Construction, University of Washington
Occupation: Founder & Owner, Sierra Construction Company, Inc.
Statement: As a regional business owner I want to continue to bring a fiscally responsible approach to providing outstanding fire and EMS service to Woodinville and, potentially, to North King and South Snohomish Counties. I believe consolidated, independent fire districts are the best way to provide such service in our area.

The dedicated men and women of Woodinville Fire and Rescue bring their passion and dedication to the community each and every day. I want to make sure we are providing these extremely important services while using only a fair share of your tax dollars.

Having lived in the same house on Hollywood Hill for nearly 30 years, where my incredible wife Kim and I raised two amazing daughters, I am an independent voice representing only the citizens of our district. I look forward to working with all the stakeholders in our district to forge a more sound and stable organization.
Commissioner Position No. 3

Chris Dahline

Education: Associate of Arts degree; multiple vocational continuing education programs

Occupation: Battalion Chief in a major western Washington metropolitan fire department

Statement: From being a North Bend volunteer firefighter in the 1980’s to my 24 year career as a professional firefighter, and the past 13 years as a Fire District 38 Commissioner, I have done my best to honor the role of public servant.

One of my goals as I began serving as a Fire Commissioner was the replacement of our communities’ aging fire station. With our beautiful new Station 87, (and the upgraded Station 88 in Wilderness Rim), that goal is complete. Station 87 was built through partnership with the City of North Bend. This sense of synergy with our community partners is essential to maximize the value of the taxpayer’s dollar while delivering first rate service, through an economy gained by scale. Fiscal responsibility is high on my priorities.

I look forward to serving my third term as Fire District 38 Commissioner, and humbly ask for your support.
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## Commissioner Position No. 2

**Larry (Mac) McLaughlin**  
PO Box 128  
Skykomish WA 98288

**Education:**  
AA Degree, Long Beach City College; Certificate: Industrial Technology (Aerospace); BSBA, University of Redlands, Inc

**Occupation:** Manufacturing Engineer Aerospace

**Statement:** I was appointed to the position of Fire Commissioner and have been serving on the board of Fire Commissioners for the last 6 months at King County Fire District 50. I have also served as a firefighter for the past 11 years with Fire District 50, which serves the communities of Baring, Grotto, Skykomish, Scenic and Stevens Pass. I have been a volunteer firefighter for 38 years, in many capacities. Some of my prior positions include Firefighter I and II, EMT, Engineer, Captain, Training Officer, and Acting Battalion Chief. I enjoy working with my fire department peers to support the community and my fellow citizens.

I look forward to continuing to serve the upper Skykomish Valley as both a Fire Commissioner and an active member of KCFD50.

Thank you for your support in my quest for re-election to the position of Fire Commissioner, King County Fire District 50.

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## Commissioner Position No. 3

**Robert (Butch) Untinen**  
PO Box 212  
Skykomish WA 98288

**Education:** No information submitted.

**Occupation:** Retired

**Statement:** I have lived and volunteered with Fire District #50 for over twenty-seven years. Prior to moving to Grotto, I lived in Index and volunteered with Index Fire Department for about ten years. I currently hold this position for the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District #50 and have served as a Fire Commissioner of the District since June of 2004. I appreciate your support and look forward to serving another term as a commissioner.
Snoqualmie Pass Fire Protection District
No. 51

Commissioner Position No. 3

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No photo submitted

No information submitted.

Don’t delay – call back right away!

206-296-VOTE

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## Fall City Water District

**Commissioner Position No. 1**

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No information submitted.
King County Water District No. 19

Commissioner Position No. 3

Bob Powell
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Vashon WA 98070
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bobp@dogpatch.com

Education: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, SB, Electrical Engineering

Occupation: Owner, Meadow Creature LLC

Statement: Our water resource is precious. We have a responsibility to protect, value, and use it with care. To ensure an economically vibrant community, a sustainable water resource, and healthy ecosystems, we must balance our human needs with natural limits.

Thoughtful conservation policies, upgraded infrastructure, and good management have enabled WD19 to achieve capacity surplus and issue new units. We recently made 20 new water units available, and hope to do so again next year. Yet it’s hard to predict long-term trends affecting supply and demand. Managing our water resource requires good judgment to balance short-term demand with long-term needs.

As an engineer, local business owner, and environmental activist, I’m able to see the issues from many perspectives, and act in our community’s best interests.

I’m a 16-year resident of Vashon. It’s been an honor to serve on this board: I ask for your continued support.

Online voter guide

Use “My Voter Guide” on the King County Elections website to check your registration information and look up the races and measures that will appear on your ballot.

kingcounty.gov/elections
Commissioner Position No. 3

Michelle Orndorf

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No photo submitted

No information submitted.

Election results

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

Results for the general election will be posted once on election day, November 3, at 8:15 p.m., and updated on most subsequent weekdays by 4:30 p.m. until the election is certified on November 24. Results are posted on the King County Elections website and on our mobile website.
Stevens Pass Sewer District

Commissioner Position No. 2

Tom Maher
PO Box 214
Skykomish WA 98288

No photo submitted

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Commissioner Position No. 3

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No information submitted.

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Commissioner Position No. 3

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Commissioner District No. 1

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Education: Bothell High School
Occupation: Property Investment and Management

Statement: I would like to thank you, the voters of Hospital District #2, for supporting me for the past 36 years as your representative in providing you with safe, quality and affordable healthcare. In the past 36 years Evergreen has grown from a small Community Hospital into the major Medical Center it is today. With a yearly budget of over $1.3 Billion we are able to provide you with the quality facilities, doctors and staff that give you, including: ten Primary Care Centers; two Urgent Care and three Emergency Care Locations; Wockner Impatient Hospice Center; Home Health Care with Hospice; Family Maternity Center; Halvorson Cancer Center; Cardiac Heart Center; Breast Health Center; Outpatient Surgery Center; Booth Gardner Parkinson Center; Multiple Sclerosis Center; Signature Care; Senior Clinic; Evergreen Health Partners; 24-Hour Helpline; Community Health Access Program; and a top stroke program in the nation.

Among the many awards EvergreenHealth has received for our quality care, Healthgrades the nation’s leading provider of independent hospital ratings, named EvergreenHealth a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence for 2015. This is the sixth consecutive year EvergreenHealth has achieved this designation. Healthgrades ranks EvergreenHealth among the nation’s Top 5% of hospitals according to its 4,500 hospital independent study. U.S. News & World Report named EvergreenHealth one of the best hospitals in Washington in the 2014-15 “Best Hospitals” rankings. Among the 36 hospitals in the Seattle area, EvergreenHealth is rated the No. 2 best hospital in the entire Seattle metropolitan area, as well as the No. 3 best hospital in the entire state.

We are now partners with Virginia Mason, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, and Evergreen Health Monroe. With this expanded partnership we are able to give you the best healthcare of any Hospital in the Puget Sound Area.

It is an honor to be your PHD #2 Commissioner.

Commissioner Position No. 4

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Education: BS, Mathematics, Duke University; Doctor of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine
Occupation: Emergency Physician & ER Medical Director (Retired)

Statement: Thank you for allowing me to represent you for the past 6 years on the Board of KCPHD #2/EvergreenHealth. I sincerely appreciate being able to advocate for you to make Evergreen your preferred source for medical care. I am honored to work with four other Commissioners and our Community Advisors who truly uphold their roles as your stewards of this valuable resource.

Because of our amazing staff, physicians and an excellent working relationship among the Board, Administration and Medical Staff, Evergreen regularly ranks as one of the country’s top hospitals for clinical excellence.

During my recent term I helped to create and then chaired our Board Quality and Safety Committee. We included experts from aviation, technology and industry to assure transparency and provide external input on our quality journey. I have also served on our Construction and Planning Committee, allowing me to oversee the development of new facilities and business opportunities and assure that every expansion is appropriate and financially sound.

Among our major milestones of the past six years is our affiliation with Virginia Mason. This resulted from over a year of study of options. VM was chosen because we share common cultures that continually pursue excellence. We also opened the new Halvorson Cancer Center which is staffed by physicians from Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. We completed our alliance with EvergreenHealth/Monroe to extend our services into an area already using Evergreen, an area very much like where EvergreenHealth/ Kirkland was 40 years ago. We also have developed Evergreen Health Partners and the Puget Sound High Value Network of physicians in preparation for value-driven payments and contracts for healthcare.

I have been a part of Evergreen’s journey for 42 years and look forward to continuing my service to you.
As a chef, I seldom follow directions. As a voter, I always do!

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It pays to be informed!
Commissioner Position No. 1

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Education: J.D. Seattle University 1989, B.S.
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Occupation: Attorney

Statement: My opponent resigned as Treasurer of our Hospital District (SVHD) 3 years ago to take an $80,000/yr. job as its marketing Director. He was recently terminated from employment when the present Board pushed to cut fat from the budget. As the owner of my law practice in Fall City for the past 15 years, I understand the need for quality service and financial accountability to maintain my market share. Healthcare is evolving: we must be financially able to be at the forefront of these changes to support the health needs of our community. We need to increase the SVHD’s viability to allow expanded operations without further taxation on a balanced budget. I will continue to hold the administration accountable for prudent strategies and continue to scrutinize our practices to assure that District funds are used wisely to meet the health care needs of our community. Thank you for your support.

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Occupation: Semi-retired

Statement: Snoqualmie Valley residents deserve to have current healthcare information and facilities. We should have current information about healthcare access, quality, as well as the latest information about Affordable Care, I believe in long term medical healthcare planning for our families and for our Community.

My family has lived in the Valley for 95 years. I have been serving the Community for 40 years. My public service has included: North Bend Volunteer EMT, NB City Council, NB Mayor 1988-1992, Suburban Cities Assoc, Snoqualmie Valley Chamber member, former Board president, and former Executive Director; 12 years experience in branch banking management, 20 years experience in the Financial Services industry, and served 3 1/2 years as Marketing Manager of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, and two terms as a Hospital Board member. I am a Vietnam veteran, with 30 years total service. I look forward to serving my community and am asking for your vote.

Commissioner Position No. 3

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Occupation: Former Long-Term Care Ombudsman ; Property Management experience

Statement: A vibrant and healthy community is my goal.

Our community is becoming more diverse, young professionals, seniors and retirees . No matter what age or ethnicity, we are all part of Snoqualmie Valley, a place to live and raise a family. Each have something unique to contribute.

The new Snoqualmie Valley Hospital is impressive, but the district is deeply in debt, perhaps the most of any comparable hospital in the nation. The old hospital was sold at 50% discount by a misguided board desperately seeking cash. While caregivers are tops, change is clearly needed in board leadership, including a genuine commitment to openness and accountability. My passion is to reduce debt and improved patient care delivery. We need a new voice and new perspectives. I can provide the voice needed to restore the trust of Valley residents. Taxpayers expect nothing less. I will work hard on your behalf.

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Education: U.S. Naval Academy, BS Political Science and The Institutes, AAI (Insurance designation)

Occupation: Vice President at Parker, Smith & Feek

Statement: Our healthcare delivery system is changing rapidly. In my role as hospital commissioner, I am immersed in healthcare policy on a daily basis and understand what it will take for our hospital to be a success story. Electing me to continue serving as your hospital commissioner will; ensure fiscal accountability, highest quality healthcare available locally and expanded service offerings to better match the changing needs of the Snoqualmie Valley. I have earned the reputation for bringing pragmatic business leadership to the board.

As a leader in my firms Healthcare Practice Group, I understand the risk and business issues we are faced with. As a Snoqualmie resident and father of 3 young children, I understand the importance of getting it right. As a combat naval aviator, I understand how to make tough decisions and the importance of execution.

It would be an honor to continue serving as your hospital commissioner.
Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: BSN University of Iowa
Occupation: registered nurse

Statement: I bring over 45 years of experience as both a registered nurse as well as health care leader to the position of Hospital commissioner. As a citizen of Carnation for past 35 years, I understand the importance of local patient access to high quality and cost effective health care services. I will work diligently to assure these services are available and accessible to the citizens of the district, while supporting efforts to increase wellness and disease prevention. As a health care leader, I understand the challenges facing patients in these challenging economic time and thus I will work to maintain and further develop programs that serve the citizens of the district in a cost effective manner. I will bring commitment, accountability and transparency to the role of hospital commissioner and I would be honored to have your support.

Steve Weaver

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Education: B.A. Marketing and Computer Science from Eastern Illinois University
Occupation: Business Owner, Financial Advisor

Statement: Only through diligent stewardship will the new hospital reach its potential. It is my belief that the duties of each Commissioner are to; ensure financial viability of operations, be accountable for the responsible use of funds that have financed the hospital and oversee the delivery of quality services. Finally, the Commissioners should be a strong advocate for the hospital.

In over two decades with Fortune 100 corporations and small companies I have experienced the outcomes of visionary leadership. It is imperative at this critical juncture that the hospital benefit from solid business sense and experience. Only through asking uncomfortable questions and making bold decisions for the long-term good will we thrive. Governance requires that the Commission not be a rubber stamp. It requires questioning the status quo, thoughtful analysis and committed follow-through.

I ask for your support to serve for the benefit of the community today and generations going forward.

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King County Airport District

Commissioner Position No. 3

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Commissioner Position No. 3

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Education: Associates of Arts and Science Degree
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Statement: During my two terms as a commissioner I have been part of some major improvements at the cemetery; we have a new columbarium and a new memorial wall; there have been four Eagle Scout Projects completed and the Veteran’s Memorial has been updated to include all conflicts since Viet Nam.

I look forward to more improvements in future years while still keeping our beautiful historic cemetery a place to be proud of.

I believe I am in a position to be an asset to the board and the community. I bring to this position my current involvement with Island Funeral Service; I am President of the King County Funeral Directors and a board member of the Washington State Funeral Directors.

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Education: Master of Architecture, University of Washington
Occupation: Real Estate Planner, Boeing; Commissioner, Fall City Metropolitan Park District
Statement: Public parks and community recreational spaces are a major reason Fall City residents live where we do. With two rivers and miles of trails, we enjoy an abundance of outdoor wealth. We also face challenges from growth pressuring our green spaces and waterways and our ability to maintain them. Serving as a Parks Commissioner for five years I’ve proven to rise to the challenges.

My husband and family are 15 year residents of Fall City and I’ve been passionate about our parks and trails. As a King County Parks Ambassador I’ve worked closely with both County Parks and land owners. I’m a founding Board Member of PRKC - Partnership for Rural King County which received the prestigious King County Green Globe Award for connecting land owners to stewardship grants and multiple support services.

With your vote I can continue to make a difference to our parks and our community.

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Education: No information submitted.
Occupation: Global Implementation Manager
Statement: My husband and I have lived in Fall City for the past 15 years with our two children. Both of our children have grown up in the Snoqualmie Valley School District where my son still attends while my daughter is now in law school. For more than a decade, I have been a passionate volunteer for this community. I have committed 13 years of volunteer work to the Falls Little League as the treasurer and then the vice president. For the past four years, I have been the Office Administrator of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District before being appointed to a vacated commissioner role.

As a park district commissioner, I look forward to working with the people of Fall City by representing and integrating their ideas into a working public park system.
Commissioner Position No. 4

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Education: B.S. Civil Engineering; University of Washington

Occupation: Professional Engineer/Project Manager

Statement: I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to serve our Fall City community as one of its Park District Commissioners. I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to work hard to preserve and enhance our local parks. I am proud of what has been accomplished since the District was formed, but more importantly I look forward to continue working with the community and its stakeholders to improve additional park elements. I remain committed to having the District operated in a fiscally responsible manner and to basing my decisions upon input from our community.
Commissioner Position No. 4

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Education: WSU - BS Forest Management / BA in Secondary Education - CWU Traffic Education
Occupation: Teacher - Real Estate Broker
Statement: Snoqualmie Valley has been home to my family for over 33 very good years.

As a parent, educator and champion of youth throughout my adult life, I have had the opportunity to see how important strong programs with supporting facilities are to the community. Through hands-on involvement, I saw the need for our growing community to have available a progressive and active park system connecting and building our community. Today, well on our way with improved facilities providing a full, well received park program to residents, I am committed to this independent park system, leading the way for the cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie to join in our continuing effort to expand and better provide for the needs of families residing here.

I appreciate and value the opportunity to serve on the Board of Si View Metropolitan Park District, and appreciate your vote today.

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Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: BA in Education from Central Washington University
Occupation: Disabled Combat Veteran and Veterans Advocate
Statement: As a resident of North Bend and a 100% disabled Marine Corps Combat Veteran I believe that the military veterans residing in our community are under represented. Based on the same I believe my serving on our parks commission would give our military veterans as well as all the patriots residing in our community a much needed voice. Also, since I’ve been a strong advocate for over 20 years on issues concerning the safety of our nation’s children and teenagers I believe I can give our parks department much needed guidance on the same.

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Education: M.S. Elementary Literacy, Walden University; B.A. Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education, Central Washington University
Occupation: Elementary teacher, Issaquah School District
Statement: I was involved in the grass roots effort to save our community swimming pool and creating the Si View Metropolitan Park District. As a commissioner serving two terms, I worked collaboratively with the MPD, county, school district, cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie to positively shape and affect recreational opportunities here in the Valley. I am proud and grateful to have been part of the vision, planning, monetary acquisition and realization of the revitalized historic community center and pool, Farmer’s Market and Concerts. Also with facilitating partnerships to manage and provide access to wonderful Meadowbrook, Tollgate Farms, and more!

After a brief hiatus to complete a Professional Teaching certificate and Master’s, I seek an active role with the MPD. It is my belief that with conscientious and compassionate efforts, we can enrich and preserve our natural resources, to ensure that the high quality of life we love and value, endures.

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Education: M.S. in Science Education from Montana State. B.A. from Western Washington University. K-8 Teaching Certificate.
Occupation: Public Education Specialist with Seattle Public Utilities at Rattlesnake Lake
Statement: My daughters and I are fortunate to live near the new and improved Si View Park and Community Center. We frequently enjoy the playgrounds, pool, farmer’s market, and the spectacular view. Parks are about play, downtime, and public access. What a gift to have a network of parks that promote play in our lives.

My career has been devoted to serving the public. As a school teacher, King County environmental educator, and an Educator at the Cedar River Watershed Center near Rattlesnake Lake, it has been my passion to serve all people from all walks of life.

My strengths include interpretive planning, from writing text to creating signs; designing public programs, and providing creative ideas for improvements. My training in the collaborative process makes me a valuable part of a team.

I would be honored to serve your Si View Metropolitan Park District, continuing to create recreation opportunities for all.

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Statement: As a former resident of North Bend and now living in Snoqualmie, I am fortunate enough to enjoy our beautiful area. I believe part of a healthy community revolves around our parks, open spaces and events that bring community together.

For the past 22 years, I have worked in the parks and recreation field and I understand the importance of recreational programs that benefit our community while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I believe strong community involvement from local cities, business and community members is crucial in the sustainability as we move into the future.

I am active in the community and also a member of Seattle Mountain Rescue. I believe in giving back to the community that I call home. As one of your park commissioners, I will listen to the concerns of the residents to ensure that the Si View MPD remains a sustainable and beneficial part of our community.
Karen M. Gardner

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Education: PhD Information Science, UC Berkeley; MPH UCLA; certificate in Horticulture/Soil Science
Occupation: Retired computer scientist; soil consultant
Statement: The Park District encompasses many stakeholders. Each stakeholder has a right to participate in how the Park District apportions funding. Funding decisions must reflect community goals. Otherwise the strident voice overrides all others. I have lived on Vashon for ~4 years and love this island; the Park District is dear to my heart. I bring experience managing multimillion dollar projects and achieving buy-in from non-aligned stakeholders. Total consensus is rarely possible and sometimes hard decisions have to be made. I believe in planning and accountability. Without these, organizations can and do turn into dysfunctional entities. I have volunteered at various organizations wherever I have lived. I am currently completing a project to see if microorganisms can help remediate arsenic contaminated soil on Maury. This is the first time I have run for an elected office and I look forward to working with stakeholders in the rebuilding of the Park District.

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Education: BA Princeton University, MBA CSUF
Occupation: Videographer, retired Hospital CEO
Statement: Our community has been good to my family over the 20 years we’ve lived here. In this rural environment, I know I’ve come home. I have valued our parks, and how they contribute to our quality of life, and their stewardship – open and straightforward – is vital to us all. I sing with the chorale, served on the Sunrise Ridge board, and volunteer for VAA. Now I am excited for the opportunity to again give back to the community in a meaningful way.

I retired in 2005 from 40 years as a healthcare leader, having been responsible for running organizations from physician groups to complex teaching hospitals. I have an MBA in Finance and am a Navy veteran (three tours in Vietnam). I believe I know the meaning of service. In that spirit I request your vote to represent you on the Vashon-Maury Park District Board.

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Education: BS Mechanical Engineering, BS Industrial Engineering, University of Washington; UW post graduate Executive Management Program
Occupation: Retired Shipyard General Manager, Engineering Manager, Production Manager
Statement: Parks improve the quality of our lives. I want the citizens of Vashon to have the facilities and programs that they deserve. The current board has failed us. The VES-fields debacle has made that most evident. Islanders can get the park board back on track in November by electing commissioners who can operate with a thoughtful, fact-based, and respectful approach that provides the most benefit to the most people. My background in senior management (specifically my experience in new-construction, engineering and fiscal management) prepares me well for the commissioner position. My actions will be guided by the following priorities: (1) creating a comprehensive strategic plan, (2) maintaining, repairing, and enhancing existing facilities and programs, and (3) designing and constructing new facilities, programs, and services that reflect the community’s vision. My vote for any project will require that funding is in place and that all voices of the community are heard.

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Education: University of Oregon
Occupation: Director of Risk Management & Compliance, Global Conservation Organization
Statement: As citizens and taxpayers, we are owed transparency, accountability and effective stewardship of funds by those who represent us in government. But we deserve more—a strong vision and commitment to making things better and to have our voices not only heard but to be drivers for this change. For over 20 years, I worked in the former Soviet Union, Caucuses and Asia to help develop civil society institutions, support humanitarian relief efforts and protect some of our most at-risk areas of natural capital. Today I oversee risk management and compliance operations for one of the largest global conservation organizations in the world. I’ve built my reputation ensuring the highest ethical standards, maximum transparency and efficient operations. I will apply my experience to helping give our wonderful community, from the youngest child to the wisest elder, not just a better park district but a world class park district.
**Commissioner Position No. 5**

**Scott Harvey**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science - Business Administration  
**Occupation:** Small Business Lender/Coach  
**Statement:** A 22-year Vashon resident, with 30 years in financial management, I will work towards a fiscally sound district, with a long-range plan reflecting community interests.  
My candidacy has three tenets:  
Inclusion – From Point Robinson and our community pool, to our parks and athletic fields, we manage many community assets. Given Vashon’s diverse interests, it’s paramount programs for all users – old and young, artists and athletes – be preserved.  
Fiscal responsibility – We must build a permanent reserve for unexpected expenses and funding shortfalls, so the district never again will need to borrow money for operations.  
Cooperation – Although commissioners have different priorities, they must work together with civility, and treat the public like customers whom we are elected to serve.  
The Park District has weathered a difficult time. I’d be honored to have your support in restoring the confidence that the District can effectively serve us all.

**Bill Ameling**

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**Occupation:** Retired  
**Statement:** The passage of the recent levy gives our parks 5 million dollars for the next four years. Through careful maintenance and well-chosen upgrades, we need “to take care of what we have.” If elected, I will strive to make our parks, clean, safe, accessible, and beautiful. We need to complete the boat house, repair and upgrade the pool, clear and restore areas of Paradise ridge, improve trails at Burton acres, complete the improvement of the Burton Activity center, upgrade the playground at Ober Park, finish the ball field project, re-grade the field at Agren Park, and save the Tramp harbor dock. In addition, we need to provide better restroom facilities and upgrade appearances to include small things such as tables, benches, litter cans and safe walkways. Finally we need to encourage use of parks through friendlier rules and procedures and the lowest possible fees.

**Peter Ray**

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**Education:** BA, Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
**Occupation:** self-employed videographer  
**Statement:** Having attended nearly every commissioner’s meeting in the last three years, I am keenly aware of the need for a fundamental culture change in the Board’s relationship with the community and how the district runs. I’ve recorded and reported on Board activities; now it’s time to voice what I’ve learned in order to make a real difference. The Park District Board needs commissioners with a broad view of what the community wants and needs from its parks. It’s time for the only special interest on the Board to be a well run administration that maintains a variety of parks and programs aimed at all Vashon-Maury Island taxpayers and their families. I’ve been listening to Island residents, and I believe I know what they want. I will continue to listen and vow to act in the community’s best interests.
Charter Amendment No. 1
Law Enforcement Oversight

Shall the King County Charter be amended to establish a charter-based civilian office of law enforcement oversight, to provide the office with appropriate authority to carry out its duties, to establish a charter-based citizen advisory committee on law enforcement oversight and to make the county executive, in consultation with the county sheriff, the county’s bargaining agent concerning oversight of law enforcement, all as provided in Ordinance 18087?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 69.

Statement in favor
Submitted by: Larry Phillips, Estela Ortega, and Larry Gossett

Our citizens are increasingly demanding greater transparency, accountability and oversight in the critical operations of law enforcement. The proposed charter amendment is tailored and balanced to provide the appropriate level of citizen mandated oversight while empowering officers to effectively carry out their duties. Providing greater oversight of the Sheriff’s Office comes at a vital time in King County’s history as an opportunity to build and maintain trust between officers and the citizens whom they protect. By identifying instances of significant misconduct when they occur, citizens have the opportunity to better protect their fundamental rights against abuse of power. This charter amendment also establishes a citizen advisory committee to review, advise and report on matters of equity and social justice reinforcing law enforcement’s commitment to fair and just treatment of all citizens. In a democratic society, effective civilian oversight of law enforcement is essential. The time is now for independent, transparent and accountable civilian oversight of law enforcement. Vote yes to amend the King County Charter establishing a civilian office of law enforcement oversight.

Endorsed by: Bob Ferguson, Washington State Attorney General
Faith Ireland, Justice, Washington State Supreme Court (Ret.)
Jenny A. Durkan, Former U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington

Statement in opposition
Submitted by: Kathy Lambert and Tricia Richards

Office of Law Enforcement OLEO was council created and went through a prolonged court and arbitration process. This proposal adds an additional level of bureaucracy requiring renegotiations with affected unions.

Assuming our current process is broken is in error. Our Sheriff is extremely proactive in providing oversight with the OLEO office. Issues can be quickly and fairly resolved. Therefore, this proposal is premature, unnecessary, inflexible, and subject to years of union renegotiations.

Currently, there is a layered approach to transparently solving problems. The system has an internal investigation unit and a Citizen Oversight Board. If there were still unresolved issues, citizens could contact councilmembers, the sheriff or county ombudsman. In addition, contract cities provide oversight through their councils.

We’re beginning the process of hiring a new full time OLEO director. Any change in the management structure will stall the current recruitment progress into 2016 and beyond. We should allow the current system to operate as designed. County cannot deliver a new model of civilian oversight without negotiations which have already translated into more expensive costs.

Potential problems can be solved under the current system. Our current system provides police transparency and good community service to keep us safe.

Rebuttal of statement against

Our current system does not provide the authority, transparency, accountability and civilian oversight citizens in King County and across our nation are demanding. Increasing citizen oversight of critical incidents helps ensure equity while engendering trust in law enforcement’s commitment to the use of force appropriately and justifiably. It holds down the financial costs of lawsuits while upholding professionalism and the values of our democracy, leading to more accountability for residents of our community.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

This charter ignores the facts: We Already have a diverse Citizen’s Oversight Committee meeting monthly. Enacting this additional level of management will require further negotiations with the affected unions and cause the current director hiring processes to delay into 2016 or later. Now is the time to allow the practices already agreed upon to fully function and operate as designed. This bureaucratic, expensive charter is unnecessary and redundant. Vote No.
Proposition No. 1
Regular Property Tax Levy for Children, Youth, Families and Communities

The King County Council passed Ordinance No. 18088 concerning funding to improve well-being of children, youth, families and communities. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for prevention and early intervention to achieve positive outcomes related to: healthy pregnancy; parental and newborn support; healthy child and youth development; the health and well-being of communities; and crisis prevention and early intervention for children and youth, including for domestic violence and homelessness. The measure would authorize an additional regular property tax of $0.14 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection beginning in 2016 and authorize maximum annual increases of 3% in the succeeding 5 years. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Statement in favor Submitted by: Nancy Backus, Calvin Lyons, and Dow Constantine www.beststartsforkids.com
Every child in King County deserves the best start in life. All kids need support as they grow to reach their full potential. Proposition 1 is a bipartisan, evidence-based package that will fund proven programs, deliver real, measurable benefits, and create lasting change.
Early Childhood: Groundbreaking UW research shows brain development is most critical from ages 0-3. Prop 1 provides prenatal support, parent education, caregiver training, developmental screenings, and targeted help for young families facing economic hardship or homelessness.
Behavioral Intervention: Equipping teachers and parents to identify behavioral and mental health challenges—and get kids the help they need—is critical to school success, dropout prevention, and keeping kids away from crime.
Domestic Violence Prevention: Kids should live in nurturing homes. Prop 1 supports programs to reduce the risk of domestic abuse—and to protect victims.
Fiscally Responsible: Currently 75% of county resources go to criminal justice — managing bad outcomes rather than preventing them. Prop 1 moves upstream — into prevention - breaking cycles of poverty and punishment, saving money, and making sure every child can grow, learn, and thrive.
Endorsements: Executive Dow Constantine; mayors and councilmembers; business and union leaders; Boys and Girls Clubs; YWCA; United Way of King County.

Rebuttal of statement against
Best Starts is a smart investment in preventing problems, reducing criminal justice costs, and creating long-term tax savings. The Seattle Times agrees, endorsing Prop 1: “...the cold-eyed assessment of social-sciences researchers ... finds that $221 spent on behavioral interventions for kids in child care yields benefits (better grades, fewer disruptions, prevented crime) worth $31,741...” An independent citizen oversight board ensures accountability. For less than $5 per average homeowner, Best Starts helps all children succeed.

Explanatory statement
This proposition would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax at the rate of fourteen cents ($0.14) or less per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County to fund prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities. The levy would be authorized for a six-year period with collection beginning in 2016 and with annual increases up to 3% authorized for years two through six.
Levy proceeds would be used to improve the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities, with 50% focused on children under 5 years of age, 35% on children aged 5 through 24, 10% on communities of opportunity, and the remaining 5% as detailed in Ordinance 18088. Funding would go towards services for pregnant women and newborns, access to safe and healthy food, and improved access to mental health services and developmental screening. Funding would also be used for prevention and early intervention on negative outcomes including chronic disease, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence and incarceration. Funding would further be used to reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county and to strengthen, integrate and encourage innovation in health and human services agencies. Of the first year levy proceeds, $19 million would fund a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative and cover levy election costs.
An oversight and advisory board comprised of county residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives would also be established to make recommendations and monitor distribution of levy proceeds.

Statement in opposition Submitted by: Warren Peterson and George Scott www.smartchoiceskingcounty.com
Basic county services are underfunded. King County is closing bridges and returning roads to gravel due to annual maintenance budget shortfalls of over $100 million. The Sheriff's budget needs millions to return staffing to pre-recession levels. The County Executive recently proposed releasing some felons hours after arrest to cut costs.
This levy sounds nice, but it is a “blank check” without details on how it will be spent. King County taxpayers simply cannot afford this additional $400 million when King County is not funding basic services.
Due to state-imposed property tax limits, up to 14 Fire and Hospital Districts could lose funding with this levy. There would also be little room left under our taxing authority to fully fund law enforcement, courts, jails, or road maintenance.
Just a few short months ago, the State increased education funding by 19% or $2.7 billion earlier this year. As former State Legislators we understand these programs are a state responsibility, and recent state budget increases will expand high-quality early learning opportunities for our kids.
Now is not the time for a new $400 million levy. Politicians need to fund vital county services first, before asking for extras in the County’s budget.
www.smartchoiceskingcounty.com info@smartchoiceskingcounty.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor
King County’s Charter, our county Constitution, requires us to fund basic county services first. Our Sheriff’s Office has nearly 125 fewer officers than pre-recession and our roads remain critically underfunded. Until we fully fund our county services, taxpayers shouldn’t be asked to shoulder Olympia’s responsibilities.
This proposed levy lacks specifics. It’s a blank check to spend $400,000,000 without details on how to spend it. Our children deserve organization and accountability, which this levy doesn’t provide.
Proposition No. 1
Continued Imposition of Benefit Charge

Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to continue to impose benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes
No

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

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Lee Soptich, Fire Chief
425-313-3201
lsoptich@esfr.org

Fire District 10 is placing Proposition 1 on this November’s Ballot to reauthorize the Benefit Charge for funding fire protection and emergency medical services. The Benefit Charge lowers the District property tax rate from $1.50 to a maximum of $1.00 per thousand of assessed value. In your Fire Commissioners’ opinion, a lower property tax rate in conjunction with the Benefit Charge, based upon building size and use, is a more equitable and stable method of funding emergency services.

The District’s first use of the Benefit Charge was in 2004, when District voters approved its implementation by more than 60%. The Benefit Charge must be reauthorized every six years.

The Benefit Charge amount is established by November 30th of the year prior to collection. Prior to establishing the Benefit Charge, the Board of Commissioners holds a public hearing. The total amount of Benefit Charges would not exceed 60% of the District’s operating budget for the year.

After establishing the Benefit Charge, the District will notify each property owner of the amount to be charged. The property owners would then have an opportunity to appeal the Benefit Charge to the Board to reduce the amount of the charge, and the Board would have the authority to impose a Benefit Charge that, in their opinion, is true, fair and just. The law allows for partial exemptions for senior citizens and buildings with fire sprinkler systems.

Statement in favor

The Commissioners of District 10 ask we continue to support the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC). Their careful oversight, conservative approach, and strong fiscal management rely on the FBC as a stable and sustainable funding method (providing on average, 37% of the total annual District revenue over the last five years). Originally approved in 2003, and re-authorized in 2009, the FBC has proven to be more fair and equitable to the average home owner. This charge is applied only on structures and not on land. Those with larger structures and/or use, which create greater risk, pay more than regular home owners in Districts with a FBC. In addition, the average home owner in 2015 would have paid more under the outdated (pre-2003) assessed value method than the current FBC system. We get to reconsider the FBC every six years. It is the perfect check and balance approach to ensure responsible government spending. Our firefighters/EMTs are highly skilled, motivated, and engaged in the community. The FBC plays a big part of keeping this force of professional and volunteer responders at the ready. Voting yes continues to provide for critical services we rely on in normal times and during extraordinary events.

Submitted by: Pat Grady, Wesley Moorehead, and Kevin Bryson

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.
Proposition No. 1
One-Year Operations and Maintenance Levy

The Board of Directors of Si View Metropolitan Park District adopted Resolution No. 2015-02 concerning a proposition for basic safety, maintenance and operations. This proposition would maintain current funding for operations, facilities and programs, including the Si View Community Center and Pool, parks, playfields, playgrounds, sports programs, trails, adult programming, summer camps, and after-school recreation programs for youth and teens, by authorizing the District to levy a one-year excess property tax levy on all taxable property within the District at an approximate rate of $0.14/$1,000 of assessed value to provide $359,526, to be collected in 2016.

Should this proposition be approved?
Yes
No

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

Explanatory statement
The Si View Metropolitan Park District's current property tax levy funds the basic safety, ongoing maintenance and day-to-day operations of park facilities and recreation programs, including the Si View Community Center and Pool, parks, playfields, playgrounds, sports programs, trails, adult programming, summer camps, and after-school recreation programs for youth and teens. Proposition 1 is intended to help maintain – not increase – current levels of funding and services. Declining assessed property values have caused the District's revenue to drop substantially in recent years. Last year voters in the District approved a one-year operations and maintenance levy for 2015 that is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2015. Proposition 1 would authorize the District to levy a one-year excess property tax for collection in 2016 on all taxable property within the District at an approximate rate of $0.14 per $1,000 of assessed value. If Proposition 1 is not passed by voters, local funding will be reduced by approximately 35 percent in 2016 (approximately $359,526) and major cuts will be required in the day-to-day operations, recreational programs, basic safety, and on-going maintenance of Si View Community Center and Pool, parks and facilities. Proposition 1 is a one-year operations and maintenance levy that will help maintain the current level of District funding and services.

For questions about this measure, contact: Travis Stombaugh
Executive Director
425-831-1900
tstombaugh@siviewpark.org

Statement in favor
No statement submitted.

Statement in opposition
No statement submitted.
AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on November 3, 2015, a proposition to amend Section 898 of the King County Charter and add a new Section 265 to the King County Charter, establishing a charter-based civilian office of law enforcement oversight, providing the office with appropriate authority to carry out its duties and establishing a charter-based citizen advisory committee on law enforcement oversight, making the county executive, in consultation with the county sheriff, the county’s bargaining agent concerning civilian oversight of law enforcement; and appointing a committee to write the voters pamphlet statement for the November 3, 2015, special election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. In a democratic society, effective civilian oversight of law enforcement is essential. To protect the fundamental freedoms of all citizens, police are granted the power to detain and use force against some individuals, but there is potential for that power to be abused. Civilian oversight is a safeguard against such abuse.

B. The creation and maintenance of an independent civilian office of law enforcement oversight is a crucial means of assuring integrity, transparency and accountability in law enforcement and of fostering community trust in, and respect and support for, the King County sheriff and the department of public safety.

C. By its independent and objective review, a civilian office of law enforcement oversight serves not only to identify police misconduct when it has occurred, but also to reassure citizens and maintain the positive reputations of law enforcement officers when allegations of misconduct are unfounded.

D. To be effective, an office of law enforcement oversight must, at a minimum, have authority to: investigate, review, and analyze conduct of law enforcement officers that has been the subject of a complaint and the use of force by county law enforcement officers regardless of whether it has been the subject of a complaint; and review and analyze internal investigations conducted and disciplinary action taken by the department of public safety regarding that conduct or use of force. The authority of the office should also include: the preparation and publication of findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the office’s oversight of the department of public safety.

E. An additional vital function of an office of law enforcement oversight is to reach out to the community, listening and responding to questions and concerns that are raised and helping to foster communication and understanding between the community and the sheriff’s office.

F. To do its job, an office of law enforcement oversight must have timely access to all relevant information.

G. To exercise independent judgment, the director of an office of law enforcement oversight must not fear removal from office prior to expiration of the director’s term of office, except for cause by a majority vote of the county council.

H. Civilian oversight of law enforcement is a fundamental principle that should be enshrined in the King County Charter.

I. The county council has already established by ordinance a civilian office of law enforcement oversight in K.C.C. chapter 2.75 and a citizens’ advisory committee on law enforcement oversight in K.C.C. 2.36.050. This proposed charter amendment is not intended to dissolve those entities or to require readoption of existing code provisions that are consistent with this proposed amendment, but rather is intended to provide the office and the committee with a foundation in the county Charter as well as the county code and to set forth the essential authority of the office and the committee.

J. K.C.C. chapter 1.10 provides for the publication and distribution of local voters pamphlets in conformity with the provisions of chapter 29A.32 RCW for elections held in King County.

K. RCW 29A.32.280 provides that for each measure from a jurisdiction that is included in a local voters pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voter approval of the measure and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voter rejection of the measure.

SECTION 2. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection at a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2015, the addition of a new Section 265 and an amendment to Section 898 to the King County Charter, as follows:

Section 265. Office of Law Enforcement Oversight.

The county council shall establish by ordinance an office of law enforcement oversight, which shall be a part of the legislative branch. The office shall have a director who is appointed by a majority of the county council to serve a term of four years and until a successor is appointed. The director may be removed from office at any time for cause by a majority of the county council.

The authority of the office of law enforcement oversight shall be prescribed by ordinance and should include: investigation, review and analysis of conduct of county law enforcement officers that has been the subject of a complaint and the use of force by county law enforcement officers regardless of whether it has been the subject of a complaint; and review and analysis of internal investigations conducted and disciplinary action taken by the department of public safety regarding that conduct or use of force. The authority of the office should also include: the preparation and publication of findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the office’s oversight of the department of public safety.

To enable the office of law enforcement oversight to exercise its authority effectively, the office shall be authorized by ordinance to obtain all relevant information, including authority to review and copy relevant department of public safety files, inspect crime scenes, conduct interviews and participate in internal investigations and review hearings.

The county council shall establish by ordinance an advisory committee for law enforcement oversight to review, advise and report on the office of law enforcement oversight in a manner that may be prescribed by ordinance. The committee shall also advise the sheriff and the council on matters of equity and social justice related to law enforcement. The committee may also advise the sheriff and the council on systemic problems and opportunities for improvement in the law enforcement practices of the department of public safety. The county council shall prescribe by ordinance the committee’s membership, qualifications, and rules and procedures, and the process for appointment of committee members, and may prescribe by ordinance additional duties of the committee.

Section 898 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, and civilian oversight of law enforcement, which shall be negotiated by the county executive in consultation with the county sheriff. 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.
SECTION 3. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2015, to consider a charter amendment as described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

Shall the King County Charter be amended to establish a charter-based civilian office of law enforcement oversight, to provide the office with appropriate authority to carry out its duties, to establish a charter-based citizen advisory committee on law enforcement oversight and to make the county executive, in consultation with the county sheriff, the county’s bargaining agent concerning civilian oversight of law enforcement?

SECTION 4. The county director of elections is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the special election.

SECTION 5. 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 levy:

Ordinance 18087 was introduced on 7/6/2015 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/20/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 4 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0
AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on November 3, 2015, a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a consecutive six-year period at a first year rate of not more than 14 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and limiting annual levy increases to three percent in the five succeeding years, all for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their communities.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Approximately twenty-five thousand children are born in King County every year. County residents under age eighteen comprise twenty-one percent of the county’s population. Nearly half of people under age eighteen in King County are people of color.

2. Eighty-five percent of the human brain is developed by age three. According to early childhood development experts, basic skills necessary to be ready to learn in school and be successful as an adult, such as self-esteem, motivation, coordination, prioritization, management of incoming information, attention and distraction control, are developed by age five before children go to school.

3. A second significant time of brain development is adolescence. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, the parts of the brain responsible for controlling impulses and planning ahead, which are the hallmarks of successful adult behavior, mature during adolescence. Adolescence is also the critical period when young people learn to form safe and healthy relationships, and when many patterns of health-promoting or potentially health-damaging behaviors are established.

4. Although King County as a whole is a thriving, prosperous region, there is evidence that some of our children and youth are in danger of being left behind. The percentage of children five and under living in poverty is as low as four and seven-tenths percent in some regions of the county and as high as twenty-six percent in other regions. Infant mortality is four times higher in some areas of King County than others. Approximately one-third of pregnant women do not receive the recommended levels of prenatal care. One in five adolescents is overweight or obese and only twenty-four percent of adolescents receive the recommended levels of physical activity. Twenty-six percent of adolescents report having depressive feelings and twenty-nine percent report using alcohol or other illicit drugs. Over six thousand King County students are homeless; in some school districts as many as one in ten are homeless.

5. Studies have shown that adverse childhood experiences, such as domestic violence and sexual assault, increase the odds of experiencing homelessness as an adult, as well as mental health and physical health problems. The significance of the impact of those experiences on the development of children and youth emphasizes the necessity of the provision of robust social services and shelter programs for at-risk children and youth in domestic violence and sexual assault situations to prevent homelessness and physical and mental health problems later in life.

6. All too often the children and youth who are being left behind and are not receiving services before a crisis occurs are children and youth of color. Young people of color make up at least fifty to sixty percent of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness despite only twenty-nine percent of King County’s general population being people of color.

7. One of the areas where the disparities in those who do not receive appropriate services before a crisis occurs is the juvenile justice system. African-American youth make up approximately fifty percent of those in detention in King County, or five times their rate of representation in the general population. According to a report from the National Conference of State Legislatures as many as seventy percent of children and youth in the juvenile justice system nationally are affected with a mental disorder, and one in five suffer from a mental illness so severe as to impair their ability to function as a young person and grow into a responsible adult. King County is committed to preventing crises before they occur and ending disproportionality in the juvenile justice system.

8. The county actively engages in equity and social justice efforts to eliminate racial disparities in the juvenile justice system and the council will consider this goal when deliberating on future policies and plans related to the voter-approved best starts for kids levy.

9. Investment in prevention and early intervention can prevent long-term harm of children as they grow up. According to the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, extensive research on the biology of stress now shows that healthy development can be derailed by excessive or prolonged activation of stress response systems in the body and the brain, with damaging effects on learning, behavior and health across the lifespan.

10. Prevention and early intervention are also the most effective and least expensive ways to address serious future problems such as chronic disease, mental illness, substance abuse and incarceration. Science tells us that lifelong problems can be prevented: by investing heavily in children before age five; by making strategic investments at critical points in a young person’s development before age twenty-four; and by taking actions to ensure that all children and youth have opportunities to live in safe, thriving, health-promoting home, school and community environments.

11. Studies have shown that the return on investment in early childhood development, ensuring that children have a strong start in life, is from three to seventeen dollars for every dollar invested. Similarly, the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council’s Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People report released in 2009 notes that cost-benefit ratios for early treatment and prevention programs for addictions and mental illness programs range from 1:2 to 1:10. This means a one-dollar investment yields two to ten dollars savings in health costs, criminal and juvenile justice costs, educational costs and lost productivity.

12. Studies show that prevention has positive economic impacts for business. For example, a healthier workforce can reduce the extent to which health insurance costs and employee absenteeism affects a company’s competitive edge. In the United States, full-time employees with chronic disease miss an estimated four hundred fifty million additional work days per year, compared to healthy employees, contributing to a cost of one hundred fifty-three billion dollars in lost productivity every year.

13. Many of the county’s current funding sources, as well as other public budgets, are dedicated to responding to crises and negative outcomes, particularly negative outcomes for adults, such as severe mental illness, homelessness and chronic illness, and for children and youth who have already dropped out of school or who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. While these are required or necessary expenditures, little funding is available to invest in prevention. For example, seventy-five percent of the county’s general fund supports the law and justice system. The veterans and human services levy, because it is focused on services for people who are in crisis, provides for services primarily for adults. Only sixteen percent of its total funding is available to support people under age twenty-four and only eleven percent of the total levy provides for prevention-oriented services.

14. In 2014, the shortfall of funding for public health - Seattle & King County reached a critical point, threatening the loss of proven prevention and early intervention programs for mothers and families, such as the Nurse Family Partnership home visiting program and maternity support services.

15. While the voter-approved best starts for kids levy would allow public health - Seattle & King County to continue providing parent-child health services, such as the nurse family partnership home visiting program and maternity support services, the levy would not stabilize King County’s broader public health services. The public health fund remains at risk, as long-term public health funding sources have not been identified.

16. The majority of levy proceeds from the voter-approved best starts for
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kids levy is intended to go to community partners to provide services in the community. As the levy is being implemented, the county’s goal is to ensure that diverse communities and small organizations, including those that are using emerging and innovative approaches to provide services, are able to access moneys in order to provide culturally appropriate services in King County. The county intends to collaborate with these organizations and help evaluate innovative new programs or services so that promising practices become proven practices.

17. Services for children and youth will improve as agencies and organizations working with children and youth have opportunities for training, building organizational and system capacity and sufficient resources to administer programs and services.

18. In 2010, the county enacted Ordinance 16857, establishing the King County Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan includes as one of its goals Health and Human Potential. Provide opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential.

19. In 2010, the county enacted Ordinance 16948, transforming its work on equity and social justice from an initiative to an integrated effort that applies the King County Strategic Plan’s principle of “fair and just” intentionally in all the county does in order to achieve equitable opportunities for all people and communities.

20. In 2012, the council adopted Motion 13768, establishing the Health & Human Services Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan establishes as its vision that, by 2020, the people of King County will experience significant gains in health and well-being because our community worked collectively to make the shift from a costly, crisis-oriented response to health and social problems, to one that focuses on prevention, embraces recovery and eliminates disparities.

21. In 2014, the county enacted Ordinance 17738, establishing the youth action plan task force and providing policy direction regarding the development of a youth action plan. The youth action plan task force members helped shape the best starts for kids levy.

22. In 2014, as part of the implementation of the King County Strategic Plan, the equity and social justice ordinance, the health and human services transformation plan and as part of the development of the youth action plan, King County staff began examining how the county could balance its investment portfolio towards more preventive approaches that lead to improved outcomes that allow individuals and communities to achieve their full potential. This resulting best starts for kids levy ordinance is guided by and represents a further implementation of the county’s adopted policy direction.

23. In addition to building on adopted county policy, in developing this best starts for kids levy ordinance, King County staff consulted with experts at the University of Washington Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences and with several groups and coalitions, including the Best Starts for Kids Advisory Group, the Youth Action Plan Task Force, the Transformation Plan Advising Partners Group, the King County Alliance for Human Services, the Youth Development Executive Directors Coalition and several early learning coalitions. County staff also reviewed and consulted with jurisdictions and organizations from around the United States and the world regarding best and promising practices.

24. It is the intent of the council and the executive that the strategies supported by the voter-approved best starts for kids levy will achieve a variety of individual and community outcomes. Individual outcomes will include the following: increasing the percentage of pregnant women who receive early and adequate prenatal care; increasing technical assistance to child care providers; reducing psychiatric hospitalizations for children and youth; decreasing the percentage of children and youth using alcohol or drugs; increasing the percentage of children and youth who feel they have an adult in their community they feel they can talk to; and decreasing the percentage of school-aged children and youth in south King County who are at an unhealthy weight. Community outcomes will include the following: decreasing inequities in outcomes for children and youth in King County; decreasing suspensions and expulsions, from child care through high school; decreasing disparities in health and well-being outcomes between different areas within King County; decreasing domestic violence; decreasing moneys spent on crisis services, such as incarceration and involuntary commitment; increasing the number of families and children and youth who are prevented from entering homelessness; and improved quality of life index in Communities of Opportunity.

25. It is the intent of the council and the executive that funding for the youth and family homelessness prevention initiative will allow the initiative to be flexible, client-centered and outcomes-focused and will provide financial support for community agencies to assist clients.

26. It is the intent of the council and the executive that levy proceeds described in section 5.C. of this ordinance shall be distributed in a geographically equitable manner, in furtherance of the King County Strategic Plan, the equity and social justice ordinance and other adopted county policies.

27. The council and the executive recognize the concerns of senior citizens, low-income households, and other vulnerable populations regarding housing costs and affordability. While the county would be authorized to implement a maximum increase of three percent annually from 2017 through 2021 if the best starts for kids levy is approved by voters, it is the intent of the council and the executive to consider economic conditions that affect those senior citizens, low-income households and other vulnerable populations, such as the year-over-year change in the national consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W), as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, in determining the percentage by which to increase the levy each year.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

A. “Children and youth” means a person through twenty-four years old.

B. “ Communities of opportunity” means the program launched by The Seattle Foundation and King County in 2014 and memorialized in Contract #5692351, including any successor contract, to support communities in improving the health, social and economic outcomes of the residents of those communities, and to do so by partnering with those communities to shape and own solutions. In the event the formal relationship described in this subsection B. between The Seattle Foundation and King County ceases to be in effect at any point during the life of the levy, “communities of opportunity” means a strategy that is designed to improve the health, social and economic outcomes of specific communities that is administered by the county and developed in partnership with those communities.

C. “ Communities of opportunity interim governance group” means the group and any successor group charged with advising on strategic direction and operations for communities of opportunity. The communities of opportunity interim governance group shall include one appointee of the executive and one appointee of the council, respectively, who shall be confirmed by ordinance. Interim governance group members as of the date of enactment of this ordinance include community partners and representatives from local government, from The Seattle Foundation and from King County. If the proposed levy passes, the group will be reconstituted in accordance with section 7.B. of this ordinance.

D. “Levy” means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

E. “Levy proceeds” means the principal amount of moneys raised
by the levy and any interest earnings on the moneys.

F. “Limit factor,” for purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW 84.55.010, means one hundred three percent.

G. “Strategy” means a program, service, activity, initiative or capital investment intended to achieve the goals of this ordinance.

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

SECTION 3. Levy submittal. To provide necessary moneys for the purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, commencing in 2016, at a rate not to exceed fourteen cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year and authorizing a limit factor of one hundred three percent for each of the five succeeding years, which are 2017 through 2021. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a regular property tax levy, which is subject to the statutory rate limit of RCW 84.52.043.

SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited in a special revenue fund, which fund shall be created by ordinance.

SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures.

A. Out of the first year’s levy proceeds:

1. Nineteen million dollars shall be used to plan, provide and administer a youth and family homelessness prevention initiative; and

2. Such sums as are necessary to provide for the costs and charges incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

B. The remaining levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide and administer the provision of a wide range of strategies to:

1. Improve health and well-being outcomes of children and youth, as well as the families and the communities in which they live, including, but not limited to, by ensuring adequate services and supports for pregnant women and newborns; access to safe and healthy food; support for hospitals and other mental health providers in King County to provide children and youth with access to mental health services; and developmental screening for children and youth;

2. Prevent and intervene early on negative outcomes, including, but not limited to, chronic disease, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence and incarceration;

3. Reduce inequities in outcomes for children and youth in the county; and

4. Strengthen, improve, better coordinate, integrate and encourage innovation in health and human services systems and the agencies, organizations and groups addressing the needs of children and youth, their families and their communities.

C. Of the eligible expenditures described in subsection B. of this section:

1. Fifty percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies focused on children and youth under five years old and their caregivers, pregnant women and for individuals or families concerning pregnancy. Of these moneys, not less than $42.8 million shall be used to provide health services, such as maternity support services and nurse family partnership home visiting program services;

2. Thirty-five percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer strategies focused on children and youth ages five through twenty-four years old;

3. Ten percent shall be used to plan, provide and administer communities of opportunity; and

4. Five percent shall be used to plan, fund and administer the following:

   a. evaluation and data collection activities;

   b. activities designed to improve the delivery of services and programs for children and youth and their communities;

   c. services identified in subsection B. of this section provided by counties of opportunity interim governance group and a proposed ordinance that identifies the composition and duties of the communities of opportunity interim governance group with respect to the levy proceeds described in section 5.C.3. of this ordinance.

   d. services identified in subsection B. of this section provided by fire districts, in an amount equal to the lost revenues to the fire districts in King County resulting from prorationing, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010, for those services, to the extent the prorationing was caused solely by this levy and if authorized by the county council by ordinance.

SECTION 6. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 3, 2015, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION ___; The King County Council has passed Ordinance ___ concerning funding to improve well-being of children, youth, families and communities. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for prevention and early intervention to achieve positive outcomes related to: healthy pregnancy; parental and newborn support; healthy child and youth development; the health and well-being of communities; and crisis prevention and early intervention for children and youth, including for domestic violence and homelessness. The measure would authorize an additional regular property tax of $0.14 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection beginning in 2016 and authorize maximum annual increases of 3% in the succeeding 5 years.

SECTION 7. Governance.

A. If the levy is approved by the voters, an oversight and advisory board shall be established by ordinance to serve as the oversight and advisory board for the portion of the levy proceeds described in section 5.C.1., 2. and 4. of this ordinance. The executive shall transmit to the council by December 1, 2015, a plan relating to the oversight and advisory board and a proposed ordinance that identifies the duties and composition of the oversight and advisory board. The duties of the oversight and advisory board shall include making recommendations on and monitoring the distribution of levy proceeds. The oversight and advisory plan shall be consistent with the recommendations contained in the county’s youth action plan, adopted by Motion 14378. The oversight and advisory board shall be comprised of a wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives.

B. The communities of opportunity interim governance group shall serve as the advisory board for levy proceeds described in section 5.C.3. of this ordinance. The executive shall transmit to the council by December 1, 2015, a plan relating to the communities of opportunity interim governance group and a proposed ordinance that identifies the composition and duties of the interim governance group with respect to the levy proceeds described in section 5.C.3. of this ordinance.
SECTION 8. Implementation plans.

A. The executive shall transmit to the council an implementation plan that identifies the strategies to be funded and outcomes to be achieved with the use of levy proceeds described in section 5.A.1. of this ordinance. This implementation plan relating to the youth and family homelessness prevention initiative shall, to the maximum extent possible, be developed in collaboration with the oversight and advisory board and shall be transmitted to the council by March 1, 2016, for council review and approval by ordinance.

B. The executive shall transmit to the council an implementation plan that identifies the strategies to be funded and outcomes to be achieved with the use of levy proceeds described in section 5.C. of this ordinance. The implementation plan shall be developed in collaboration with the oversight and advisory board and the communities of opportunity interim governance group, as applicable. The implementation plan shall, to the maximum extent possible, take into consideration the county’s youth action plan, adopted by Motion 14378, and any recommendations of the county’s steering committee to address juvenile justice disproportionality that was formed in 2015 that are adopted into policy. Along with the implementation plan required by this subsection B., the executive shall transmit to the council for approval by motion a policy that identifies the economic indicators the council should consider each year in determining the percentage by which to increase the levy for the subsequent year. The motion shall also include the executive’s recommendations for the percentage by which the levy should change based on changes in the identified economic indicators. The implementation plan shall be transmitted to the council by June 1, 2016, for council review and approval by ordinance.

C. Levy proceeds may not be expended for the purposes described in section 5.A. and C. of this ordinance until the date on which the applicable implementation plan is approved by ordinance, except for planning funds, which shall be approved by ordinance and not exceed two million dollars, the funds required for elections costs described in section 5.A.2. of this ordinance, and funds for public health services described in section 5.C.1. of this ordinance.

D. The implementation plans described in subsections A. and B. of this section shall each include a proposal for an annual reporting process to the council, including the regional policy committee or a successor committee.

SECTION 9. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on November 3, 2015, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

Ordinance 18088 was introduced on 5/4/2015 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/20/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
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