August 1, 2017 Primary and Special Election

King County
Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet

Your ballot will arrive by July 17
206-296-VOTE (8683) | kingcounty.gov/elections
Dear Friends,

I know that, from an elections perspective, last year was exhausting. The endless advertisements, the 24-hour news cycle, the sheer length of the campaigns. Still, 82% of King County voters turned out to make their voices heard. That’s one of the highest rates in the country and we should be proud.

But here’s the thing. This year is just as important. Our local elected officials make choices about what kind of community we want to be. Our local ballot measures determine whether or not your child’s school gets new equipment, how quickly the fire department is able to respond, and whether or not there are increases in your taxes. Local elections matter, and in many cases only about a third of the people are making the decisions. We have to do better.

There are 335 offices subject to election this fall, from city council and school board seats, to state legislative races and public hospital commissionerships. I want every single one of you to have a voice in those important choices. I’m also asking even more of you. I’m asking you to be an advocate for democracy. Encourage your friends to vote, inspire your neighbors to read their voters’ pamphlet, remind strangers to return their ballot, drive your family crazy with your passion for voting.

The good news is that we here at King County Elections are always working to make it easier for you to exercise your civic duty. There will be 10 more ballot drop boxes available for this election and more coming all the time. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and please remember to return your ballot by August 1.

Julie Wise, Director

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**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). We ask candidates to use their statement to let voters know why they should vote for them and to avoid criticism of opponents.

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.
### Get voting materials in another language

Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese.

如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請聯絡金郡選舉部。

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en Español.

한국어로 투표자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요。

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Bộ Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.
Phone
206-296-VOTE (8683)
1-800-325-6165
TTY Relay: 711

Email
elections@kingcounty.gov

Online
kingcounty.gov/elections

Mail or in-person:

King County Elections
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.

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Requirements
To register to vote in Washington, you must be:
• A citizen of the United States;
• A legal resident of Washington State;
• At least 18 years old by Election Day;
• Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
• Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

How to register
• Register online with the Secretary of State, www.vote.wa.gov.
• Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
• Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the Voter Registration Annex.

Registration deadlines
While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the August 1, 2017, Primary Election are:
• July 3 – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
• July 24 – Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).

Keep your voter registration current
Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply update your information online or submit a new registration form.

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 a voter registration card
• 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 to be a candidate

For these services contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).
Ballot drop boxes

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

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| Auburn        | Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002  
Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092 |
| Bellevue      | Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004  
Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St, 98008 |
| Bothell       | Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011                                               |
| Burien        | City of Burien - Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and SW 152nd St), 400 SW 152nd St, 98166 |
| Covington     | Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042                                                |
| Des Moines    | * Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198               |
| Enumclaw      | Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022                                                        |
| Fall City     | Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024                                                  |
| Federal Way   | Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003                                                |
| Issaquah      | Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset WAY, 98027                                                  |
| Kenmore       | Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028                                                  |
| Kent          | Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031  
Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032 |
| Kirkland      | Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034  
Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033                                                       |
| Lake Forest Park | Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155                        |
| Maple Valley  | Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038  
* Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038       |
| Mercer Island | Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, 98040                           |
| Pacific       | Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047                                             |
| Redmond       | * Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052                                              |
| Renton        | Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058  
* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057  
* Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056                                       |
| Sammamish     | Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075                                              |
| SeaTac        | Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188                                            |
| Shoreline     | Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155                                                  |
| Snoqualmie    | Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Boulevard SE, 98065                                       |
| Tukwila       | * Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168                                        |
**Ballot drop boxes open 24 hours a day beginning July 13.**
**Ballot drop boxes close on election day, August 1, at 8 p.m.**

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<td>Woodinville</td>
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**Seattle drop boxes:**

- Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and 22nd Ave NW, 98107
- Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144
- Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168
- Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133
- Chinatown-International District, Uwajimaya, 619 6th Ave S, 98104
- Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122
- Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115
- High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126
- King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104
- Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125
- * Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199
- NewHolly Campus of Learners, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118
- Rainer Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118
- Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118
- Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122
- Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178
- South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108
- University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by north entrance on NE 41st St), 1400 NE Campus Parkway, 98105
- White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

⚠️ **We will be adding more boxes!** Visit our website at kingcounty.gov/elections for more locations.

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**Mail your ballot**

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

**Mailed ballots require a first class stamp and must be postmarked by August 1.**
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. Mail ballots can also be dropped off at any accessible voting center, when open.

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<td>2021 9th Ave, Seattle, 98121</td>
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<td><strong>Kingsgate Library</strong></td>
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<td>12315 NE 143rd St, Kirkland, 98034</td>
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<td>1000 4th Ave, Seattle, 98104</td>
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<td><strong>Bellevue City Hall</strong></td>
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<td>450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, 98004</td>
<td>10 a.m. – 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>State Senator (elected by voters in the legislative district)</td>
<td>Confirms appointments made by the governor. Enacts or reject legislation affecting public policy in the state. Provides for the levy and collection of taxes and other revenue. Appropriates funds.</td>
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<td>State Representative (elected by voters in the legislative district)</td>
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<td>King County Executive (elected by voters in King County)</td>
<td>Responsible for the implementation of council/commission policies and the day-to-day administration of county government functions and services.</td>
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<td>$225,871</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>
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<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 (elected by voters in the city)</td>
<td>Approves the city's budget. Develops laws and policies. Oversees public services.</td>
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<td>School District Director/Position (elected by voters in the school district)</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>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>
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<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>
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About the Washington Primary Election
In each race, you may vote for any one candidate listed.
The two candidates who receive the most votes in the primary will advance to the general election.
Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers.
A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.
More about the Top 2 Primary at www.vote.wa.gov.
Legislative District No. 31

State Senator

Michelle Rylands  
(Prefers Democratic Party)  
1402 Lake Tapps Pkway SE,  
Ste F104-342  
Auburn, WA  98092  
253-376-5889  
mrylands@gmail.com

Elected Experience: First run for public office.
Other Professional Experience: Served in the US Army as a Military Police Officer. Following her service, Michelle went on to own an Auburn-based small business, DASH. Currently, Michelle serves as a 911 dispatcher for a local law enforcement agency.

Education: Bachelor's of Science, PSU.
Community Service: Michelle has dedicated her time serving our kids and our schools through the PTA. She currently serves as the President of the Auburn Council of PTAs, and serves on Region 9 that oversees 136 PTAs across the region. Michelle is also a member of the American Legion in Auburn.

Statement: As a veteran, small business owner, and mom, Michelle knows firsthand that when it comes to the issues facing our community - whether improving our schools, reducing traffic, or building a strong economy - we cannot afford to kick the can down the road. We cannot afford to send more politicians focused on partisan bickering and game-playing to Olympia.

As PTA President, Michelle has a proven track record of delivering results for our schools. She's raised money to fund technology improvements, field trips, and other educational opportunities for kids across our region. She's advocated for increased funding for our schools, for living up to our state's paramount duty of funding education for every kid in every community.

Michelle is ready to continue that fight in Olympia as your State Senator. She is committed to increasing our graduation rates, reducing class sizes, and getting our kids out of portables and into real classrooms. She is dedicated to reducing traffic so working parents can spend more time with their families. She will work to reduce red tape and taxes so small businesses can thrive.

Endorsed by King County Sheriff John Urquhart, King County Labor Council, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and more.

Phil Fortunato  
(Prefers Republican Party)  
PO Box 2201  
Auburn, WA  98071  
253-931-8100  
phil.fortunato@comcast.net


Education: Rutgers University, Cook College of Agriculture; Landscape Architecture.
Community Service: Phil has been married for 40 years with 5 children, three of whom are decorated US Marines. One son is still serving. Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree. Supports community issues like; Sweats for Vets, Coats for Kids, Relay for Life, Special Olympics, Project Rachel.

Statement: As your Senator I am proud to have introduced Constitutional Amendments Protect our Right to Hunt and Fish (SJR 8206) and Ban an Income Tax (SJR 8204). I will fight against the constant call to limit our gun rights and for more taxes on income, mileage, car tabs and property. I am at the forefront in the war against Sound Transit gouging people on our car tabs. I will work to give us the right to elect our own representatives on the Sound Transit Board, to allow our communities to opt out of ST3, and to force Sound Transit to go back to the people if they go over budget.

I sponsored legislation to reduce or eliminate property taxes for seniors on fixed incomes. As a member of the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, and the father of three US Marines, I know the importance of honoring veterans.

Funding education is a priority. I will vote for plans that fund education and reduce our property taxes in the process. Allocating funds per student will increase funds in our district for teacher salaries.

I ask for your support to continue the fight against more taxes and to preserve parents’ rights.
Representative Position No. 2

Nate Lowry  
(Prefers Democratic Party)  
PO Box 1274  
Milton, WA 98354  
253-228-8571  
electnatelowry@gmail.com

**Elected Experience:** Current Edgewood City Councilmember  
**Other Professional Experience:** With more than fifteen years of professional experience in engineering and design-build construction firms, I'm currently working as a landscape architect for a growing design-build firm. I started two small businesses during the recession that specialized in commercial fencing and landscape architectural design. There, I weathered the worst impacts of the recession to help create jobs in our area.  
**Education:** Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, WSU (2003)  
**Community Service:** Commissioner & Vice Chair, Edgewood Planning Commission (2012-2015); Assistant Coach, Edgewood Little League Baseball; Volunteer, Toys for Tots, Habitat for Humanity; Member, Pierce County Regional Council  
**Statement:** I am a current elected member of the Edgewood City Council and I was born and raised in this area. As a Councilmember, I've repeatedly voted to save taxpayers money, fix our roads, increase funding for public safety and passed balanced budgets on time. Our district deserves leadership that understands our concerns and priorities. I'll go to Olympia to fight for local schools, quality healthcare, small businesses and rural economic development. I'll ensure our tax dollars are spent wisely. I'll be a strong voice for people who want solutions, not partisan politics. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Morgan Irwin  
(Prefers Republican Party)  
1002 Baysinger Pl  
Enumclaw, WA 98022  
509-339-3363  
morgancougwsu@hotmail.com

**Elected Experience:** Appointed to the State House of Representatives in January. Prior to that I served on the Enumclaw City Council (2014-2017).  
**Other Professional Experience:** Northwest Farm Credit Services-Capital Markets Division; The Foundation Group- Commercial Broker; Columbia Bank- Commercial Loan Officer; Seattle Police Department- Patrol Officer  
**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Business from Washington State University  
**Community Service:** Farm Bureau, FFA Alumni Association, Cascade Foothills Soccer Coach, Knights of Columbus. Married 10 years with 3 children under the age of 7.  
**Statement:** As your Representative, I have expanded protections for victims of sexual assault, voted to expand access to mental health services, fought to lower our out-of-control car tabs costs, and sponsored a bill to exempt hardworking parents from paying sales tax on school supplies. But we still face many hurdles in state government. I will continue prioritizing a world-class education for our children, efficient transportation systems that give families more time at home, keeping our communities safe by supporting our first responders, and fighting crippling and unnecessary tax increases. I would be honored to have your vote!
State Senator

Rebecca Saldaña
(Prefers Democratic Party)
P.O. Box 20776
Seattle, WA 98102
206-462-5829
rebecca@rebeccasaldana.com
www.rebeccasaldana.com

Elected Experience: Appointed to the State Senate in 2016, first run for public office

Other Professional Experience: Former Executive Director, Puget Sound Sage; Community Liaison, Congressman Jim McDermott; and Union Organizer, SEIU Local 6

Education: BA, Theology and Humanities, Seattle University

Community Service: Currently serves as a board member with the Rainier Beach Action Coalition and the Fair Work Center. Formerly served as a board member with the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy, the Washington Environmental Council and the Latino Community Fund of Washington.

Statement: I am honored to serve our diverse and vibrant community in Olympia. I grew up in Delridge and raise my family in Rainier Beach – I am deeply connected to our community and committed to ensuring everyone has a strong voice.

From working as a union organizer, to a nonprofit leader and now as your state senator, I have dedicated my career to working for economic, social and racial justice. This session we made progress for women, families and workers. I’m proud of the work we’ve accomplished, but we still have so much more to do.

My priorities are to focus on affordable housing, a transportation system that works for all of us, and a fair economy that holds the wealthiest among us accountable – and ensures investments in the services that make our community strong, like public education, infrastructure and our local small businesses.

I look forward to working with you to move our community - and our state - forward. Thank you for your support. I am proudly endorsed by: Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Seattle City Councilmember Lorena González, Former State Senator Adam Kline, 37th District Democrats, Washington State Labor Council, National Women's Political Caucus, and hundreds of community members.

King County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.
Legislative District No. 45

State Senator

Parker Harris
(States No Party Preference)
PO Box 61
Woodinville, WA 98072
802-760-7970
parker@parkerforsenate.org
www.parkerforsenate.org

Elected Experience: President of college parliamentary debate team, president of sailing club.

Other Professional Experience: Engineering: Tooling Engineer at Electroimpact, Mukilteo, WA. Energy Engineer implementing state incentive programs for green building technology, Clifton Park, NY; Educator: Math and Physics Instructor at Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle; Math, Science, and Philosophy Teacher at The Attic Learning Community in Woodinville, WA.


Community Service: Volunteer at after-school homework program for low-income students. Participant in Breast Cancer Awareness walk-a-thon.

Statement: As a math teacher, I work every day to build lifelong positive outcomes for children. As an engineer, I have honed my skills as a problem solver and an independent thinker.

We live in bitterly divided times, yet I have faith that we all share the same goal of a prosperous and fair state, where our children are well educated and everyone’s rights are upheld. We don’t have to settle for perpetual gridlock. I’ve heard from so many of you around the district and, overwhelmingly, the message is clear: We need effective, practical, fiscally responsible solutions. And we need them now.

As a senator, I will bring the compassion and understanding of a teacher and the logical, analytical mind of an engineer. I will seek out good ideas no matter where they come from, and I don’t care who gets the credit.

I pledge to work hard with the rest of the legislature to design the lasting solutions we so desperately need. I will never cater to big donors or special interests. I will represent only you, the sensible majority. I will always listen, and I will make sure your voice is heard. I humbly ask for your vote.

Jinyoung Lee Englund
(Prefers Republican Party)
PO Box 302
Woodinville, WA 98072
425-420-5345
jinyoung@jinyoungenglund.com
www.jinyoungenglund.com

Elected Experience: After years of public service, I am a first time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Ten years technology and public policy experience solving problems: securing funding for an NGO providing clean water in Africa; serving constituents in Congress; educating the public, government and law enforcement on Bitcoin and Blockchain; and Product Manager and Advisor on Technology and Innovation for U.S. Marine Corps.

Education: University of Washington, BA; US State Department Gilman International Scholar

Community Service: Behavioral Health Prevention, USMC & USO Alcohol Reduction Initiative; Chapter Founder, In Gear Career; Fundraising, Special Olympics Washington, Rescue: Freedom International, Bellevue Korean Language and Culture School

Statement: I am running to be an independent voice for the Eastside; to stop a state income tax, prioritize funding our schools, and get traffic moving again.

We in the 45th District have repeatedly said “no” to an income tax, including a capital gains tax and Seattle’s proposed “high earner” tax. New and higher taxes, including the car tab increase, hurt our community.

I am the daughter of a disabled U.S. Army veteran and happily married to an active duty Marine forward deployed in Asia. Like many families, my husband, Geoff, and I chose to live here so when the time comes, we can send our children to our outstanding public schools. I will block tax increases that threaten to drive retirees from their lifelong homes and protect our quality of life by preventing legal heroin injection sites from being imposed on us.

Our beloved Senator Andy Hill passed away last year. While I cannot fill his shoes, I am committed to continuing his work to build a compassionate state government that lives within its means and prioritizes education. I humbly ask for your vote to ensure we have an independent voice and a balance of power in Olympia.
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**Elected Experience:** First run for office

**Other Professional Experience:** King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 17 years, Chair of Therapeutic Alternative Unit overseeing Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, an innovative jail diversion program that rebuilds lives, and crisis intervention instructor for law enforcement.

**Education:** JD, UW School of Law; BA in Political Science and History, UC Berkeley

**Community Service:** My family has lived in Redmond for over 21 years. I’m a proud PTSA Golden Acorn Award recipient; National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside Board Member; Co-Founder of API Chaya, a domestic violence prevention organization; Girl Scout Cookie mom; Chess, Math Club, Destination Imagination coach.

**Statement:** Eastside families deserve experienced, professional, local leadership. Education is my priority because public schools are the foundation of our democracy. We must ensure that every child has a plan for success and can take advantage of local opportunities. I will work to create realistic, sustainable funding solutions.

Billions in new state and voter-approved transportation investments will transform our region, but require strong oversight and leadership. I’ll demand accountability, transparency and protect the individuality of our district.

I will continue to ensure veterans have access to critical health and support services. Safe communities are my expertise: I will continue to protect victims of domestic violence, keep guns away from criminals, abusers, and children, while working to address issues of mental health, addiction, and homelessness.

I would be honored to represent you, listen to your needs, and build coalitions to bring people together in innovative ways to strengthen our communities. I will rely on science and data to shape policy, including addressing climate change. I will reflect our shared values that diversity makes our communities stronger and protect the rights of all people - including a woman’s right to choose. **Endorsed:** WA Conservation Voters, Teachers, Firefighters, Planned Parenthood Votes, many more!
State Senator

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Elected Experience: College of American Pathologists. Elected to the Board as a fiscally-responsible outsider. The CAP Foundation set a goal that no woman in the U.S. should die of cervical or breast cancer.

Other Professional Experience: Laboratory physician, Swedish Medical Center. Former Clinical Associate Professor, U.W. Former Consultant at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Education: Residency, University of Washington. M.D., Loma Linda University.

Community Service: Endorsed by Democrats and Republicans. Dr. Knierim works with all sides to get results. US Army veteran: Okinawa, Japan; Madigan Army Medical Center. Ethics Committee, Swedish Medical Center. Supports charities helping poor in the U.S. and around the world.

Statement: Eastside commuters are stuck in traffic and we don’t need to pay such expensive car tab fees to fund important Sound Transit projects. Students are victims of a partisan budget battle over school funding. And support for critical social programs is threatened every legislative session.

Dr. Knierim will work for fiscal responsibility in Olympia. He will make our priorities his priorities: funding schools and social programs; lowering car tab fees; and reducing traffic congestion for commuters.

Dr. Knierim will be the only elected physician in the state legislature. With daily threats from Washington D.C. and Olympia of losing health care coverage, he will be a leader on health care for all. As our Senator, he will fight to protect the vulnerable...including preserving funding for the developmentally disabled and others who desperately need our help.

“Throughout my medical career, I have aspired to be a servant-leader. I want to do the same as your Senator because I have watched politics become a kind of sport where one side wins but the other loses. I want to change that by being your independent voice.” – Richard Knierim

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Other Professional Experience: A former prosecutor and city attorney, Patty’s legal practice is now devoted to helping the disadvantaged, those facing discrimination, and those injured by drunk or distracted drivers.

Education: B.A., University of Minnesota; J.D., William Mitchell College of Law.

Community Service: Volunteered with Sacred Heart Social Concerns, Congregations for the Homeless, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, and Chrysalis Domestic Violence Law Clinic. She earned the “Golden Acorn” while serving as Co-President of Chinook Middle School PTSA. She is a current board member of the Anti-Defamation League.

Statement: Five years ago, the Supreme Court was clear – Olympia is not making our public schools a priority. That’s why Patty first ran for office. Patty sponsored bills to reduce the achievement gap, provide breakfast after the bell for hungry kids, increase the graduation rate, and make it easier for special needs students to get the education they need to be successful.

Traffic congestion impacts us all. When 405 express tolls were introduced, Patty stood up for us and will continue to fight to ensure all our transportation options are fiscally responsible and get people where they need to go.

While Congress is willing to sell our private information to the highest bidder and take away our health care, Patty fights to protect us. Patty sponsored legislation to prevent selling our private information, and as a leader on the Health Care Committee she will fight to ensure no one loses their health insurance. As an attorney and our State Senator, Patty Kuderer is fighting for us every step of the way.

Endorsed by Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, our Representatives Joan McBride and Vandana Slatter, 48th LD Democrats, WEA, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, our firefighters, and many more.
State Senator

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Elected Experience: Elected as state delegate to the 2012 State Republican Convention. Chair of the King County Libertarian Party.

Other Professional Experience: Mother of 4, Legal Assistant, Small business owner.


Statement: As a paralegal, I fight to protect homeowners in our community from big banks. Now, I will take the fight to the state senate to protect our community against big party lobbyists.

Instead of funding education, Republicans and Democrats hold our children hostage to partisan agendas. The people have spoken: Every child deserves a great education, and I will fight to empower parents and teachers to deliver the best education to every child in Washington State.

It just makes sense for a senator to listen to the people. We don't want a state income tax we voted down, and we don't want sticker shock when we go to pay our car tabs because voters weren't informed about the costs. I will protect your family from more surprise tax hikes. Our community should be welcoming and affordable for everyone, but regressive taxes hurt middle class families.

Let's keep property and sales taxes reasonable and work together to prevent those in need from falling through the cracks. As an independent voice, I will hold both parties accountable to serve you. I've fought for justice for homeowners in King County, and I will fight for you in Olympia! I appreciate your vote.
Representative Position No. 1

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**Elected Experience:** State Representative, 48th LD (Appointed 2017) serving on Education, Health Care & Wellness, and Technology & Economic Development Committees; Bellevue City Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience:** 25 years in healthcare in hospital practice and as a medical scientist in leading biotechnology companies, including Amgen and Genentech; licensed clinical pharmacist

**Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, UW; Master of Public Administration, UW; Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, UBC

**Community Service:** Eastside Transportation Partnership; King County EMS Advisory Task Force; Cascade Water Alliance; Environmental Services Commission and Youth Link Board Liaison; Overlake Hospital Foundation Board; Washington State Board of Pharmacy; NARAL Foundation Board; CHILD School Board; Lake Hills Urban Farm project

**Statement:** As a biotech professional and former Councilmember, I’ve learned to analyze data and find solutions to complex problems. As a longtime community volunteer, I’ve tackled issues with passion and teamwork. As a mom, I’ve learned to focus on the future.

In Olympia, I sponsored legislation to improve health and safety, better prepare students for the global economy, and support vulnerable youth. As your representative, I’ll continue to stand for a strong, innovative economy, traffic solutions, affordability, and diverse, healthy communities. **Endorsed:** Bellevue Firefighters; WCV; King County Democrats; Atty. Gen. Bob Ferguson; Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib; Mayors of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond

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**Community Service:** Former judge for the Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair

**Statement:** We need to work together toward our common goals, implementing a system that allows everyone to be heard, regardless of party. We need to ensure that our tax dollars are spent doing the most good with the least burden. We need to invest in our community, not politicians’ pet projects. As someone who works in technology, I understand how to bring Washington into the future. I will make your voice louder. Thank you, and I look forward to serving you.
**Executive**

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**Statement:** Abolishing the minimum wage will create jobs, jobs, and more jobs and a fantastic future.  
As usual, as a small spending/small tax, perennial candidate running against big spending/big tax perennial incumbents, I, GoodSpaceGuy, am advocating for a better orbital space program and a peoples' technological living standard that soars up into the sky.  
We should allow the economy to create jobs for everyone who is willing to work. We should move away from the hugely out-of-balance Command Economy and its destructive minimum wage. We should move towards the voluntary, competitive, prosperity-producing Free Market Economy.  
More jobs help produce solutions. Jobs are solutions! Stop killing jobs. Also, let’s transform King County into a clean and beautiful parking paradise in which King County becomes a good home for many industries, including the space industry and the fantasy-of-film industry.  
Problem people have difficulty finding, getting, and keeping jobs. The job destroying minimum wages seem to say, “Problem people, you may not work! You will earn zero dollars per hour.”  
The minimum wage of the Command Economy forbids problem people working. Bad things happen. Employers refuse to hire problem people. Homelessness, misery, begging, trash, and crime increase. The homeless get wet and cold in the trashy, winter rain.  
After we abolish the minimum wage, problem people can increase their earnings. Work produces worker wealth and skill, an upward path. As it becomes easier to get jobs, problem people can help make King County clean, beautiful, and great again. Let’s declare the job destroying minimum wage to be unconstitutional.  
To decrease homelessness, begging, welfare, and crime, please defend the right of problem people to sell their faulty labor at their individual low market rates. Elect GoodSpaceGuy as your next King County Executive. Go Seahawks! Go Mariners!

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**Statement:** Whether you just arrived here, or your family has lived here for generations, this is your place. You belong here. My work as Executive for our dynamic, growing region is dedicated to the idea that every one of us should be able to fulfill our potential and, in doing so, give back to the community that made it possible. Here, in King County, we have what it takes to make the American promise of equal opportunity and boundless possibility real for all people.  
The voter-approved Best Starts for Kids helps young families through some of life’s toughest challenges, nurturing the next generation and keeping kids on a path to success. Investing in prevention and alternatives, we reduced youth incarceration 75% over 20 years. Partnering with Planned Parenthood, we increased access to women’s health, and reduced teen pregnancy countywide by 55% in just eight years.  
Growth brings opportunity, but also challenges. To restore mobility I’ve led investments like rebuilding the South Park Bridge, expanding passenger ferry service, and extending Sound Transit light rail north, south, east and west. To protect the Northwest we love, I’ve held the line on sprawl, preserved farmlands and forests, and set ambitious targets to save our remaining open space, and fight the threat of climate change.  
We’re tackling the homelessness and housing crises through immediate investments in affordable housing, emergency shelter with innovative services, and targeted tax relief for low-income seniors. I’ve proposed a renewed, expanded Veterans, Seniors and Human Services levy with the goal that no one who served our country, and no one who built this region, will become homeless.  
I love this place where I was raised, and where we’re raising our little daughter. I’m determined to keep it prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable for generations to come, and would appreciate your vote.
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Statement: My candidacy’s an attempt to attract attention to my blog http://stopeastlinknow.blogspot.com detailing County Executive Constantine’s Sound Transit “Prop 1 and Beyond” light rail debacle. I have no expectation or desire to win and will not seek nor accept any financial support.

Sound Transit violated the RCW when they refused to consider lower cost alternatives to their light rail “spine” along I-5 corridor and across I-90 Bridge. They could have eased congestion years ago attracting thousands more transit riders adding parking with access to BRT routes along limited access lanes on both corridors. A hundred such routes could have added 10,000 riders a day.

By comparison they could’ve added outer roadway lanes for non-transit HOV and BRT on center roadway years ago. The 100 bus routes there could’ve also replaced 10,000 vehicles, reducing congestion not only on the bridge, but along the entire I-90 corridor. Money spent on East Link could’ve provided thousands of additional P&R stalls. Instead ST will permanently close the bridge center roadway this summer without ever demonstrating outer roadways can accommodate current vehicle traffic let alone future growth; inevitably resulting in gridlock.

While my candidacy “likely” won’t stop ST plans, it’ll tell what to expect and that it didn’t have to happen.

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Statement: In reviewing my past voter pamphlet statements, I am reminded that a thought has no social reality if it is never expressed. Twenty years ago, as a UW Law Student, I was motivated to run for Mayor of Seattle to make the public aware of mass vaccination risks. By 2000, when I ran for Attorney General, I had expanded my platform to be as general as possible. In 2001, I proposed a 200 mile inductrack maglev monorail to solve our transportation and housing affordability problems. Running 14 times for various offices has allowed me to express my thoughts under the belief that is how social reality is constructed. So now is the time to elect me and together we will be able to realize a Cornucopian outlook: that if you can read this, you can achieve independence and wealth within a rejuvenated society, led by a County Executive with a plan to get us back on the path to general prosperity. Under State and County Authorities, as Executive I will propose to the County Council the establishment of King County Power Authority as a countywide Public Utility District. The immediate project is to build a 1 GW solar farm east of the Cascades. Parcels will be sold to county residents at a profit, to fund the County and the organic growth of the farm to 12 GW in size. The County will be largely solar powered at that point and able to fund itself with its portion of the solar farm. The time is now since solar is about to become cheaper than Bonneville wholesale rates. As a pilot project for the maglev, the Seattle Monorail can be upgraded with the same technology the Hyperloop One is developing. Visit http://www.execustan.com
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### Commissioner Position No. 1

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**Statement:** Like other governments, the Port of Seattle belongs to the citizens. I am running for the Port of Seattle Commission to bring much needed transparency and accountability, thoughtful leadership and integrity to that most important local government. I am deeply concerned about recent reports detailing unlawful bonuses authorized by the Port of Seattle Commission, and all of the costly lawsuits that could have been avoided, and decisions made behind closed doors. Let's give the Port of Seattle back to the people.  
King County taxpayers deserve the kind of thoughtful leadership that I intend to bring to the Port. It is time to move past the bad decisions, get the Port's house in order, and focus on growing family wage jobs, protecting, preserving, and enhancing our environment, and serving the taxpayers with integrity, and make decisions that are in the best interest of taxpayers.  
It's time for a new direction  
I will bring a new direction and a fresh perspective on Port of Seattle Commission. I served in the State Senate and worked with both parties on the Transportation, Trade & Economic Development Committees and worked to enhance small business loan programs promoted export businesses.  
My priorities include creating family wage jobs. We must protect and grow jobs in maritime, aviation, tourism, fishing and international trade. One third of our jobs are trade related - our Port is an engine for economic growth for our state! Our environment is an economic asset. The Port must be a national leader in reducing emissions, limiting noise and other pollution.  
Endorsements: Noel Frame, Larry Gossett, Debora Juarez, Pete Lewis, Sharon Maeda, Debbie Ranniger, Dolores Sibonga, Velma Veloria

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**Statement:** Bea is an engineer, a nonprofit community leader, and a champion for change to systems that are ineffective and inefficient. She is the only candidate in the race that has direct Port of Seattle operations experience, who understands the inner workings of the Port organization, and can instantly connect the impact of policy decisions, which helps to effectively serve the public. Bea is interested in not only driving innovation at a policy level but also challenging a political system that will enable more women and underrepresented communities to have a voice in government.  
Her approach to problem solving comes from her 12+ year career in aerospace and transportation, and is that person who will rollup her sleeves, put politics aside, and tackle the core of issues. She's eager to contribute a fresh perspective and energy to address the complex supply chain, logistics, and transportation challenges in our region.  
If elected as Port Commissioner, her commitment to increasing the number quality jobs and relevant training is parallel to developing a plan to get ahead of high-tech innovations that will impact transportation and trade in the Puget Sound, such as: space commercialization, high-speed rail (maglev), unmanned cargo aircraft, and terminal operations' modernization among other trending logistics and transportation systems. She also believes in the power of transparency and will establish an Open Data policy such that King County constituents are empowered and inspired to launch more startups, as well as protecting and promoting agriculture, fishing, and maritime industries. She advocates for environment sustainability and supports the promotion of ecotourism to visitors.  
Bea is dedicated to improving transportation, trade, and logistics but she also enjoys balancing life by cooking Filipino and Spanish food for family and friends, and backpacking in the Pacific Northwest.  
To keep this region beautiful and thriving, **elect Bea.**
**Commissioner Position No. 1**

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With over a decade of experience leading importing and manufacturing businesses, Ryan worked directly with shipping operations at the Port. Under his leadership, the import company was named one of Seattle's Greenest Businesses by Seattle City Light in 2015, serving as a model for sustainable practices across the country.

A public school dad, civic leader, and former international human rights worker, Ryan will stand up for the rights of immigrants and refugees who pass through our airport. As a strong voice for the environment, he will modernize port equipment to reduce emissions that harm air quality in the communities around the airport and seaport.

Ryan worked his way through school as a member of Teamsters Local 38. As a business owner, he supported $15 Now, the statewide minimum wage, and efforts to expand paid leave. He will protect and expand family wage jobs, create opportunities for women and minority-owned small businesses at the Port, and push for increased unionization of Port workers.

In light of recent scandals, Ryan believes that the next Port CEO must be committed above all else to the ethical and transparent management of this important public enterprise. Taxpayers deserve to know how their resources are being invested, and need those investments to improve our economy, environment, and quality of life.

*Ryan has earned the endorsement of the 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 36th and 46th District Democrats and over 100 elected Democratic officials, business, labor, and environmental leaders across our county.*

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**Statement:** Since being elected to the Seattle Port Commission, I have worked to keep the Port strong as a regional jobs creation engine, while making it a more publicly accountable, environmentally sustainable operation.

First and foremost, the Port should be an economic engine for the region. I have worked to make sure our airport, cargo facilities, cruise and fishing terminals and marinas create family wage jobs in the Puget Sound. In 2015, we launched the Northwest Seaport Alliance, our cooperative agreement with the Port of Tacoma, strengthening the competitive position of Puget Sound container ports and growing cargo and jobs. Sea-Tac is now the ninth busiest airport in the country with over 45 million passengers traveling through our airport in 2016. We are proud to be home to the North Pacific Fishing Fleet, which accounts for 40% of the domestic seafood consumed in the US.

At the same time, I have worked to make the Port of Seattle one of the most environmentally friendly ports in the world. In fact, the Port of Seattle offers the lowest carbon footprint for cargo shipped by sea from Asia to major markets in the Midwest and East Coast. I also continue to work with the airline industry to make Sea-Tac the first US airport with biofuel capability at all terminals.

Our Port can continue to be an economic driver in our region, set an example for environmental leadership and be accountable for your tax dollars. I’m excited to continue this work as your commissioner for the Port of Seattle.

Endorsed: Washington Conservation Voters, King County Democrats, Martin Luther King County Labor Council, Sailors Union of the Pacific, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, Former US EPA Director Bill Ruckelshaus, Mayors Nancy Backus, Suzette Cooke and Leanne Guier and many more.
Commissioner Position No. 3

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Statement: For nearly a decade Seattleites have watched one CEO after another leave the Port under less than favorable circumstances. I am running to make your voice heard, rebuild the reputation of the Port, protect jobs and take action to secure both our seaport and airport without infringing on your privacy rights or subjecting you to unreasonable searches.

I'm committed to promoting more inclusive, transparent engagement in the Port's decision-making processes, unlike what happened when the Shell Oil lease decision was decided. By demanding and holding evening Commission meetings the public will gain a voice in these decisions, ultimately creating commissioner accountability.

The Port should continue to create and protect family wage jobs with full benefits, especially in the face of increasing calls for cargo automation. Environmentally friendly businesses create long-term jobs, while preserving and restoring Puget Sound.

As Port Commissioner, I will increase the number of minority owned business partnerships, especially at Sea-Tac. Historically, Commission seats have not been held by people of color which may explain this inequity. I will also be open to discussing the creation of a community supported professional sports arena. I'll advocate for equitable funding and environmentally responsible construction at all Port properties. In addition, I'll ensure that a more thorough and expedient cleaning up of the Duwamish River is implemented.

Port operations should be paid by those benefiting from them, such as cruise ship companies. We are becoming too dependent on an industry with a spotty record for health, safety and clean air/water practices.

Port Commissioners need policy expertise, as well as experience building alliances. I have both from my education and my former employment responsibilities.

Please vote for me to ensure that the Port's Century Agenda is fulfilled. I will provide common sense to the Port of Seattle Commission.

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Statement: Living here in King County with my wife and children, I am passionate about protecting working people's rights and our environment. As a refugee from violence and civil war in Somalia, I would lay awake at night in a Kenyan refugee camp believing that anyone who comes here and works hard can achieve the American Dream.

Now, as a proud citizen of this country who has gone from working in a chicken processing factory to college, I'm running for Port Commissioner because it's clear that the Port and many current commissioners are blocking the road to the American Dream for many others.

Port Commissioners fought against providing paid sick leave, job protections and a $15 minimum wage for thousands of airport workers. They voted to let the Shell Oil drilling platform into our beautiful Puget Sound. They don't think twice about replacing family wage union jobs with interns or looking the other way when Port staff and the CEO don't follow the rules.

These are not King County's or America's values. I believe that people who work hard deserve a fair wage, that we all have a right to clean water and clean air, and that everyone- especially public officials - should play by the rules. I will fight hard to represent the voices of working people and the communities directly impacted by the Port's pollution. And I will hold our public Port of Seattle accountable to the public.

I am proud to be endorsed by leaders like State Senator Rebecca Saldana, and State Senator Bob Hasegawa, Democrats like the 32nd, 36th and 46th LD Democrats, and unions like Teamsters 117. Community Service: Seattle Housing Authority Board Commissioner; Somali Community Services
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Statement: The Port of Seattle is an engine of our economy and a critical West Coast transportation hub. The jobs and infrastructure of our Port serve people and businesses across the globe, and must always be good partners with taxpayers, workers, and communities throughout our region.

I've made it my goal to position the Port for economic success, environmental stewardship, and leadership in social equity. In order to protect and grow middle class jobs on our waterfront, I led the creation of the historic partnership with the Port of Tacoma. Together we will collaborate, rather than compete, to keep cargo and jobs in our region, rather than Canada or Los Angeles.

I spearheaded the creation of an innovative internship program, in partnership with industry and Seattle Public Schools, providing hundreds of disadvantaged youth with well-paid internships, so they gain exposure to potential careers.

I support a $15 minimum wage for Port workers and job-training and apprenticeship programs so workers can advance their careers. I've worked to ensure the future of the Alaska fishing fleet, so the next generation of fishing vessels is built in Washington. I've focused on Port sustainability, working to bring aviation bio-fuels to Sea-Tac Airport, cleaning up stormwater on marine terminals, and fighting for oil train safety for our communities.

There is more to be done, especially as we address wage disparities, transportation challenges, and increased global competition. We must also ensure that our Port remains a global port of entry, open to people from all over the world.

I would be honored to have your support to continue this work.

Sole Endorsements: Washington Conservation Voters; Port of Seattle Firefighters; King County Labor Council; Building Trades; Women’s Political Caucus; Longshoreman’s and Sailors Union of the Pacific; Democratic organizations; dozens of local mayors; and community leaders throughout King County
**Commissioner Position No. 4**

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**Statement:** I have been honored to work in public service for 25 years and I will ensure that the Port serves the best interests of all in King County.

**Economy** - I will strengthen our regional economy and maintain our leadership role in the aviation, maritime, and tourism industries. I will promote economic inclusion, supporting opportunities for small businesses. And I will work so that everyone benefits from growth at the airport and seaport.

**Jobs** - I will sustain and create family-wage jobs in our community, building career pathways for young people so they can get good-paying jobs and support their families. I have worked with our colleges to develop job-training programs that help people prepare for jobs and ensure businesses have enough qualified employees.

**Environment** - I helped to introduce Seattle’s Climate Protection Initiative, and its conservation and recycling programs. I will work to minimize the environmental impacts of the growth at Sea-Tac Airport. I will support programs to make our airport the first in the nation to provide biofuel so we can protect our planet and our airport communities even as we grow.

**Inclusion** - I will represent our region in the national immigration debate so that federal policies support our community values and all are welcomed here.

**Partnerships** - I will bring strong existing relationships with all the cities in King County, as well as businesses and community organizations.

**Accountability** - No more headlines questioning the propriety of Port decisions. I will make sure decisions are open and transparent. My door will be open and I will personally respond to every inquiry from you.

I would be honored to serve you. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: 33rd District Democrats; the mayors of Redmond, Renton, Kent, Auburn, and Covington; Leaders from the Indian, Somali, and African-American communities.

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**Statement:** Let’s Abolish the Unfair $72.0 Million Port Property Tax Levy!

This year, King County property owners are being taxed $72.0 Million to subsidize the Port of Seattle. Since 2002, this unfair property tax levy has more than doubled. Why should working families and senior citizens be drained, just to subsidize international shipping companies and privileged Port contractors?

Other major ports don’t tax the people, but give money back to the people. Our biggest rivals, Los Angeles and Vancouver BC, give back over $100 million annually to support local governments. With over $5 billion in net assets, the Port of Seattle can also give back to help the people, and stop taking such an enormous subsidy.

Unfortunately, the Port of Seattle has failed to effectively manage its investments. With the cushion of a property tax subsidy, it simply hasn’t been forced to do so. Most people know that the Port runs the airport, seaport, and cruise terminal, but it also manages four conference centers, six office and commercial developments, a system of nineteen parks, and a police department nearly as large as the entire City of Renton force. International trade and commercial aviation should be profitable, instead of senselessly wasting our tax dollars.

We need to trim and reform overbloated and inefficient Port management. The Port CEO makes $350,000 annually, over twice the Governor’s salary! Hundreds of top executives have comfortable six-figure salaries. Controversial leases and contracts have been awarded with very little debate or public scrutiny. Year after year, the Port faces divisive scandals, illegal payouts, and disastrous performance audits. We need to reform our Port and make it financially accountable and self-supporting!

I am an ordinary citizen, small business owner, and a concerned and devoted parent. I would be honored to have your vote and support in this election.
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My grandfather, a migrant worker, taught me about hard work, accountability, integrity and responsibility as we cut asparagus side by side in the fields of Yakima. Now, decades later, I'm ready to bring these values to the Port. With your vote, I will be the first Latino Commissioner at the Port of Seattle.

Living in West Seattle with my family, I can hear our harbor humming and our airport buzzing with activity. These economic engines are critical parts of our communities, and they are a driving force of income for some - but not for all. Many men and women working long hours at hard jobs at the port are still struggling to support their families. Many of them live in communities close to the harbor and airport, where they are exposed to greater than average air and water pollution.

As Port Commissioner, I will work to ensure our port and airport are vibrant, environmentally sustainable economic engines benefiting everyone in King County, not just the big corporations making profits at our docks and terminals. I will implement checks and balances, not sign blank checks for whatever the Port wants. I will support a Sodo Sports Arena as long as it's privately funded because our hard-earned taxes should be used for schools, roads, and addressing growth and infrastructure. As Port Commissioner, I will bring my grandfather's values of hard work, accountability, responsibility, and integrity to the Port of Seattle.

Endorsed by: King County Council President Joe McDermott, 31st and 32nd LD Democrats, Iron Workers 86, Washington State Employees Union 304 and 308, Interpreters United, Heat and Frost Workers Local 7.

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Occupation: Steinbrueck Urban Strategies; Architect, Community Planner, former Seattle City Councilmember
Statement: I will open wide the Port's doors to transparency, insist on strictest ethics and full accountability. No more illegal pay raises and hiring blunders!

It's about good jobs, good governance, and greening the port. For our state's largest port to remain globally competitive, public policy and investment must align, and we must have greater confidence in its governance. My top goal: create more equitable, living wage jobs. The Port's shipping facilities, along with our iconic Pacific fishing fleet at Fisherman's terminal, provide over 70,000 stable, living wage jobs in our region. Cruise ships draw nearly a million passengers yearly.

The Port and its partners must do more to extend their reach into underserved communities and provide job training and equitable employment opportunities.

I will work hard to increase the Port's commitment to environmental protections for reducing noise, air pollution, improving water quality, and impacts to surrounding communities. SeaTac airport is one of the fastest growing airports nationwide, but it's noise and air pollution impacts are fast growing too. It's time to begin studies for another regional airport, and promote quieter jets and cleaner jet fuels. The Port must lead on climate!

I will bring strong, principled, and experienced leadership to the port commission, as my active engagement in community and 10 years on the Seattle City Council demonstrate. I will work with governments throughout Washington for better planning, sustainable development, and a more environmentally friendly region. I'll prioritize improving relations with communities and local governments.

Endorsed by 32nd Democrats, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib, Sen. Reuven Carlyle, Reps. Judy Clibborn (Mercer Island), Joan McBride (Kirkland), Tina Orwall (Des Moines), Gerry Pollet, Hon. Conrad Lee (Bellevue), Hon. Pete Von Reichbauer (Federal Way), Hon. Larry Gossett (Seattle), environmentalists Rod Brown and Maryanne Tagney, commercial fisherman Pete Knudsen and more!
Commissioner Position No. 4

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Education: Master, Unlimited, any ocean, any tonnage. Certified USCG. Marine schooling.
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Statement: Ran a 100 room hotel on 1st Ave. My clients were tourists, International Hostelers and homeless. This reminds me of the time on one of the last American cruise ships 325 passengers, 275 crew 42 day South Pacific cruise. They all needed attention and welfare to feel at ease and welcome. Also owned a passenger van service, shuttling flight crews from Sea-Tac to various hotels in Seattle. This is how I still feel and have the ability to listen to people, make decisions and come up with ideas of innovations and continue prosperity for the Port of Seattle. This has been a long run from the pre-teenager who loved his port, sold newspapers to Alaska Steam passengers in the 30.s and joined the service Feb 1942 at age 15 and still enjoy a wife of 72 years with family. Please vote for me and let me continue my work to position the Puget Sound region as a premier international logistics hub and advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway.
Thank you!

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Education: Professional maritime career training
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Statement: I am running to ensure that the Port of Seattle remains the people's port, and that all decisions prioritize living wages and the need for a livable planet and communities. I will use the Port's economic engine to rebuild the middle class by creating good paying jobs for our families and prioritizing environmental stewardship.
We must increase transparency in light of recent Port decisions that don't reflect the civic values of King County. I will be accountable and accessible to ensure Port decisions support our working waterfront, fishing community, and our airport communities.
I am committed to democratic progressive values. As a labor leader, I have fought for the rights of workers and communities for many years. I serve on the Port's Environment & Sustainability Committee, and have a unique understanding of the Port's governance and operations, and can improve them.

Our region is known for our environmental stewardship and the Port needs to better reflect that. I'll work to promote renewable fuels, electrify shore power to reduce ship pollution, and reduce noise and air pollution around the airport. I will bring labor and environmental leaders together to ensure all Commission actions responsibly combat climate change while creating jobs.
I have unmatched policy experience directly with Port issues including environmental sustainability, freight mobility, labor relations, and land use. This experience is essential to be an effective Port Commissioner, and I am the only candidate who can hit the ground running on day one.

I am the strong voice the Port needs to champion our working families and environment.

Endorsements: Martin Luther King Jr. County Labor Council, Senator Maralyn Chase, Representative Noel Frame, Representative Mia Gregerson, ILWU 19, Inland Boatman's Union, 32nd, 34th, 36th, 46th and 48th District Democrats, Teamsters 117, Peter Goldman, Eugene Wasserman, David Gering and many more.
Commissioner Position No. 4

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Statement: The Port of Seattle is an economic engine generating $19 billion in revenues, supporting over 216,000 jobs, and contributing over $894 million in tax revenue to our region annually. To ensure the continued competitiveness of the Port requires that all stakeholders participate in planning success, critical decision making, and execution of planned change. The Port of Seattle must: diversify its workforce from entry level to executive positions; include a diverse supply chain; and mandate Port Suppliers share the same values of inclusion. To further strengthen our growth, we must understand and prepare for the upcoming changes to our labor force.

With over 37 years' experience in the private sectors, I have the required skills to lead organizations through change and growth. I understand how important the Port of Seattle Commission must work with the Port of Seattle Leadership Team.

The Port of Seattle's Century Agenda (25-year look-ahead strategy) requires a leader that can envision the future, assess Century Agenda performance, engage all stakeholders, recommend improvements to the existing strategy where needed, and grow the Port of Seattle in a responsible manner for our future generations. I began developing my leadership experience as a young entrant into the workforce, honing that experience during my service as an Airborne Ranger in the United States Army, continuing my development in Seattle as a union member of Local 8 H.E.R.E. as a banquet employee. My career, skills, and capabilities have grown since then into the proven leader I am today. Most recently I received the 2015 National Minority Supplier Development Council Vanguard Leadership Award for leading a national reorganization in 2014.

I am a leader that values the Seattle Port Commissioner's position. I am committed and hold myself accountable for preserving and growing our Port in a responsible manner for the benefit of all!

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Statement: I am running for Port Commissioner because I want to make a contribution to my community using the experience I've gained over the past 30 years in aviation. I am a former US Air Force pilot, commercial airline pilot, labor leader, and for ten years, I served on the Board of Directors of one of the world's largest passenger airlines.

Over eighty percent of the port's operating revenue is related to aviation, and yet none of the current commissioners has experience in the aviation industry. If elected, I would bring an extensive background in international aviation and passenger airline transportation and an understanding of aviation safety and security, airline operations, labor relations and international business economics.

My guiding principles are:

Port business operations should pay for themselves. Property taxes should be reserved for schools and government services that do not generate revenue. I would work to phase out the port-imposed property tax currently paid by all King County property owners.

As stewards of a multi-million-dollar public asset, port commissioners should have the experience necessary to make sound decisions on behalf of the taxpayers they serve.

Commissioners are accountable to the public, and decision-making should be responsive to the community, inclusive and transparent.

The port's maritime and aviation businesses should focus on generating jobs and business opportunities for King County residents. We need a working waterfront and recreational access for all citizens, not more elite residential development reserved for a wealthy few.

Port operations must respect the environment – less noise, pollution, and traffic congestion.

As a resident of Des Moines, I would also be the only commissioner who resides in the community surrounding Sea-Tac Airport. South King County should have representation on the commission. I am committed to nurturing strong partnerships with airport communities.

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Statement: As I look around Auburn, I see a shabby downtown, rough roads, and extensive homelessness. As Mayor, I will make desperately needed decisions within existing funds to clean and make safe our neighborhoods, deal aggressively with homelessness, and improve the maintenance of our roads. Auburn's leadership needs to focus on projects that support our best interest, instead of funneling millions of dollars to regional projects such as ST3, a hospital in Tacoma, and Heroin Injection Sites that provide minimal benefits to our community.

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Occupation: Mayor, City of Auburn
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As your mayor, I've championed living-wage job creation and partnered with Auburn businesses helping them thrive, meaning hundreds of new businesses, and two of our largest employers expanded: Boeing and MultiCare – that's more jobs for you!
As a strong, compassionate, experienced leader, I'll continue working for you protecting & improving Auburn's quality of life - continued investments in public safety, transportation and neighborhoods. During my term, we will have hired 11 additional police officers. I've secured grant funding - reducing congestion and improving our roadways. I'll continue enriching our neighborhoods, improving our parks and increasing opportunities for families.
I'm asking for your vote because together we'll continue Auburn's progress and success!

Education: Income and Wealth Inequality, Women's Rights, Quality Public Education, Racial Justice, Affordable Housing, A Living Wage
Our middle class is in a decline. As Mayor I will fight for the rights of workers to collectively bargain for better wages and benefits. Women's Rights are being attacked we will take a stand and combat these attacks in solidarity with real policy of our own. I intend to stand by our school district against defunding that is possible in the near future. Many types of violence are waged against people of color and indigenous Americans. Many of Auburn residents are spending 50 percent or more on housing. As Mayor it will be my priority to address these injustices.
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Education: BA Brandeis University, History & American Studies; M.Ed. University of Massachusetts/Boston, Elementary Education
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Statement: I was raised in the military, so I don’t have one hometown. My father was from the Bronx, N.Y., and my mother was from Elko, NV. They met in the military. However, both my children were born in the Pacific Northwest. My daughter Kelly is now working on her international baccalaureate at Interlake High School. My son is attending Puesta del Sol Elementary. He was named John Bernard after Bernie Sanders. I’m a Bernie style Democratic Socialist.
I’m an apartment dweller on the northeast side of Bellevue. I substitute taught in Bellevue for many years. Last year, I taught on an Indian reservation and am now helping them build a new school. Over the past few months, I documented labor abuses in a local warehouse, reminiscent of the 19th century, run by a major Seattle corporation. Right here in Bellevue!
I’m running on a platform of preserving Bellevue’s economic and cultural diversity; bringing the southeast side into the Bellevue School District; universal preschool and childcare; affordable housing; supporting local/family businesses; a living wage; increasing outdoor play space; a cleaner environment; and preserving Bellevue’s green spaces.
You can see how to achieve these goals on my website, call or e-mail me.

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Statement: Bellevue has been blessed with an economic boom, but unfortunately too many people feel left behind. Though we need to encourage those who are driving the growth at the highest end of the job market, we need to also support those who struggle to earn a family wage. While we must maintain a positive business climate to create jobs and opportunities, we must do that while putting the people of Bellevue first.
Working together and encouraging conversations in our community can help us create innovative solutions to challenges we face. That’s why I want to ensure individuals are at the center of our decision-making. I want a city that works for people.
I’ve been an Eastgate resident for more than 15 years, and dedicated my career to serving families looking for a better life. I want to continue that service at a community level and bring the voices of those too often unheard to the City Council. I hope to represent you on the City Council, to work together to continue making our city even better.
Endorsed by Senators Lisa Wellman and Patty Kuderer, Representatives Tana Senn, Judy Clibborn, and Vandana Slatter, King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, and many more.
Council Position No. 4

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Statement: Bellevue deserves a champion to represent its neighborhoods. My priority is reestablishing the "Bellevue Way" – transparency, compassion, citizen involvement, and professionalism – to work for consensus on decisions that will provide a high quality of life for current and future generations.

Mobility and safety for commuters, shoppers and residents are enduring concerns. As a Board Member of the Parks & Community Services Board, the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association, and as Public Policy Committee Chair of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, I've seen that we're doing good things within growing areas, but need to address traffic problems in the rest of the city, such as the congestion seen in East and South Bellevue. I'll work for new infrastructure and technology improvements.

Homelessness is an emerging issue for Bellevue. We need a shelter plan that balances the interests of residents. As a Boardmember of LifeWire, a nonprofit helping domestic violence victims and children make safe separations and reach self-sufficiency, and The Sophia Way before that, I gained a sobering and inspiring perspective. I'll bring that experience and seek responsible solutions to homelessness.

I ask for your vote.

Endorsed by Bellevue City Councilmembers Conrad Lee, Jennifer Robertson, Ernie Simas and Kevin Wallace.
Council Position No. 4

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Education: No information submitted.
Occupation: Director of Service Operations, Intel Corporation
Statement: Black Diamond is one of the few remaining small towns in our ever growing urban landscape. We are blessed to have such a rich history and abundance of natural resources within our city limits. Our local community is responsible for the stewardship of these resources to ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy. We must work within the framework of our local government to achieve the outcomes we desire.

The Black Diamond council should work with and for the residents of Black Diamond to provide a safe and vibrant city for residents to enjoy. It goes without saying that our diverse community is filled with a multitude of differing opinions on how to create, maintain and secure this corner of King County that we all call home. As your representative on the city council, I will work to ensure your voice is counted, each and every time we vote.

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Education: Renton Technical College, Practical Nurse Program
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Statement: This is a challenging time for Black Diamond citizens. Reading, studying the issues, and meeting with city staff is my plan. I will be informed and involved in decisions about the ongoing development. I will bring civility, cooperation, and calm to our City Council, and keep my community interactions positive. We can pull together to address our current and future issues, fulfill our obligations, and ensure public safety. I will roll up my sleeves and get the work of the city done on time.

I was raised in Seattle and have fond memories of visiting my grandmother in Black Diamond. James, my husband of 38 years and I, have raised our children here since 1994. We are proud grandparents. We both earned degrees from local colleges and went into the field of nursing. James previously served in the US Coast Guard. We are active members in our church.

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Statement: Corporate development interests are challenging our way of life in Black Diamond and pitting neighbor against neighbor.
Change is inevitable, but positive change is based on democratic principles. Most residents know that a large fast growing Black Diamond is not positive change.
Growth needs to be managed to ensure there are no negative effects on current residents, families and businesses. Developers should not be subsidized by residents and taxpayers.
Spending and contracting need to be brought under control. Taxes and fees need to be brought under control. Rules that protect our environment need to be fairly enforced.
Black Diamond is a unique and historic town. We are like a big family, and families must be honest with each other. Our differences will be resolved through mutual respect.
I would be honored to represent you on the Council. I appreciate your vote and respect your decision. Thank you.
Council Position No. 1

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Statement: I advocate a city vision where residents know what Burien will be like in the next 5-10 years. Growth in other Seattle neighborhoods has damaged their quality of living by unhampered growth in population, automobiles and sound pollution. Uncontrolled growth sacrificing our quality of living is unacceptable reflecting a lack of city leadership that I plan on fixing. With city growth; crime and homelessness is noticeably increasing. Actions need to take place more than meetings and reporting statistics. I will lead changes in policies to curb crime and have the city collaborating with businesses and private charities to provide the willing a path out of homelessness.
We need to be creating new smaller schools that reduce the negative effects of poverty, violence, and increase parent involvement and student accountability. Student health and nutrition will be a priority when I'm on the city council.
I'd be blessed to have your vote!

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Statement: Burien is my home and I want the very best for our city: safe streets, clean parks, livable neighborhoods, and opportunities for all of our residents. I have devoted my professional life to standing up for working families, speaking out for public safety, and ensuring that we build an economy that works for all.
I will strive to make Burien safer and more equitable. But most of all, I want to hear from you, what you love about Burien, and how we can improve our city. Together, we can build a healthy, safe, and equitable Burien.
I am proud to receive the sole endorsement of the 34th District Democrats, the Martin Luther King County Central Labor Council, and our King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove. I would love to hear from you, reach me directly at 253-653-4568 or at Burien4olguin@gmail.com. Visit our website at Burien4olguin.org. Thank you.
Respectfully,
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Statement: Burien cannot continue to adopt Seattle's failed policies. As your council member I will focus on Burien’s interests alone. I will champion economic growth and I will support proven crime reduction strategies ensuring our laws are enforced both firmly and compassionately. I believe Burien can be safe and prosperous for all residents and I will fight the encroachment of extreme outside interests that care more about politics than people.
I love Burien, it has been my home for 16 years and it’s where I have chosen to raise my children. It’s for these reasons I am running for city council. Burien is a rare jewel. It deserves invested stewardship by responsible, accountable leadership. However, in the last several years the Burien City Council has lost its way. As your council member I will restore sensible nonpartisan representation currently absent from our council.
Vote for Joel Manning, vote for Burien first.

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Education: University of Washington, as well as Highline Public Schools for K-12.
Occupation: Accountant
Statement: I am a lifetime Burien resident who has been involved in our community since high school, when I served on the Teen Council. Currently, I volunteer weekly at Transform Burien serving local homeless and low-income individuals. I also regularly attend council meetings (having been physically present at more meetings than the incumbent) where I frequently offer solutions to the issues facing Burien.
Public safety is my top priority. I fully support our police, who are limited by a lack of resources. I would like to hire additional officers and believe it can be done without raising taxes. I am also deeply concerned by the regional homelessness epidemic. Government has not been able to effectively address this and I believe non-profit organizations hold the solutions to this problem. I will be a councilmember who values the input of everyone in Burien and would be honored to have your vote.
Council Position No. 1

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Statement: We have two big issues in Burien. One is our energy independence and two, the homeless. Now these two issues although not simple can be dealt with. There is technology available, that will make it possible to turn our waste into power! We can use waste from what our hospitals through our auto industry produce.

Turning Burien into a utility, we will use those profits to lend a “hand up” to our homeless veterans, providing housing, security, and a sense of self worth! Our environment is a priority. And with the full focus of the City Council we will make this happen. It's my belief that with a “work for shelter” program we can get this done. By helping those who want to help themselves, we will get this done.

Now is the time to do our part and step up and improve our city!

Regards,

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# Council Position No. 3

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**Statement:** I'm a medical cannabis consultant, and caretaker by nature, with a unique penchant for looking through statements for facts and actions. I've spent my time working with progressive coalition groups. I support single payer healthcare and compassionate policy that has been shown to have positive impacts on homelessness and income inequality. My goal, if elected, is to focus on building our community so that it can be enjoyed by all of our neighbors, including the homeless and those who don't live in the main focal areas of our town, to promote fiscal responsibility that actually holds our officials to account and promotes healthy economic and social growth within our boundaries and sets an example that our sister cities may follow. I believe that we are all equal, regardless of where we come from, and we all deserve the same opportunities to succeed. I want to bring those opportunities to everyone.

## Jimmy Matta

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**Statement:** I will work to create a safe community for everyone. I currently serve on the Public Safety Committee for the Latino Civic Alliance and know firsthand that public safety begins with community involvement. We can develop community-centric solutions by supporting programs that encourage the public to work with our local police and judicial system. As a small business owner, I know the challenges businesses face in our community. I will work with local schools and organizations to create public-private programs that will help new and prospective business owners navigate the hurdles of starting a business. New businesses provide additional opportunities for living wage jobs. I will make sure we are not only working to keep housing affordable in Burien, but that we are bringing in the jobs that will allow people to continue to live here.  
**Endorsements:** 34th District Democrats, King County Council member Dave Upthegrove, King County Labor Council.

## Debi Wagner

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**Education:** Highline College, Advanced Music Training, Certified Crime Stopper  
**Occupation:** Market Research, Customer Service (retired), Quiet Skies Coalition Board  
**Statement:** I am honored to have served you and proud of the work I've accomplished. Public safety has been and will continue to be my top priority. We are adding more police officers this summer, restarted youth Police Explorers, and I believe vigorous application of laws to keep our library and neighborhoods safe for families is critical. Accomplishments include joining citizens to stop a new flight path, promoted high quality town square development, filling store fronts, partnership with Parks & Recreation and schools offering expanded athletic programs for youth and protected the environment. I support and volunteer with great local organizations offering programs and services benefiting vulnerable populations and people wishing to transition out of homelessness. I have and will continue to vote against all tax increases, promote economic development to support fiscal needs, patronize, protect our small businesses and preserve our small town atmosphere. I would greatly appreciate your vote.
Council Position No. 5

**Nancy Tosta**

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**Education:** Bachelor and Master Degrees, Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley
**Occupation:** Councilmember, 18 years small business owner, 23 years public service
**Statement:** I’ve lived in Burien for 21 years, for the last four serving as your Councilmember (two as Deputy Mayor). I listen to you and work hard with you to meet our community needs. I’ve voted to address public safety with improved police services, community development, and expanded Block Watch. I voted to fund youth/teen programs, arts, economic development to benefit local businesses, enhanced social services funding, and local animal control services (CARES). I supported our Sheriff’s policy to prohibit unnecessary inquiries into immigration status and creation of religious registries. Our issues cross city boundaries, so I work regionally on airport impacts, transportation, education, public safety, homelessness solutions, and Puget Sound recovery. I continue fighting for quiet skies and good jobs in Burien. I’m endorsed by King County Democrats, 34th District Democrats, and King County Labor Council. I serve our city, our future, you. I ask for your vote. Thank you!

**Mary Russell**

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**Education:** BA Psychology, San Jose State University
**Occupation:** Small Business Owner and Consultant
**Statement:** Don’t believe Tosta. In 2013 Nancy Tosta campaigned on bringing unity to Burien, sadly our community is more divided now than ever. She admitted guilt in violating campaign reporting law and has a voting record that demonstrates she is more concerned with Seattle’s radical interests than Burien. She supported 15now and sadly has not supported our police. Tosta becomes paralyzed by hard decisions, often choosing to abstain from important votes. This is not leadership. It’s time for positive change and new blood in Burien.

Please remove Nancy Tosta and vote for leaders who will turn the focus back to Burien and get our beautiful city back on track. I can be a true leader, but if I’m not your choice, then vote for either Green or Esau. For the same reasons, please don’t allow Matta, Marx, Armstrong or Olguin near your hard earned tax dollars!

This time, vote for Burien!

**Jill Esau**

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**Education:** University of California, Berkeley, BA, Seattle University Institute of Public Service
**Occupation:** Owner, Grencer Properties, World’s Best Treats, World Vision, Property Management
**Statement:** I’m not ideological, neither far left nor far right and Burien can be better with a pragmatic centrist vision. Burien, a community of great diversity and it’s our greatest strength. We have the unique opportunity to gain safety, prosperity and economic growth by making wise decisions today!

Recent decisions under incumbent Nancy Tosa’s leadership have resulted in a decline in our quality of life. The stress and struggle for Burien families is greater than ever before. I vow to use my comprehensive understanding of policy and my extensive experience as a grant writer to bring much needed financial acumen to Burien’s leadership team.

If you are unhappy with the way our city functions, please join me in choosing a different type of leadership and vote out the ineffective incumbents! I know Burien can be better. If you are ready for a return to basic traditional centrist values, Vote Jill Esau!

**Darla Green**

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**Education:** Highline College, Seattle Central Community College, Business.
Master of Aesthetics, WA., Aesthetician, ORE, Crimestoppers Certified
**Occupation:** Burien Business Owner, Consultant, Seattle Southside Chamber Commerce Board Member
**Statement:** We need to protect our home, Burien, a lovely city with unlimited potential!
Burien is facing serious crime and economic crises due to ineffective grandstanding and poor decisions from incumbents.
This election is our best chance to stop the radical, failed Seattle policies continuing here.

I am a leader who is fiscally responsible and will partner with the community, to develop and foster thriving residential and business districts.
My commitment will be to bring much needed common sense back to our local government and to put crime reduction and economic development as top priorities. If elected, I will vigorously and responsibly confront these issues that affect our community with strong leadership, courage, and empathy.

In my career, I’ve managed multi-million dollar budgets. I’ll bring that financial discipline to Burien. Together, we will work to create the vibrant and successful community we all want. For Burien First leadership, Vote Darla Green.
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Education: Kennedy Catholic, Graduate – South Seattle Community College, Business - Crimestoppers Certified
Occupation: Sales Manager, Wholesale Food Industry
It’s time to bring law and order back to our city. My considerable experience and volunteerism with the Burien Police Department has prepared me to take on this challenge. I’m ready to make an even greater positive impact for our community. My primary focus will be putting Burien first with every decision, crime prevention, pedestrian safety, and roads.
I’m ready to step into the role of Council Member with a Burien first attitude. We need strong leadership that will be tough on crime.
I’m not a career seeking politician, rather a community leader with Burien’s best interests in mind.
Vote Janssen, Vote Burien First.

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Education: Shorewood Elementary / Cascade Junior High / Evergreen High School / University of Washington
Occupation: 37 years at Boeing specializing in Contracts, Finance, and Procurement
Statement: I'm running for re-election because I believe we can achieve more with public safety, our youth, infrastructure, and responsible economic development. Burien is on track for success in these areas and many others.
A strong and visible police component is essential for public safety and economic growth. I was instrumental in adding 2 police officers to our existing force – more are needed.
Many new businesses are starting up in Burien. Town Square is on target for completion this year. Attracting more businesses while supporting existing businesses is essential. Burien is uniquely situated to take a larger role in the region’s economy. Let’s make sure that we do it intelligently and responsibly resulting in benefits to all Burien residents, stakeholders, and visitors.
Enhancing our quality of life and the financial strength of our city is paramount. Together, we can achieve this. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you!

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Education: Highline Community College, Business, Crimestoppers Certified
Occupation: Business owner, Gagegroup Real Estate Team (sales and marketing)
Statement: My family and I call Burien home. We love our vibrant and diverse community!
I see the need to move Burien to the center, away from divisive politics that currently separate neighbors. Unlike other candidates in this race, I am non-partisan.
My passion is serving others. Uniting people together for our common good is what I will do. My financial experience with large budgets will enable me to make the best decisions with our tax dollars. I will also find compassionate, sustainable, and economically responsible solutions to homelessness that work for everyone.
We should all be concerned about candidates who represent external interests that will strip away Burien’s rich and diverse culture. Beware of candidates with big union money trying to steal this election. Lobbyists and their intentions do not align with Burien’s great potential.
Help bring unity and community to Burien.
Vote Gage, because you put Burien first!

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Education: Highline College A.A. in Sociology
Occupation: 10+ years as nonprofit Operations Manager; currently, raising my children
Statement: Burien needs a champion for all its residents. I’m committed to representing you, no matter your background or affiliation. With nearly two decades of community activism and almost a decade of nonprofit experience, I know what it takes to find solutions, engage stakeholders, and get results.
I’m committed to fostering an environment of community involvement to address crime, homelessness, and neighborhood revitalization throughout the city. To tackle crime, I’ll implement a neighborhood-watch program with accessible resources to improve safety and free-up police time. I’ll engage the community in task forces and dialogues to develop a collaborative “Housing First” solution to our homelessness crisis. As your Councilmember, I’ll refocus smart growth throughout Burien—not just downtown – while protecting our unique character.
I’m honored to be endorsed by the King County Democrats, 34th District Democrats, Sheriff John Urquhart, King County Labor Council, and many more. I’d be honored to earn your vote.
Council Position No. 7

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Music, University of Houston
Occupation: Corporate trainer in management and communication effectiveness, career transition mentor
Statement: Burien has been our home for 27 wonderful years. Our daughters graduated from Highline District schools. I taught at the Puget Sound Skills Center, built music programs at a number of churches in the Highline area, and currently own a small business helping local companies to compete in today's challenging markets.
What keeps me in Burien is what drew me here: high quality schools, affordable housing, and low crime rates. However, because of growth pressures in the neighboring areas, Burien must be ready to partner with King County and surrounding cities to efficiently handle social, economic and regional transportation issues. My efforts will be towards growing businesses by keeping tax rates low and fair. I am committed to supporting our police efforts to further decrease illegal activities within Burien.
What we build today by working together will lead Burien into a bright future.
I respectfully ask for your vote.
Council Position No. 1

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Education: Masters of Divinity, Trinity Seminary
Occupation: Pastor
Statement: I'm the local Bishop of New Destiny Church, but counting all our campuses I pastor 24,000 persons. While my Masters Degree is in Divinity, my organizational and financial management skills apply to any organization, including local city government. I will use these talents to serve Des Moines.

Des Moines lacks fiscal discipline, which more tax never solves. We must lower spending. Meanwhile, we need new vision of Des Moines’ unique opportunities to generate revenue. SeaTac is the fastest growing airport in the United States and Des Moines could potentially be the closest location for cruise ships. Did you know when a cruise ship docks it contributes $2.6 million to the local economy? Imagine dozens annually in Des Moines?
Lastly, we can no longer tolerate the current level of crime. I have a plan to use CRIMESTOPPERS in Des Moines. Please allow me to serve with vision on the City Council.

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration / Finance from Central Washington University.
Occupation: Information Technology Consultant, CISSP, CEH
Statement: As a nearly life-long resident of Des Moines, I have a history of bringing community and government together to solve challenging issues. Twice you have honored me with your vote to put those skills to good use. As your City Council member and Mayor, I have helped lead the way to prioritizing key government services, particularly ensuring community safety. Under my leadership, we have worked hard to provide long-term financial stability to the City.

My focus remains on the city's revitalization. When re-elected, I will continue to partner with citizens, community groups and businesses to understand and listen to concerns, providing your input during the decision making process. We must continue to move forward together, improving the city's business climate, while being sensitive to the needs and desires of its citizens.
I again ask for the honor of your vote, so we can continue to revitalize our wonderful waterfront city.

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Education: Mt. Rainier High School, Highline Community College, The Evergreen State College
Occupation: Writer
Statement: Having lived in Des Moines most of my life, I’ve come to know it as a beautiful, welcoming city with residents that care deeply about their community. I’m running for city council because I believe strongly that with a fresh set of ideas to push our city forward, we can become even greater without sacrificing any bit of our heart.

As a councilor I would work strenuously to ensure that I’m representing the earnest values and strong-minded opinions of Des Moines residents. If elected, I will do everything in my power to pass policies that benefit workers (I’m endorsed by the King County Labor Council), advances public safety (including increased police protection), and improves the day-to-day lives of those who live in the city (including raising the minimum wage, ensuring Marina parking remains free to residents and supporting park renovations and expansions).
Council Position No. 5

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Education: J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law; B.A. from San Diego State University
Occupation: J&S Law Group attorney; Former Senior Health Care Advocate
Statement: Des Moines has many assets we all can enjoy and build on. I'm running for City Council Position Five to be your advocate and to expand and enrich those assets. We have a spectacular marina that can become a focal point in our community. Bringing in new restaurants, shops, and additional parking can make the marina a destination for everyone while bringing in new revenue and jobs to our city. For too long the city has lived with the threat of receivership by the State Auditor's office. Development of the city needs to focus on creating sustainable revenue streams and budget accordingly to support parks and police. Our city government must operate with transparency. Everyone should have a seat at the table to ensure your concerns are addressed. We can provide safety and security for all our citizens and make sure development has a positive impact for all.

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Education: Northwest University, BA Behavioral Science, Magna Cum Laude
Occupation: Licensed, Bonded Contractor, Real Estate investor, former mental health professional
Statement: In Des Moines we need strong and knowledgeable leadership in working to create a thriving business community, safe and diverse neighborhoods, and a beautiful waterfront destination. Traci is that leader!

Traci has lived in Des Moines for 35 years; married, raised her family, cheered on sidelines, volunteered at school and in the community, planted over 1,000 trees, and supported hundreds of young people!

As a successful real estate investor and contractor, Traci embraces fiscal responsibility, understands the challenges small businesses face, and welcomes streamlined permitting and friendly developing strategies.

As a former Mental Health professional who has worked with youth, families and the recovery community, Traci also understands the challenges of educating neighborhoods, upholding our public servants, and inspiring a diverse population to collaborate.

With additional experience in security, office management, insurance, property management and education, Traci brings an assortment of strengths to offer our City! Elect Traci Buxton!

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Education: BEDC Business Certificate, University of Washington Foster School of Business
Occupation: Business Owner at EC Computer
Statement: I’m Patricio. I’m a hardworking, non-political family man and entrepreneur who immigrated to Des Moines from Chile in 1991. As the owner of a successful computer technology business, I have been volunteering with small business and government relations for the past 25 years. I am a passionate advocate for the City of Des Moines, small business, and supportive of building cultural relationships.

As a board member of 4Culture and member of the Rotary Club, my passion is serving the community I love. I want to help Des Moines be a safe and healthy haven for families and businesses.

Building our economic base is key to our success. With prosperity more resources become available for the police, public works, parks, etc. which all support a better place to live.

Safety, family, and prosperity for Des Moines is what we can achieve if we work together. Choose Patricio Mendoza for City Council.
**City of Enumclaw**

**Council Position No. 3**

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**Education:** Studied Business & History at Silicon Valley’s Business School: Menlo College, Associates in Arts FRC

**Occupation:** Sales Manager -Northwest Safe Company of Enumclaw

**Statement:** Enumclaw has been home to my family for more than a hundred years. My great grandmother was a business owner here and my great grandfather built the first logging roads in these foothills. I have been engrained in this community working for local businesses for the past decade listening to the voices of the public. As your city council member, I will represent these voices with clarity and sound judgment.

Enumclaw is a unique city that is treasured by its inhabitants and travelers alike. As your representative I will focus on supporting measures that value the residents of this historic city, while driving economic prosperity to the plateau. I will work closely with our local police and fire departments to ensure that those who protect us are properly equipped.

When elected, I will bring a revitalized energy to the council that will benefit our great community.

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**Education:** B.A Law and Justice, Central Washington University; A.A, Green River Community College

**Occupation:** Manufacturing Operations Analyst

**Statement:** As someone who works in a fast-paced manufacturing environment, I know that operating at a low cost with minimal waste and getting things done right the first time is of the utmost priority in a successful organization. I believe that government should be transparent, and run like a business with honesty and integrity at its core. In addition, the government should always operate with the best interests of its stakeholders (you, the taxpayers) in mind, and those interests should influence every decision and dictate each transaction.

The ideal government is one that embodies a culture of accountability and openness, and one that brings the voice back to the people to weigh-in on real issues in our community. As your council member, I will work to uphold all of these ideals and do everything in my power to ensure that Enumclaw remains a city of envy for years to come.

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**Anthony Wright**
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**Education:** Bachelor’s of Applied Science in Energy Management, Bismarck State College, North Dakota

**Occupation:** Implementation Associate, Equinix

**Statement:** I am a husband, father and military veteran currently serving as a newly appointed Enumclaw City Council member. I am here to serve as your voice in our local government, to represent the people and to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

The call to public service for my country while serving 12 years in the US Navy was an important part of my life. Continuing to serve you will be my Highest Honor.

We will work as a team that prides itself on open effective communication, transparency and leadership.

We will ensure proper planning for responsible growth, infrastructure and services. Doing everything we can to empower and promote our local economy.

Even though our community faces change, our ideals and heart as a community will remain forever.

I will continue to work hard to earn your vote and honestly represent you.

We are Enumclaw!
City of Enumclaw

Council Position No. 5

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Occupation: Business owner and sheet metal worker
Statement: Like many of you, I am a hard-working, tax-paying, lifelong resident of Enumclaw. Over the last 20 years I've invested many hours of dedicated to service to this community, and now, with a family of my own, I'm proud to still call it ‘home.’

I am not a career politician, though I've always followed and participated in political events. My past has provided opportunities to lead groups of people, in both business and volunteer settings. I have been able worked for others in the corporate world as well as started and successfully ran a business of my own.

I feel strongly that over the last several years too many projects that are good for our town are slipping through the cracks and not getting done. From infrastructure like bridges and roads to the events that make us a community, I'm dedicated to doing the right thing for all of us.

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Education: BA History University of Washington, MBA Western Governors University
Occupation: Transportation Security Officer
Statement: My wife and I chose to live in Enumclaw because it is a wonderful little city far removed from the craziness of Seattle. I am running for council because I want to keep it that way.

I will prioritize public safety. It is one of the most important functions of city government and those who protect us need our support to ensure continued safety.

I will work to reduce traffic congestion. There is no reason traffic jams should exist here, period. I will be an advocate on this issue and work with other elected officials to fix our traffic problems, particularly on 410.

Finally, I want to ensure financial sustainability. It is important we live within our means. We need to preserve a legacy for future generations. Prudent budgeting will allow taxes to stay low while still providing essential services.

I respectfully ask for your vote, Thank you!

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Education: Bachelors in Organizational Leadership, Penn State University; Associates in Business Management, Everest University
Occupation: Recent College Graduate, Volunteer Firefighter - Enumclaw Fire Department.
Statement: As a resident, father and volunteer firefighter, I have a vested interest in Enumclaw and a vision for our future.

Development in Enumclaw has occurred far more quickly than our infrastructure can support and at the expenses of the citizens. We need infrastructure and roads before any further development takes place. We cannot change what has already been done, but we can ensure that the Enumclaw we know and love is not lost to poorly planned development.

As a firefighter, public safety is important to me. I see first hand the problems that develop when youth and our rising senior population do not have access to the resources they need. The city should establish partnership programs for youth and seniors as an investment against crime, drugs and social decline.

I have two sons who should grow up in a safe community they can be proud to call their home.
Mayor

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Occupation: Legal Assistant, independent, priorly worked for law firms; security field.
Statement: Sawant-Jayapal Radical Left Tentacles Reach FW: Federal Way's strange bedfellows of elected Republican & Closet Republican politicians (a clear majority) and Seattle-schooled, Radical Left activists embrace, so that we now have Sawantnesque Far Left social policies combined with Trickle-down, Far Right economics. All with an anti- renter vibe in City Hall. My mayoral campaign is the best way to reject all of these, and usher in a People's Economics combined with Friendly Environmental, and Patriotic, Traditional, All-American Relief policies.
Establishment Tools: By implication, the local paper recently reminded would-be "unruly" politicos that it would be unwise for anyone to tangle with companies that buy ink by the barrel. No better reason that that to take what "Rogue-ner" & "Mr. Anonymous" say about me with a grain of salt. Ditto for the chameleon Municipal League of KC, although they once qualified me for the King County Council in 2009.

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Education: Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing, Certificate in Municipal Leadership from Associated Washington Cities.
Occupation: Retired Registered Nurse, Community Volunteer, City Council member.
Statement: Federal Way has for years been a great place to work, raise a family and enjoy life. Unfortunately, rising crime, loss of jobs and a poorly run city government are threatening our quality of life. We need a new mayor to address these mounting problems before it's too late.
I'm Susan Honda, your city council member and voted "Best City Leader" 3 years in a row. I've earned a reputation for bi-partisanship and for keeping an eye on city budget. I believe the city should focus on the basics: more police, more jobs and less congestion. This is why I'm running for mayor.
The decisions we make today about economic development, parks, housing, and how best to expand Sound Transit will decide if Federal Way remains a livable city with a vibrant economy.
My husband Bruce and I love this community, and know it deserves a better mayor.
Vote Honda.

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Education: University of Washington - Bachelor of Arts; Gonzaga University - Law Degree
Occupation: Mayor of Federal Way
Statement: Federal Way is a community on the rise and I am proud of the progress we have made together!
As your Mayor, I will continue to put public safety first. My administration has added police officers, confronted gang violence, and opened our first downtown police substation.
We are transforming our city center with Town Square Park, the Performing Arts & Event Center, and a new American Flag on Veterans Way, while signing a historic agreement with the University of Washington to bring a campus to Federal Way.
We have recruited new businesses and created hundreds of new jobs for our residents.
We have endeavored to solve the crisis of homelessness through our city's first Homeless Women and Children's Initiative and Encampment cleanup efforts.
I ask for your vote!
Supported by 6 out of 7 City Councilmembers; Federal Way Police and Firefighters Guilds; King County Executive and Sheriff . Together, We Can!
Council Position No. 4

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Occupation: President, Stanford Insurance, Commissioner, Federal Way Human Services
Statement: I am excited to run for a council position to serve our community by asking for your vote. I believe my actions, past and present, will show you I am truly the best choice. My priorities come from many years of involvement within Federal Way. In forty years of business in Federal Way I have forged a strong sense of fiscal responsibility that will carry into serving you as a council member. We must all work together to find lasting solutions to our gang violence, street drug use, and homelessness. The well being and safety of our citizens depends on it. Bringing all stakeholders together in one broad based partnership will be a great start to building a strong economy. Current: Board Member, SAFE CITIES, Advisory Committee, FUSION. Past: commissioner, SK FIRE, FW CHAMBER president, FW ROTARY president. Tom Murphy Mentor of the year, past FW Citizen of the year.

Diana Noble-Gulliford

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Education: Business Administration, Banking, Real Estate Law and Finance
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Statement: Our city is changing before our eyes. I am concerned that the reasons why we all live here will slip away. Insuring Federal Way's bright future and quality of life is a genuine concern of mine. I want safe neighborhoods and schools, a vibrant business climate that will bring family-wage jobs to Federal Way. What will the financial impact on our city's budget by the Performing Arts and Event Center and Sound Transit be and still be able to fund additional police? Citizens are concerned about rampant multi-family development without adequate roads, schools and parks. I share that concern. I don't have all of the answers but I am willing to roll up my sleeves and get to work. We need safe neighborhoods and more transparency in our city government. Thank you for your vote. Facebook: Diana Noble-Gulliford For Federal Way

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Education: Graduated from Olympia High School and Bates Technical College School of Nursing.
Occupation: Licensed Practical Nurse (Home Health and Hospice) for 23 years.
Statement: I have spent many years working with our most vulnerable as a community health nurse while simultaneously serving in leadership roles for a variety of education, business, and community service organizations. My commitment to Federal Way can be seen in my volunteer work, which includes managing a community garden and helping our homeless wash their clothes and connect with services. I am also the co-chair of the Homeless Mother and Children's Initiative, to which I was appointed by Mayor Jim Ferrell, and I'm proud to be endorsed by our mayor, our state representatives, current city council members, and many business and community leaders. The commitment you have seen in me, from taking care of our citizens to serving and advocating for the least fortunate in our community, is the same commitment you can expect from me on the City Council. I look forward to working for you.

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Education: B.A in Psychology, University of Washington; Juris Doctor candidate, Northwestern California University School of Law
Occupation: Community Service Office (CSO) Administrator, Economic Services Administration
Statement: I've been working in the Economic Services Administration for 25 years. My current role is Administrator at the Federal Way CSO. I am responsible for insuring the delivery of public assistance programs to residents in this great city in an efficient and effective manner. Each year, the Federal Way CSO authorizes over 30 million dollars in benefits that go back into our local community and businesses. As your council member, my top priorities are to ensure public safety by adequately funding the police department, promote crime prevention, strengthening partnerships between police department and community; economic development by attracting and retaining businesses; develop comprehensive plans to address homelessness in Federal Way; and ensure fiscal accountability in the city government. I am a husband, father, public servant, and someone committed to listening and working with you to make Federal Way the best place for everyone. I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.
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**Occupation:** Owner: Vino Bella

**Statement:** My name is Claude Blumenzweig and I am running for Mayor of Issaquah. I regard myself as a practical and common sense person. The platform I am running on is to 1) Work with Issaquah constituents and neighboring cities to come up with a plan to deal with the on-going traffic issues. 2) To revitalize Downtown Issaquah and curb wasteful spending that has become a problem for taxpayers in Issaquah 3) To assist and grow small business in Issaquah to help balance our economy and promote jobs. I also want to do more for Veterans on the local level.

I came to the United States in 1967 as a refugee. I am a proud father of one son and one daughter. This country has given me so much and I want to become Mayor of Issaquah so I can give back to the community that I call home.

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**Education:** Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering, University of Waterloo

**Occupation:** Deputy President Issaquah City Council

**Statement:** Issaquah is an incredible community. However, now more than ever we need strong leadership with an eye to the future. Growth in Issaquah and across the region has turned our traffic from an occasional annoyance to a daily crisis. I will work with community members, the City Council and regional partners to ensure transportation improvement is our top priority.

I will also work to update development standards and processes to enhance the unique charm and character of Issaquah and to meet the expectations that our resident and business communities have every right to expect.

As your Mayor, I will be committed to a future defined not just by regional cooperation and prioritized projects but to actually hearing the voices of our increasingly diverse community. Ultimately, to achieve and maintain the future we want, Issaquah needs all of us to speak up and work together in these challenging times.

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Science, the Ohio State University -1984

**Occupation:** 33 years in software and related services; Issaquah City Council

**Statement:** Issaquah is a thriving community undergoing rapid change. How we manage growth while safeguarding our character and sense of community is the task facing our next Mayor. As a City Councilmember, 33-year area resident, father and volunteer, it would be an honor to serve you in this role. On Council, I passed balanced budgets, bolstering public safety and investing in essential services. I helped save Issaquah's Senior Center, sponsored our comprehensive pedestrian and bicyclist, and healthy community plans, and worked with regional leaders to address growth, transportation, and housing needs.

As your Mayor I’ll protect our unique small town culture – our great parks and open spaces, incredible small businesses, and affordability for young families and seniors living on fixed incomes.

I am proud to have the support of outgoing Mayor Fred Butler, parents, small business owners, and neighbors like you. It would be an honor to earn your vote.
City of Kenmore

Council Position No. 6

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Education: BA, Northwest University, Kirkland, WA. Major: Organizational Management, Minor: Microsoft Systems Engineer
Occupation: Organizational Consultant
Statement: I'm running for City Council to serve the community I've called home for 30 years, where my husband and I raised our three children. I'm a community advocate for the vulnerable—people in transition and the elderly. Currently, I serve on the Kenmore Planning Commission, a policy advisory body to the Council.
I'll bring to the Council experience in strategic planning, business administration, organizational structures, and systems development. I believe a team approach is the best way to foster and implement new ideas. I'll listen to your concerns, understand your perspectives, and make our differences an asset.
Kenmore has made great strides since becoming a city and has a bright future. As your councilmember, I'll continue the efforts to revitalize our city; improve public safety, parks, and water access; and seek traffic solutions. I'll work to preserve and enhance a responsive, fiscally sound government.
Thank you for your vote.

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Education: Aviation Degree, United States Army; Certificate Aviation Maintenance, Everett Community College; ASE Multi Master Mechanic
Occupation: Director, Operating Engineer
Statement: It is clear Kenmore citizens want a transparent city council who responds to their concerns and the needs of the city. A council that prioritizes tax-spending, lives within its means, provides safe infrastructures, reduces traffic congestion and makes Kenmore a safe walkable and driveable city. Kenmore needs leadership that uses the resources that they have wisely and puts a halt to new and increased fees and taxes. Kenmore needs a blueprint for the future.
The city council needs to develop a viable vision for the future to make Kenmore more than a bus stop between cities without destroying businesses. My top priorities are to make Kenmore a livable and vibrant community and to make the city council more transparent and fiscally responsible. I want to make our city the best it can be! It is time for change and I ask for your vote.

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Psychology, University of Washington; Ph.D. Psychology, University of Vermont
Occupation: Program Manager, King County Department of Community and Human Services
Statement: As your City Councilmember, I pledge that the interests of Kenmore residents will drive my decisions. Like most, I want Kenmore to be a safe, welcoming, and financially-responsible city that is a great place to live, work, and have fun! I support focusing development in a vibrant, walkable downtown that highlights our unique businesses and strengthens our sense of community. I will continue working to enhance parks and waterfront access, while protecting views and the environment.
I grew up in Kenmore and returned to raise a family. These deep community roots have motivated me to advocate for Kenmore residents as a Kenmore Planning Commissioner, founding member of the Friends of Saint Edwards State Park and the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center, co-chair of Kenmore's Walkways and Waterways bond measure, and co-creator of the Kenmore Rowing Club, Waterfront Fair, and Summer Block Party.
Let's develop Kenmore's potential! I ask for your vote.
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Education: Engineering and Business
Occupation: Executive Leader and Mentor, Operations and Technology, Seattle College District
Statement: I believe in transparency and listening to concerns and issues important to our community, and making decisions based on what's right and serves our citizens.
I am that leader:
Seasoned business executive for over 20 years, I've worked with diverse small and large businesses to expand programs for growth while promoting employee equality and fairness.
Raising my family in Kent, I'm an active volunteer for kid's sports and events throughout the community, I'm also a member of our local block watch group and crimestoppers certified helping keep our neighborhood's and children safe.
As your mayor, I will work to make our city safe, and a better place for all our residents.
We will make our city government more transparent and fiscally responsible, creating a vibrant, inclusive community for all our residents. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Education: Bachelors of Arts: Public Policy Administration, Community Leadership, Labor History from The Evergreen State College.
Occupation: Former two term Kent Councilmember, cofounder Kent Communities in Schools.
Statement: Former two term Kent Councilmember; cofounder Kent Communities in Schools.
As your Mayor, I've earned a reputation as a watchdog and strong advocate for the people. I'll continue working to keep our neighborhoods safe and ensure everyone in our diverse city has an opportunity to succeed.
As your Mayor, I will prioritize spending, keep taxes low and put Kent families and businesses first. I have a strong vision for the City of Kent. Through strategic leadership and data driven decision making I will move Kent into the future.
As Kent grows, I am committed to investing wisely in public safety, infrastructure, parks and responsible community development. I will improve quality of life for us all. That starts with my top priority, a safe community.
I am honored to be endorsed by Kent Police Officers(KPOA), Fire Fighters, Teachers(KEA) and businesses. The most important support I can have is yours.
I would be proud to have your vote and be your Mayor.

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Education: Kent-Meridian H.S., Bachelor's-Business Management, Master's-Management and Leadership
Occupation: Owner - Advance Billing Systems, Kent City Councilmember
Statement: The status quo isn't working for Kent. It's time for bold, innovative leadership that steers Kent in the right direction. As your Mayor, I'll be a hands-on leader who fights for good paying jobs, clean parks and smooth streets. I will prioritize spending, keep taxes low and put Kent families and businesses first.
I have a strong vision for the City of Kent. Through strategic leadership and data driven decision making I will move Kent into the future.

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Education: High school graduate and two years at Orange Coast College
Occupation: Kent City Councilmember; Owner, Golden Steer Steak & Rib House
Statement: I'm a public servant, not a politician.
As your councilmember, I've earned a reputation as a watchdog and strong advocate for the people. I'll continue working to keep our neighborhoods safe and ensure everyone in our diverse city has an opportunity to succeed.
When others proposed a budget that raised taxes and cut road improvements, I successfully worked to use our funds more efficiently to prevent a tax increase, maintain funding for roads and provide additional parks funding.
I'm the only candidate for mayor with a voting record that matches my promises. You can count on me to conduct myself with integrity and treat everyone respectfully. That's reflected in the way I treat my family, employees and constituents.
I believe that's why I was voted Kent's “Public Official of the Year” 3-years in a row and endorsed by leaders across the political spectrum. I'd be honored to receive your vote.
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Education: BBA Management, GA State University; CRIMESTOPPERS Certified
Occupation: Sr. Business Analyst - Finance, Alaska Airlines
Statement: As your representative I'll work to make Kent a safe, prosperous and welcoming community. My 28 years of experience in Finance and Project Management at Delta and Alaska Airlines enables me to be a good steward of Kent funds. The same passion for helping others that motivates my extensive community and charitable involvement also inspires me to serve you on the City Council, because the only legitimate end of politics is people.

Minimizing taxes, eliminating waste, leveraging technology, developing innovative funding mechanisms, facilitating job growth and business development, and prioritizing public safety are focus areas for me. As an Army veteran I understand the importance of public service and dedication to duty. As the CEO of an international humanitarian non-profit I understand the importance of compassionate support for others. I have the experience, integrity and dedication to service necessary to do what's best for Kent.
Let's make progress, together.

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Education: Bachelor’s of Arts in Public Administration, California State University Stanislaus
Occupation: Social Worker. Community Outreach Advocate
Statement: Hi, my name is Elizabeth. I am asking for the opportunity to serve as your voice in city hall. I have the great fortune of sharing this beautiful city with you. I am seeking the opportunity to serve as your advocate for positive change. As a parent of three school aged kids I am motivated to make Kent a better place for current and future residents.
In my view, the most significant issue facing our city is the looming revenue reduction caused by the Panther Lake annexation and the streamlined sales tax. My priority will be to lead the council towards business strategies which provide long-term sustainable funding solutions.
I have an inclusive leadership style strengthened by years of professional experience in behavioral health, affordable care enrollment and helping children and families navigate the foster care system.
Please support the fight to preserve the economic vitality of our city.

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Education: MBA, University of Washington; BA in Business Administration/Supply Chain, Central Washington; Kentridge Graduate
Occupation: Director of Information Technology/Operations management, Private IT Company
Statement: You may have seen me pulling blackberries, planting, and cleaning up our parks. Or volunteering at NW Harvest, KentHOPE, Sunrise PTA and Kent food bank. I am passionate about Kent, which is where I grew up and now raising my 11 year old. I’m running because I want Kent to continue to be a great place to raise a family. I worked for the Kent City Council for 2 years. I want to prioritize economic development; safeguard our neighborhoods; maintain our parks; and ensure every tax dollars is accountable to you.
My service includes: Chair, Kent Cultural Communities Board; Kent International Festival; Living Well Kent; Greater Kent Historical Society; and Kent Rotary.
I can’t wait to work tirelessly for you. I humbly ask for your vote.
Endorsed: Mayor Suzette Cooke, King County Labor Council, County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, City Councilmembers Dennis Higgins, Brenda Fincher, Bill Boyce, Tina Budell and more

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Occupation: Aerospace Program Manager for the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)
Statement: As a 13 year resident of Kent and currently serving on the ShoWare and Kent Police Dept. Civil Service boards, I'm seeking a greater level of involvement and connection with the community and the processes that directly affects our families, affordability and quality of life. With 20 years of military service interacting with people from different nationalities, races, religions, ages and economic levels. I've gained wisdom and skills needed for successful resolution of challenging and complex problems. I understand the importance and priority of listening to the perspectives of others and that teamwork is critical to quality decisions and outcomes. If selected for council, I would be judicious in my consent, due to the consequences they being to the community. For more details of my background and experiences, see https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeff-piecewicz-91bb6411  I thank you for your thoughtful consideration when selecting your next Council Member.
**Council Position No. 4**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University  
**Occupation:** Market Research Analyst  
**Statement:** As your councilwoman, I will bring ‘new ideas and a fresh approach’ to the council. My connections with Kent city government, local PTAs and faith communities, have given me experience in building partnerships and working with diverse groups in our community.  
My husband and I have raised our family in Kent. I will work to keep our city a great place to raise families by promoting healthy communities and working to maintain our parks programs, ensuring public safety, and by improving our roads and sidewalks.  
My volunteer service at the Severe Weather Shelter, on the Kent Drug Free Coalition, Kent Downtown Partnership Board, Civil Service Commission, and PTA Committees has taught me about balancing budgets and working together with colleagues to reach a common goal: to continue making Kent a great place to live. I am endorsed by police officers, fire fighters, council members, union members, and community members.

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**Education:** Human Services degree and an Entrepreneurship certificate from Highline Community College  
**Occupation:** Small business owner, Non-Profit director, Community Advocate  
**Statement:** The politics of politics simply isn’t working for our community. We need a community-driven government where everyone has a seat at the table and a voice in our city’s decisions.  
As our community grows, we need to make sure everyone can afford to live and work here and make a living wage. For those experiencing homelessness, we need to have shelter and services available. Our seniors deserve to feel safe in the homes and neighborhoods they’ve built and lived in for decades. Economic growth in our city by supporting local small businesses.  
In addition, I will work to empower our youth and provide opportunities to transition from our high school system to quality jobs, apprenticeship programs, and colleges.  
Endorsed by Mayor Suzette Cooke, Councilmembers Tina Budell and Brenda Fincher, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County Labor Council, former interim Police Chief Harry Bailey, Faith Base Communities and much more.

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**Education:** Master’s of Science in Information Assurance, Norwich University; Bachelor’s in Information Technology, University of Phoenix.  
**Occupation:** Medical Device Product Information Security Officer.  
**Statement:** My name is Ronald Johnson, I ask for the opportunity to represent you on the Kent City Council. I wake up every day grateful to share this community with you. I live in your neighborhood, enjoy the same local parks/ trails and raise three great kids that attend Kent public schools.  
Kent is an amazing place to raise a family. For over a decade I have been invested in the success of our community. I believe we can sustain our unprecedented prosperity by encouraging increased community involvement, adopting good ideas without regards of the source and practicing all-inclusive leadership.  
If elected to serve as your voice, I will work with the Mayor and City Council to keep property taxes low, manage a prioritized budget and promote services that reflect the values of our community. Furthermore, I pledge to honor your vote by working with dedication and commitment. Thanks for voting!
Council Position No. 7

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Education: BA Psychology, University of Washington + Montessori Teacher, International Certification
Occupation: Educator, Founder of Montessori School
Statement: I want to ensure our community grows in a more balanced, sustainable way. We need more affordable housing, more parks, improved senior centers, better transit, and an economy that works for all families and people who work here. I want to bring more transparency and fiscal responsibility to City government.

As a teacher, I know the importance of a good education, and support our public schools. I've been a PTSA mom at both my children's schools.

My affiliations with Kirkland Downtown Rotary Club and Eastshore Unitarian Universalists enable me to promote causes concerning social justice. I am an activist who advocates progressive values. I'm endorsed by the LD 48th Democrats.

If elected, I would be the only immigrant woman of color on the Kirkland City Council. I believe in collaborating to bring a synergistic energy to our community.

I would be honored by your vote. Please visit www.UzmaforKirkland.com for more information.

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Occupation: Transportation Engineer; Kirkland City Councilmember; Business Owner in Kirkland
Statement: Serving as your councilmember is an honor. I will continue working with you for common sense solutions that enhance Kirkland's charm and livability while responsibly managing growth.

My priorities are: implement transportation improvements that allow us to get around faster and more reliably; make smart investments in police and fire services to keep us safe; preserve our remaining open spaces for the enjoyment of future generations.

Sixteen years' volunteering in the community as a Transportation and Planning Commissioner and neighborhood leader has allowed me to help make our streets safer for walking and biking, work to build more school classrooms, push for responsible land use regulations, and help create the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance.

Kirkland is special and that's why I raise my family here. Let's work together to keep it special.

Endorsements: Senators Palumbo, Kuderer; Representatives McBride, Kloba, Goodman; Councilmembers Nixon, Marchione; and many other local leaders.

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Occupation: Founder and Principal Data Scientist at ThinkPredict
Statement: I believe in honest government, without potential conflicts of interest that could harm Kirkland taxpayers. I believe in real diversity. I built highly diverse and high performance teams at Microsoft that excluded no-one. I believe in education. I ran a Makerspace in Totem Lake that taught robotics to teenagers. I believe in technology. I designed and built an Artificial Intelligence to help seniors live independently. I believe in enabling poor people to pull themselves up. I defeated poverty, and know how the city can help. I believe a parent living with young children and a senior knows what both need. I believe more jobs should be in Kirkland. I have plan to bring them here. Vote for me if you want honest government without even the appearance of corruption. Vote for me if you want more intelligence in government. Vote for me if you want to help.
Education: University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts
Occupation: Strong-Bridge Consulting, LLC - Sr. Business Management Consultant
Statement: As a long-time MI resident and native of the Puget Sound area, I am committed to maintain our unique character and will actively represent Islander interests and concerns. Our island is exceptional in its geographic location and between two influential cities and I will endeavor to find solutions to maintain our own identity and independent thinking.

I'm a pragmatic leader and woman of integrity. My business experience taught me to attentively consider information from all aspects, distill it down to actionable & meaningful goals for the greater good and move forward.

While thoughtfully planning our island's future, my pledge is to balance the budget, safeguard public safety & open spaces, proactively identify & address potential issues & opportunities, and to be your Voice of the Citizens within local government.

I look forward to serving you. Thank you for your vote.

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Occupation: Mental Health Counselor, Attachment and Trauma Specialists
Statement: Mercer Island is facing significant issues that will impact our quality of life, lack of assertive leadership has detrimentally impacted our community.

I-90 gridlock, residential development, a budget deficit and greater support for emergency services/police/fire are issues that need to be resolved.

Growth must enhance our community, and safety must be a priority.

A 17-year resident, I have been active in our schools, parks, and residential code update. I have intimate knowledge of our City's operations and definite ideas about how we can increase transparency to greater reflect the will of our citizens.

I am a strong proponent of focusing on solutions by working collaboratively but will not hesitate to protect and advocate for our quality of life.

Please join me as we move forward through these obstacles and ensure that all can benefit from a more responsive representative government. I would like to earn your vote and support.
Council Position No. 2

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Statement: As a proud resident for over 12 years, I have had the opportunity to see the city grow to be a more diverse and inclusive place to live. Raising my family as part of the Redmond community has been one of the best parts of my life living in the Puget Sound. Giving back to the community is what drives me to serve you on the Redmond City Council. I want to apply my problem-solving ideas to the challenges that face the city. From the growing traffic problem, we all face every day, to the growing homelessness problem that many in our community are starting to face. I will work with other city officials towards creative solutions to ensure that we can setup our city for success financially and continue to be a safe place to raise our families.

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Occupation: City Councilmember; retired manufacturing small business founder-owner
Statement: As Redmond residents and businesses, you empower our welcoming community and vibrant economy. Byron wants to ensure your voice continues to guide the balance of embracing the unique character of existing neighborhoods while addressing the challenges of growth in future-ready urban centers that provide affordable housing, enhanced transportation, and diverse services.
Years of hands-on community service led Byron to Council where he works regional issues of housing affordability, human services, and public education. His leadership on local boards and regional advisory committees strengthen Redmond's public-private partnerships, community services, and schools. His volunteer leadership in PTAs, schools foundation, and non-profits sustains our District's high quality education - distinguished schools retain employers and ensure continuity to neighborhoods and economy.
Byron founded and ran a small business, following a commercial real estate career. He and Susan have lived in their Idylwood home since 1994. Their children are LWSD graduates.
Choose experience. Elect Byron!

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Education: BS, Accounting, Graduate studies in Finance, Certified Lean Six Sigma/ Government Management and Contract Negotiations
Occupation: Government and Corporate Finance and Performance Manager; Redmond Business Owner.
Statement: Redmond is experiencing tremendous growth. We now need a clearer vision that unites the different parts of Redmond, works successfully with regional partners, and optimizes opportunities of prosperity. We need strong leadership with fresh perspective. As your representative, I will be a leader actively engaging our community for the benefit of all. My budget and policy work guiding elected representatives at King County and the City of Seattle emphasized community priorities and fiscal management across all municipal functions. These skills will make me more effective as a council member and an asset to Redmond. Together we can build the community we want.
My commitment and passion is to serve the City with constructive, responsible oversight and ensure high standards of excellence in City government that complies with community interests.
I appreciate your confidence and your vote.
Endorsements: Democrats and Republican officials, former Mayor Rosemarie Ives and community and business leaders.
City of Redmond

Council Position No. 6

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Occupation: President/CEO, Greenroads Foundation

Statement: As an experienced non-profit executive, civil engineer, and startup founder, I have dedicated my career to public service and sustainable development.

I am committed to creating policies and making decisions that promote a safe, prosperous, and resilient Redmond for residents, families, businesses, and future generations.

I am a passionate advocate for healthy, equitable communities, and environmental conservation. I will be a voice on the Council representing Redmond's diverse businesses, startup culture, women's issues, and STEM education.

I will apply my problem-solving skills and engineering creativity to future-proof Redmond's infrastructure projects. I will make sure your tax dollars are invested in projects that enhance quality of life and do right by the environment. Together, we will make Redmond's streets smarter, safer, and better connected for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and for all ages and abilities. I would be honored to serve as your Councilwoman. Thank you for your vote.

Roy Captain

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Real Estate Broker, Vice Chair Planning Commission, Civic Volunteer

Statement: Roy Captain is passionately committed to representing you on City Council.

Roy believes all residents should thrive in our safe and vibrant city as we manage growth. He is committed to improving infrastructure and transportation systems while preserving Redmond's natural beauty and environment.

As a member of the Redmond Planning Commission, Roy is already working collaboratively to solve the challenges our city and region faces. He believes Redmond's future is bright and is committed to maintaining the quality of life our city offers through effective governance.

Roy chose Redmond as a special place to live, work, and raise his children more than 12 years ago. His community service began with Audubon PTSA and continues today as Vice-Chair of the Redmond Planning Commission. Roy brings years of experience working with diverse businesses and community groups of all sizes.

Vote Roy Captain for City Council Position 6 on August 1st.

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Occupation: Software Engineering Manager, Microsoft

Statement: Jason has lived and worked in Redmond for over twenty years. He will use his no-nonsense experience and leadership managing large-scale projects to improve traffic congestion and keep our community safe.

Traffic has grown progressively worse and no real solutions have been offered. Jason will take a straightforward approach by establishing key metrics based on the most important commute scenarios to measure and approve all new traffic projects. Multi-year downtown vanity projects will be a thing of the past. Less time in traffic = more time with family.

Crime levels are too high – especially rampant car prowlings, thefts and vandalism against our places of worship. It has become increasingly hard to feel safe on our trails and in our community centers. Jason will focus on safety – not rezoning marijuana shops where our children play or supporting year-round homeless encampments in our neighborhoods and parks.

Please vote for Jason.
**Council Position No. 2**

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**Statement:** Diane Dobson comes from a historical Renton pioneer family. Having lived and worked in Renton her entire life, Diane knows our community inside and out: the neighborhoods and the people in them. She promotes Renton's achievements and recognizes opportunities for improvement. As a genuine and approachable leader, Diane understands local issues and stands for what is right. She holds people accountable and isn't afraid to ask questions. Diane fosters partnerships between businesses and the community, promoting success and inspiring neighborhood involvement. These relationships align with her active work to improve the safety and integrity of Renton's neighborhoods. She was Renton's 2003 “Citizen of the Year”, a founding member of the Downtown Business Partnership, a twenty year member of Renton Lions Club and works with over 15 Renton-based committees and organizations, including the Mayor's CCCP Advisory Board. Diane Dobson will bring a voice to the table for the citizens of Renton.

**Armondo Pavone**

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**Education:** Renton High School Graduate, Shoreline Community College  
**Occupation:** Renton City Council President and Local Business Owner  
**Statement:** A lifelong resident of Renton, Armondo Pavone is a proven leader in the city and throughout the region. For the past 32 years, he has owned Armondo’s Cafe Italiano and Melrose Grill in downtown Renton. Armondo and his wife, Angela, live on Renton Hill with their two sons. As a passionate public servant and business owner, Armondo will continue to listen and represent our diverse community. Armondo’s priorities will focus on achieving long-term public safety goals to reduce criminal activity and provide safe neighborhoods; continue building an inclusive city with opportunities for all; and promoting economic vitality throughout the city.  
**Community Service:** Renton Foundation Board, Communities In Schools of Renton, Renton Fire Authority Board, Renton Rotary.  
**Endorsements:** Renton Firefighters IAFF 864; Mayor Denis Law; City Councilmembers Don Persson, Ed Prince, Randy Corman, Ryan McIrvin, and Carol Ann Witschi; State Representative Steve Bergquist; former State Representative Marcie Maxwell; and many more!

**Max J. Heller, III**

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**Education:** 1997 High School Graduate  
**Occupation:** Private Security Guard & Seasonal Seattle Mariners Event Staff  
**Statement:** I am running for the Renton city council to bring a new voice and positive change to city hall  
**Issues of concern are:**  
Homelessness and panhandling, affordable housing for the low income, Controlled and positive growth for our city, many more important issues are facing us and we need real answers. We need a real change in city hall, our current elected officials are not getting the job done And it time to bring in new leadership to get the job done  
Change is not the enemy of progress.  
**Personal:** Married to my husband Jeremy since 2011, Openly gay and trying to start a family through surrogacy.  
I would be honored for your vote and glad to hear from those who wish to contact me with any questions.
## Council Position No. 6

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<td>Education: No information submitted. Occupation: Systems Engineer, Cisco Statement: Renton is a wonderfully diverse city with a bright future and amazing opportunities. But there is a lot of work to do as well. To continue improving the quality of life of the people who live and work in Renton we need to lower our crime rates, improve our school system, enhance our infrastructure, continue to revitalize downtown, and make smart investments in parks and recreational facilities. This all needs to be accomplished without losing track of fiscal responsibility. To help facilitate these goals, my priorities include encouraging economic growth, education, protecting the environment, ensuring a safe community, and using your tax dollars responsibly. I have spent the last 30+ years in private industry learning fiscal responsibility, building consensus, and solving tough problems. With your vote I can use this experience to help create solutions that will make Renton an even better place to live and work.</td>
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<td>PO Box 1183 Renton, WA 98057</td>
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<td>Education: Bachelor's in Computer Science and Bachelor's in Mass Communication from Tennessee State University Occupation: Senior Manager of Corporate Services at the Allen Institute Statement: Jami is a collaborative problem-solver. Jami owns a small business that specializes in increasing efficiency and gaining better outcomes for companies of all sizes. Jami will prepare Renton to take advantage of new opportunities to bring new industries and jobs to the City. Jami will partner with schools, colleges, apprenticeships, and businesses to build the new Renton economy. She'll work for affordable housing choices. She wants to ensure that your tax dollars are used efficiently. Jami serves on the Mayor's Inclusion Task Force and on Renton's Planning Commission. Jami is the best candidate for Renton families and communities. She is the leader we believe in. Jami is proudly endorsed by Renton Mayor Denis Law, Council-members Ed Prince, Armondo Pavone, and Carol Ann Witschi, State Senator Lisa Wellman, King County Executive Dow Constantine, and Marcie Maxwell. She received sole endorsements from the 5th, 37th, and 41st District Democrats.</td>
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<td>PO Box 58364 Renton, WA 98058</td>
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<td>Education: Master's Degree in Business Administration, Bachelor's of Arts in Communication Science. Occupation: Renton City Councilmember and Senior Vice President, Checkerboard Consulting Services. Statement: Two years ago, I was honored to be elected as your City Councilmember. With over 30 years of business experience working in large international companies, local and state government, and as a business entrepreneur, I was ready to get to work to make the city I love an even better place to live. Now, my commitment remains unchanged. Public Safety: Provide resources for police to keep our neighborhoods safe. Reduce Traffic: Transportation is critical to our community’s economy. As chair of the Transportation Committee, I will continue fighting to secure funding from regional partners. Economic Development and Support Services: Promote smart growth while protecting the character of our neighborhoods. Continue to provide quality services to our seniors, youth, and vulnerable populations. Endorsed by our Renton Firefighters; Councilmembers Don Persson and Marcie Palmer (former), Representative Steve Bergquist; Senators Bob Hasegawa and Margarita Prentice (former), Norma McQuiller and more. I appreciate your vote!</td>
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**Council Position No. 3**

**Karen N. Howe**

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**Education:** Bachelors of Arts, Whitman College  
**Occupation:** Marketing and Business Development Consultant  
**Statement:** Our trees, parks and amenities, paired with access to a vibrant high-tech corridor, have made Sammamish desirable. However we’re at a critical stage. We could lose our identity as a leafy, green community. Our growing pains? Traffic, missing transit, sidewalks and trails, crowded ball fields – and more. For 25 years, I've witnessed the change. While much is good, there's more to do. My priority: sustainable growth management – preserving our natural environment, roads, safe neighborhoods, and financial responsibility. I've been a CEO, with more than 20 years of senior management experience. I understand how to maintain a strong culture with tight financial controls. As a court appointed special advocate for neglected children, I'm a strong voice for vulnerable populations. I've logged hundreds of hours with Cancer Lifeline, PTSA, Eastside Girls Lacrosse, and my HOA. Elect me for focused, common sense initiatives to ensure Sammamish stays a great livable city.

**Minal Kode Ghassemieh**

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**Education:** Bachelor's degree, University of Washington School of Business. Juris Doctorate, Gonzaga University School of Law.  
**Occupation:** Attorney and Mom of 3  
**Statement:** As a mom of three young children, I am proud to be a resident of Sammamish. However, our City can and should do more to ensure that our city is family-focused. I will work tirelessly to bring the voices of families in our community to the table in every decision. I believe we must balance rapid growth with sustainable infrastructure; preserve natural open spaces; reduce traffic to get residents off the road and home with their families; and raise awareness of the dangers of domestic violence and substance abuse in our community. I believe our leadership should reflect the diversity and demographics of the families here in Sammamish and I am committed to making our city a place where all kids and families can thrive. I ask for your vote. Endorsed by Senator Lisa Wellman, Representatives Tana Senn and Judy Clibborn, King County Democrats, and many more.

**Karen Moran**

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Accounting, Associates in Nursing  
**Occupation:** Business Owner, Accountant, Office Manager (Part time, Lake Washington)  
**Statement:** “My focus is on wise financial management, responsible growth and environmental stewardship. Sammamish is a bedroom community, growing faster than our roads and budget can accommodate.”
Karen has lived on the Sammamish Plateau for 29 years. Together with her husband, she has raised three children. She is Commissioner and Board President of Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and Secretary of Sammamish Kiwanis. She has Emergency Response training (CERT) and Serves on the King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee. Karen initiated the Sammamish incorporation effort and holds the first “Key to the City.” Her past experience includes membership on Sammamish Parks Board, Planning Advisory Board and Planning Commission, Washington State Boundary Review Board, King County Women’s Advisory Board, Eastside Metro Transit Committee, and Smith Elementary PTSA president. “We live in a beautiful area. We can work together to preserve a quality of life to be enjoyed for years to come.”
City of Sammamish

Council Position No. 5

Ryika Hooshangi
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Education: Juris Doctor, The Catholic University; Bachelor of Arts, The George Washington University; Interlake High School
Occupation: Attorney, Mom, Former U.S. Diplomat, Community Volunteer
Statement: There is no better place in the world to raise a family than Sammamish. The community, the schools, and the natural splendor are unrivaled. My family has lived on the Eastside for 45 years. I want Sammamish to remain exceptional amid unprecedented growth. We all know the issues: balancing growth with the environment; the need for adequate infrastructure to manage traffic; maintaining the openness and safety of our community; and fiscal responsibility. What we need is someone who can bring people together around solutions. As a trained mediator and attorney, I have spent my entire career bringing diverse interests together toward common goals. I have served as a diplomat for the U.S. State Department and an advisor in the U.S. Senate, helping to negotiate bipartisan solutions. I have the passion, policy and legal experience to bring our community together around solutions that work for all Sammamish families. Vote Ryika!

Rituja Indapure
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Education: BA, LL B, University of Pune; LL M (International Commercial Law), University of Nottingham
Occupation: Senior Analyst Costco; Director- The Seattle Globalist
Statement: Rituja Indapure is an experienced leader who will be good steward of our land, protect the character of our neighborhoods, while supporting sensible growth that benefits us all. She is a public school PTSA mom, director on non-profit board, tech industry professional and community volunteer who will ensure open, transparent government for all Sammamish residents.
As City Councilmember, Rituja will stand up for our shared priorities: developing solutions for smart growth, including transportation that serves our city; protecting our natural habitats; promoting environmental sustainability; and ensuring reliable police and fire and support services for everyone.
A compassionate leader who listens and ensures all voices are heard, Rituja will bring a nonpartisan, fiscally responsible and solutions-oriented approach to the Sammamish City Council.
That’s why she’s endorsed by: Sen. Lisa Wellman (D), Rep. Tana Senn (D), Rep. Roger Goodman (D), King County Democrats, 41st and 5th LD Democrats and many Sammamish residents.

Chris Ross
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Education: Bachelor’s in Business, Washington State University; Master of Business Administration, Seattle University; Stanford Executive Program
Occupation: Senior Financial Analyst, The Boeing Company
Statement: Our city must have a leader that truly represents the residents of Sammamish. Because of my civic leadership with Sammamish Kiwanis, city organizations, and homeowners’ associations, I know how to balance community priorities. I will constantly reach out for citizen input to actively work what matters.
Sammamish is challenged by their growing traffic problem with infrastructure falling behind growth. This rapid development going unchecked is eroding our natural environment. Additionally, Sammamish is facing looming deficits for the first time in its history. It is becoming increasingly important that future growth pay for itself.
We vitally need a councilmember with a vision that emphasizes long term planning. I will leverage over 30 years of professional financial experience, education, and community involvement to ensure the city meets these challenges while avoiding unnecessary tax burdens due to poor planning.
Together we can provide a listening, responsive, and effective conduit towards enhancing Sammamish.
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| **Education**: BS in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Economics, University of Maryland  
**Occupation**: Senior Program Manager in Customer and Partner Advocacy, Microsoft  
**Statement**: Sammamish is an extraordinary place to live. As we grow and develop, we must work to maintain what makes our community unique. On the Sammamish City Council, I will ensure stewardship and inclusion guide our city planning while developing sustainable growth strategies. I will advance transportation solutions to alleviate congestion, attract and retain businesses enabling us to work and play where we live, and protect the incredible, natural environment surrounding us. I believe elected officials must reflect us to represent us. I reflect deep community commitment as a 15-year resident with 25 years in the technology sector, including customer advocacy. I teach and train in martial arts as a black belt. I've served as PTA president, basketball coach, and little league board member. I will represent Sammamish with passion, energy, and pragmatism while enhancing our community’s quality of life. Endorsed by King County Democrats, Representative Tana Senn, Senator Lisa Wellman. |

| **John Robinson**       |
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| johnmrobinson@msn.com  |
| **Education**: Bachelor’s in Biology, California State University  
**Occupation**: Retired  
**Statement**: I have been blessed to raise our family in Sammamish, rich in its natural environment, outstanding schools and recreational opportunities. As a long-term resident I have witnessed the dynamic growth of our community as it transitions to a more urban setting. My 35 years of experience working in the healthcare industry as an entrepreneur, director and manager has prepared me for the opportunity to give back to our city as a candidate for City Council. Challenges confront our city with the significant turnover of four council members and the loss of their leadership and community knowledge. I will bring to City Council my diverse business leadership to collaborate within city council to find the proper solutions for traffic congestion, development balance, and protection of our environment while maintaining a conservative fiscal policy. Join me in helping to make our City Council responsible to our citizens, our city and our environment. |

| **Roger Chapanis**      |
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| **Education**: BA Psychology, certificate in life coaching, and training in mediation, dynamic governance, and compassionate communication  
**Occupation**: Retired technical writer (20+ years of experience)  
**Statement**: Vision: To work patiently and respectfully with council members and Sammamish residents to make Sammamish the most livable and progressive city in Washington state. I want Sammamish to be a community in which all people are welcome, protected, and supported. Goal: To produce a balanced budget, and to oppose more taxes and borrowing – unless an emergency requires them. Skills: Active listening, personal coaching, facilitation, mediation, public speaking, and compassionate communication (www.cnvc.org)  
Education: BA Psychology, certificate in life coaching, and training in mediation, dynamic governance, and compassionate communication  
Occupation: Retired technical writer (20+ years of experience)  
Background: Born in Baltimore, Maryland (1948), served as a Personnel Officer in the United States Air Force, moved to Bellevue, Washington in 1985, and relocated to Sammamish in 1986  
Community Experience: Bi-weekly volunteering with the Issaquah Senior Center and occasional volunteering with Eastside Friends of Seniors, and the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. |

| **Melanie Curtright**    |
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| **Education**: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History -- California State University  
**Occupation**: Retired  
**Statement**: I am running to ensure that Sammamish families of all kinds have a strong voice in our local government and feel safe and valued. As a single mom working full time, I know how hard it is to make ends meet and care for a family. Our community is becoming more diverse every day and I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that our city council reflects that diversity. As city council member, I will focus on:  
Community Outreach and Inclusion: I plan to advocate for all families  
Environmental Stewardship: I want to protect our natural spaces  
Thoughtful Growth: I want to make balanced decisions  
Sammamish has been a wonderful place to raise my family – and I want to make sure all families have the same access to opportunity that my boys and I have had. Thank you for your vote. |
Council Position No. 2

Joel Wachtel
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**Education:** AS - Empire State College NY State University. Crime Stoppers Certification: Creating Safer Communities.

**Occupation:** Retired businessman/ entrepreneur with 45 years in business.

**Statement:** Years ago my wife and I moved from New York to SeaTac. SeaTac is our home and we plan to help it thrive. I will use my 45 successful years in business to continue making SeaTac Brighter!

Fiscal responsibility is my top priority, by preventing revenue losses like $24 million in parking tax lost by prior councils, but corrected by the current council. This resulted in $8 million new annual revenue. I will continue in this mission.

As a member of the first Airport Advisory Committee I know our relationship with the Airport is vital to the well-being of our city. I will make that relationship more equitable and beneficial to city residents. Effectively addressing crime is also a major priority. Citizens help stop crime when they are the eyes and ears of police.

Please allow me to exercise my priorities on the City Council. Vote Joel Wachtel Position #2.

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Terry L. Farden
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**Education:** No information submitted.

**Occupation:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** I'm the candidate in the middle. Wachtel is correct about financial responsibility, but our city is not only about money. We care about the disadvantaged among us also. Campbell on the other hand doesn't care about finances nor the people. She is not the person we thought she was when elected.

I have over 30 years of Public Service to the Community, including a Volunteer Firefighter, a member of King County Regional Domestic Violence Board, helped form the SeaTac Police Citizens Patrol, a current member of the Valley View Citizens Advisory Committee. I was employed by the City of SeaTac. The city has improved in recent years, however I know who the remaining dysfunctional and malignant staff members are. Campbell has been supporting the wrong ones.

I want us to find more money for Human Services and sustainable solutions for homelessness. Please vote Terry Farden for City Council.

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Kathryn Campbell
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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Human Services. Highline High School. Attended WSU.

**Occupation:** Retired. SeaTac City Councilwoman, Position 2. AT&T for 21 years.

**Statement:** Kathryn Campbell's SeaTac roots go deeper than bedrock. Growing up in Riverton Heights and attending Highline Schools, she knows our community and cares deeply about it.

A Toastmasters State Champion, Kathryn trained in effective communication and critical listening skills. A Certified Municipal Leadership awardee, she strives to return civility, build consensus and improve our city government. Endorsed by MLKjCLC & IBT 117.

Advocating for our Community Garden program, she serves SeaTac on SCORE's board, and works for restoration of the Green/Duwamish river basin. Kathryn speaks up for public safety by investing in more police patrols and improving neighborhood lighting, and worked two years on our Code Compliance Committee.

SeaTac belongs to all of us. Our most endorsed candidate for Position 2, Kathryn works to make SeaTac a welcoming and special place: one our grandkids will still be proud to call home.

Please remember to vote and reelect Kathryn Campbell.
Council Position No. 4

**Shaunie Wheeler**
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**Education:** Over 12 years in Government Relations and Policy. Board President Washington Young Emerging Labor Leaders.

**Occupation:** Washington State Political Director for Electrical Utility Workers Union

**Statement:** As a mother of two, all my sons and I see are hotels being built. While we’re known as an airport city, SeaTac is a vibrant and diverse community that also deserves adequate resources for families. With my experience working with government and my active role in the community, I know I can get results. We can and should restart the sidewalk projects that make our neighborhoods safer for pedestrians. We can ensure stronger public safety, smart economic development that creates family wage jobs and accountability with your tax dollars. As a board member of South King County Votes, Win With Women and as the president for Washington Young Emerging Labor Leaders, I’m connected to underserved communities and well-trained in finding solutions that serve everyone. Let’s make sure when council convenes every resident knows they have a voice representing them. I ask for your vote.

**Pam Pollock**
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**Education:** College

**Occupation:** Sales Representative for NW Food Manufacturing Company

**Statement:** Shaunie Wheeler was recently fined by Washington State for concealing her income as a special interest lobbyist. (I tried to further contrast myself with her, but King County Staff censored my statement. I should be able to inform voters about verifiable facts in my own statement. I don't feel King County is acting fairly and I don't understand why they are protecting her.)

I'm currently serving on the SeaTac Planning Commission and our city is moving in a positive direction. As a Councilmember I will continue that forward momentum. By voting for me you are voting for someone who has all SeaTac residents’ interests at heart. Our city is rich with diversity and opportunity, we need people on our City Council who follow the law and work hard to bring the very best to all citizens and businesses in SeaTac.

For Responsibility and Accountability please vote Pam Pollock Position 4.

**Clyde (Fuzz) Hill**
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**Education:** Crime Stoppers Safer Communities Certified; George Washington University; Renton Technical College

**Occupation:** Principal Functional Analyst at T-Mobile, US.

**Statement:** As a native to this area and having raised my family here, I care deeply about SeaTac and hold a strong desire to make this a best place to live for all residents. As a systems analyst, I’m trained to spot root causes of problems. I’ll apply these skills on the council. Reducing crime is my top priority. A sense of safety is essential. Engaging residents with effective tools enables citizens to become vital partners with law enforcement.

Attracting new businesses for added job growth. Increased workforce creates demand for new food and entertainment related services. Enhancing our sense of community. Creating an environment where residents and visitors want to stay and play is equally important as safety and economic growth. I’ll seek to introduce new amenities and opportunities for community gathering.

Make SeaTac the best place to work, live and play! Vote for Clyde (Fuzz) Hill for Position #4.

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For Responsibility and Accountability please vote Pam Pollock Position 4.
Fuzzy Fletcher
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Education: Bellevue Community Collage/Lake Washington Voc-tech
Occupation: Operations and Facilities Manager
Statement: Fuzzy Fletcher has the desire and experience to move Snoqualmie, into the future. How we handle future growth, diversity, environment, sustainable water, taxation and most important, including all citizens in the process, are his major reasons for running for Mayor. We must include our citizens in all phases of what happens in Snoqualmie.
Fuzzy’s qualifications include 26 years of residency, 8 years as Mayor of Snoqualmie and 2 years on City Council, 19 years of team work in local, tribal governments, human services & corporations. Fuzzy works, daily, with our Elder community, here in the Snoqualmie Valley. Human services and transit for our community are a daily part of his life.
Fuzzy’s vision is to sustain the unique beauty of Snoqualmie for our large and growing community.
We need change in City government and we need it now
*Your voice matters.* Vote Fuzzy Fletcher for Mayor of Snoqualmie.

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Education: Real life exsperiance
Occupation: Construction & Maintenance
Statement: We in Snoqualmie deserve to return to the place and time when voter’s views and concerns where listened to by our elected officials. the change over the last couple of election cycles, when a public hearing was held the majority of the time at the end of the hearing they voted in favor without due consideration of the citizens.
No is the time for change thati can bring.

Steve Pennington
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Education: B.A., Washington State University
Occupation: Owner, Steve’s Doughnuts
Statement: The City of Snoqualmie is entering an exciting new era. We can now direct our focus on enriching the lives of our citizens and making our town an ever more wonderful place to live. After twelve years of marching towards the same goals, it is important that we update not only our goals, but our expertise as well.
After fifteen years of working in the tech industry, leading highly effective teams and managing large software deployments, I turned my focus to my community. For the past eight years I’ve sat on boards and commissions, worked to advise and support local businesses, and built my own small business from scratch.
I believe in *Maximum Transparency*, and vow that as Mayor I will be *accountable, active and available*. Every voice will be heard, and every citizen will see their own priorities in the actions of their government.

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Education: King’s High School | Seattle, Washington | Class of 1991
Occupation: Washington Regional Director | 24 Years Financial Services & Lending
Statement: Snoqualmie has recently been one of the fastest growing cities in Washington, yet no vision has been cast for our future. In the city’s next chapter, I will lead and engage our community to achieve this vision while preserving those things we love.
This can only be accomplished through improved city communication efforts, which is a top priority. I will make sure you don’t hear about developments after it’s too late.
I will head economic recruitment efforts to improve the quality of life of all citizens and help our local businesses thrive. Snoqualmie can have a world-class tourism economy that will protect us against tax increases and reliance on additional development to meet budget needs. We will bring much needed services, so your shopping and recreating can be done here.
Finally, I will continue to be a voice for a public education system that prepares our kids for the future.
City of Snoqualmie

Mayor

Matt Larson

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Education: Advanced Certified Municipal Leader, Association of Washington Cities; Bachelor of Arts, St. John's University, Minnesota

Occupation: Mayor, full time

Statement: As your mayor, I have effectively and successfully worked with residents, business owners, council members, city staff, community organizations, and regional leaders to make Snoqualmie one of the safest and best places to live and raise a family in America.

Together, we achieved this by: providing high-value, balanced, equitable and sustainable city services; protecting and preserving our spectacular natural environment; demanding well-planned growth; maintaining our parks, trails, and built environment to the highest standards; investing in downtown revitalization and flood mitigation; and providing responsive and effective police and fire services.

I am honored and privileged to serve as your mayor. Help me Keep Snoqualmie Thriving by supporting proven, experienced leadership. Please vote for me.

Endorsements: State Senator Mark Mullet; King County Council member Kathy Lambert; King County Sheriff John Urquhart; Snoqualmie City Council members Jeans, Holloway, Prewitt, Munden and Ross; and the mayors of North Bend, Carnation, Duvall and Issaquah.
Council Position No. 2

A.J. Tong

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Education: B.A. Washington State University 1999, M.A. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 2017

Occupation: American Airlines, Retired United States Army

Statement: As a resident of Snoqualmie for the past 6 years, I bring my leadership and execution oriented skills learned in over 17 years in the United States Army to the Snoqualmie City Council to get results. I personally believe that when serving in a position as a member of a council you must keep an open mind to a group or body of individuals who placed you in that position to represent them. It's also important to look at the constraints and benefits your decision will place on the outcome. Based on my previous opportunities to serve and volunteer, I have always felt when my time has concluded that I have left the position better than I received it and I will do so as your Council member.

My vision is to maintain balance between growth and development, while still expanding the small-town family feel that Snoqualmie must offer.

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Statement: Let's be honest. We all live in Snoqualmie because it is gorgeous. We love its rural character, good schools and safe streets! So why is the City turning Snoqualmie into an urban landscape? A 5-story budget hotel? A convention center above the Falls? 1200 more units in Snoqualmie Heights? A 260-acre retail and industrial center at Mill Pond? Why is the City in such a rush to destroy paradise? I envision growth and economic vitality consistent with Snoqualmie's small-town feel. I envision boutique hotels, B&Bs, and more venues for our teens!

With your vote, I will call for empowering residents with the right of Initiative and Referendum, term limits, online publication of all city financials and a 6-month review on current development projects to assess them for citizen input, financial viability, traffic impact, environmental impact, and legal compliance.

My campaign in self funded. Thank you for your vote!

Katherine Ross

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Education: MBA (Seattle University), BS, Business Administration (Iowa State University), Certification of Purchasing Management

Occupation: Snoqualmie City Council, full time; Board of Directors Encompass

Statement: I was honored to be unanimously appointed to the City Council from a pool of 9 candidates. I intend to build upon the City's accomplishments by bringing a fresh perspective to the challenges ahead. As a mother of twins, and passionate community volunteer of 18 years, I have devoted myself to supporting the needs of families and children in our Valley. I wish to strengthen Snoqualmie's partnership with human service organizations to build a healthier, stronger and more resilient community. This can be accomplished by increasing city revenues through economic development that respects and enhances Snoqualmie as a premier destination and place to live.

Experience: President, Encompass, 2015; City Council Public Safety, Parks and Public Works Committees; Snoqualmie Library and Human Services Advisory Committees; graduate of Snoqualmie Citizens Academy and CERT; over 17 years in business management.

Endorsements: Snoqualmie Mayor Larson and City Councilmembers Jeans, Holloway, Munden, Prewitt, and Sundwall.
Council Position No. 5

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Education: UA Steamfitter Apprenticeship, continued education in Construction, Project Management, Estimating, Scheduling, Contract Negotiations
Occupation: Retired Steamfitter, Project Manager, Estimator
Statement: Tukwila and the Puget Sound Region is experiencing major construction growth. With this growth the demand for qualified workers is overwhelming. I believe with my experience and contacts within the construction industry I can help to promote our community as source for qualified manpower and an ideal location for new development and housing projects. We must think progressively to help ensure our city is not left behind.
My wife and I have been married 30 years and we have owned our home here for over 20 years. We raised our daughter in Tukwila and she bought her first home here. 2 of our 4 grandsons attend school in Tukwila. My wife has been employed with Tukwila Fire Department for over 27 years. I am on the Planning Commission and active within the community. My roots are deep in Tukwila and my passion is strong for our city.

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Education: Emergency Management Institute
Occupation: Director
I have lived my entire adult life knowing that who a person is can be defined in the instance of crises. It is easy to remain calm, cool & collected in times a peace, in an agreeable environment.
As our environment changes, we need someone equipped to handle environmental crises...I am that person who enjoys challenges in Disaster Preparedness for seven years. I am a published writer and a mother and grandmother.
I have a heart for Tukwila and her citizens I look forward to serving if elected to The Tukwila City Council, Position 5. Thank you.

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Education: University of Washington Tacoma as a Politics, Philosophy, and Economics major
Occupation: No information submitted.
Statement: Born to Immigrant parents, Armen Papyan knows the value of diversity. By embracing our differences and sharing our experiences, we can continue to support the diverse community of Tukwila. Having attended Foster High School and being elected the ASB President, Papyan was actively involved in the Tukwila School District the most diverse district in the nation. This experience introduced him to the importance of inclusion and influenced his decision to attend the University of Washington Tacoma as a Politics, Philosophy, and Economics major.
Looking forward Papyan will work to create collaborative efforts to improve affordable housing, cheap and accessible transportation systems specifically designed for Tukwila residents. Papyan will also focus on education by building the bridge between the school board and the city council to foster a collaborative environment with a focus on student achievement. A true Tukwila resident, Armen Papyan will work to improve our community.

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Education: Bachelor’s in Construction Engineering Management, University of Washington
Occupation: Project Control Engineer, King County Department of Natural Resources
Statement: My family fled Somalia to the Puget Sound to escape the civil war. My parents stressed the values of a good education and hard work and I achieved the American dream.
I want your vote for Tukwila City Council to make sure that every resident has the same opportunities I had. We need to support growing small businesses, develop job-training programs with local schools, and invest in Tukwila residents. We must address our transportation problems to attract more businesses to Tukwila. We must improve our road network and advocate more for accessible public transportation.
I serve on the Community Oriented Policing Citizen’s Advisory Board, and the OneAmerica and Matt Griffin YMCA boards. I also volunteer with Action Tukwila and as a youth soccer coach.
Endorsements: Senator Bob Hasegawa, Tukwila Council-members Joe Duffee, De’Sean Quinn, Verna Seal and Thomas McLeod, the King County Labor Council, King County Democrats and OneAmerica Votes.
Kent School District No. 415

Director District No. 4

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Education: MA in Human Development: Early Childhood Education & Leadership in Education, and BA in Sociology
Occupation: Program Specialist, Administration for Children and Families, US Dept. HHS
Statement: As a parent of a Kent School District graduate, I understand we want the best education for our children. All students deserve safe welcoming schools, relevant coursework, academic rigor, nurturing relationships, and opportunities in the arts and sports.

I am committed to team KSD’s vision of successfully preparing All students for their futures. By focusing on our students’ academic and social emotional growth, while being fiscally responsible, we can achieve this vision. Attracting and retaining a diverse and premier workforce is critical. We must improve two-way communication with parents, students, staff and community. Strengthening partnerships that promote student achievement is essential. These strategies will help our students to graduate ready for success in college, career and community life.

Living and volunteering in Kent for over 20 years, I know how to work collaboratively with others so that children thrive in school and life. I’ve served as a PTA leader, Girl Scout troop leader, and a director of an early childhood non-profit organization. I look forward to continuing to serve you as school board director. Thank you for your vote.

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Education: Bachelor’s in Accounting; Master’s in Accounting; Taxation; Brigham Young University
Occupation: Manager, OB Services, LLC
Statement: My family has happily been in Kent schools since 1993. We have four children, including a daughter with cerebral palsy, that have graduated and a sixth grader.

After reading about financial issues and the Board’s decision to cancel travel across the US Border, I decided to run and provide a constructive option.

Regarding the hiring and spending freeze; the reasons cited were lower enrollment and funding delays with McCleary. Neither are acceptable. If enrollment fell short, put operating expenses in-line. Despite McCleary, the Kent state per-student funding increased 33.7% from 2012/13 to 2016/17. The 2014 levies expire in 2017 providing $81M in funding. In 2018, expect a renewal. While I support it, I require accountability.

Regarding the Board’s decision to cancel trips, the Board went too far in trying to create “equal access,” which is available for all students, in this case, proper documentation. Requirements have not changed since 2009. The Board should not extend decisions into personal responsibility. Shall we discuss access that was not available to my daughter? Of course not. She would not hold any opportunity back for another. The decision did not provide appropriate education.

My focus is on teachers, students and the desires of parents.
Director District No. 4

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Occupation: Administrator, Auburn School District

Statement: As educators, we have the opportunity to have a lasting and positive influence in the lives of our students and families. Dedicated teachers, principals, and support staff strive to do the best they can each day for our children, although they don't always have access to the resources and professional development they need. It is no small task to educate students whose needs go far beyond what is taught in the classroom without providing adequate support and resources. Educational funding can no longer be an option, and the proper use and distribution of that funding is critical.

As an administrator in the Auburn School District, I support students the school building, work directly with parents and families, provide professional development and support to teachers and staff, and collaborate with other districts, city, and community organizations to provide regional education and change across the state. As a community member, mentor, volunteer, coach, and parent in the Kent community and school district, I will work to do the same and more for our students. I have the ability, experience, knowledge, influence, and passion to create change for our students and families. I ask for your vote!

Every Student! Every Opportunity! Every Day!
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**Director District No. 3**

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**Occupation:** 15+ year Family Adviser: Children's Hospital, 20+ Year Volunteer: LWSD

**Statement:** One Size Does Not Fit All.

This is my 22nd year as a PTA, parent volunteer in the Lake Washington School District. I have four children, two of whom have special needs. I want every child to receive an equitable, high quality education, building on their strengths and up from their challenges.

LWSD is on top of technology in education. We need more opportunities in vocational education, more inclusion of special education students and more assistance with college preparation for those students going on to study at the university level. We have award winning teachers and support staff. Teaching children and raising children are demanding responsibilities. When parents and community partner with schools, student outcomes improve. With the 2019 class requirement to have 24 credits to graduate, now more than ever we need that solid connection. I will strengthen the home to school partnership using my background in education, and my decades of experience as a PTA leader and volunteer.

I have been honored to receive four PTA Golden Acorn Awards. I am just as honored to have the endorsement of retiring LWSD board member, Nancy Bernard, and former board member, Jackie Pendergrass.

Please vote Sage for Schools.

**Christian Cahua**

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**Education:** BS in Mathematics, University of California, Davis

**Occupation:** Transaction Specialist, Veterans Trading Company

**Statement:** College is a great path for many of our student to take and we’re proud of them. But for some, college is not the best way for them to find a good job and lead a successful life. The Lake Washington School District needs to do a bit more in providing opportunities for all our students, not just the college bound.

I will work to incorporate more vocation education programs into the district so that our students are afforded the opportunity to see the other options. Courses such as woodshop, welding, and auto shop can create this next generation of skilled workers our local and regional industries need so badly!

I went to college but after the economic crash, I had to retrain myself. Now I work for a Boeing-affiliated company but will be paying off my student loans for a long time. To those who will not go to college, we owe it to subsequent generations to show them that there are other ways to achieve prosperity while they are still in the K-12 system. I am an elected Democratic PCO and Volunteer. I would be honored to have your support.
Director District No. 3

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Education: Doctorate in Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago; Bachelor's in Spanish, University of Louisville
Occupation: Educator
Statement: I want to serve on the School Board because public education is my calling and my passion. I have thirteen years of experience working with students from middle up to graduate school in three states, in both urban and suburban districts. I believe all students should graduate prepared for whatever path they choose to pursue next: further education, technical training, or entering the workforce. To achieve this, we should continue investing in STEM education and make a stronger commitment to world languages. Research shows learning a second language results in improved cognitive function, higher academic achievement, and higher salaries. For this reason, I would work to create an early world language education program to provide our students with the skills they need to succeed in our diverse communities, local and nationwide. My experience as a professional, a student, and a parent would add a fresh perspective that would lead to practical improvements for our students. I would be honored to receive your vote.
**Director Position No. 4**

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**Occupation:** Attorney, King County Department of Public Defense  
**Statement:** Mercer Island School District is at a time of great change: a superintendent search, looming budget concerns, and teacher contract negotiations. We need leaders who are committed to our vision to serve all students, to hear and balance many voices, and to make the right decisions.

I'm running for school board to put my qualifications and values to work for the wonderful community in which I grew up and where my husband and I have chosen to raise our own daughter.

I have spent 17 years advocating for children and families in the legal system. I listen carefully, know every child has unique needs, consider all viewpoints, solve challenging problems with few resources and don't shy away from making critical, life-changing decisions.

The Mercer Island community, our families, and our kids expect and deserve the best outcomes, and I am committed to building on our very successful history.

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**Education:** BS Electrical Engineering, University of Maryland; PhD Neuroscience, Case Western Reserve University; Fellowship, Salk Institute  
**Occupation:** Neuroscientist, Community Volunteer and Advocate, Math and Science Tutor  
**Statement:** Mercer Island schools are at a crossroads. With changes to state funding and the retirement of our superintendent, we have an opportunity for growth. I envision a student-first culture that celebrates equity and diversity. All children are unique and should be given an environment to grow to their best selves. As an Island community parent, advocate and volunteer, I have demonstrated success in making positive change for over a decade. As a professional, I have been a national leader, local mentor, and adult educator within a global company. In both my career as a neuroscientist and in my personal life I have continuously worked toward improving the lives of others and I hope to use these experiences to help serve the students, families, and teachers of the Mercer Island School District. To learn more about Growing Mercer Island One Mind at a Time visit dlein4schools.org.

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**Occupation:** Consultant  
**Statement:** We here at Mercer Island need a school board of director who is able to ensure a good quality of education with limited state funding. I feel that I would be able to provide that if I were to become a school board of director. I am a doctor in life science, and have gone through the entire track of education. And as a mother of two children, I have initiated and contributed in many school activities. I believe that I can bring new perspectives and uphold the legacy of this district.

My goals for this district are to keep good teachers, strengthen Math and reading in lower grades for better academic performance when they move to high school, introduce more advanced learning opportunities, including more access of AP courses, and bring stronger ELL support for the increasing amount of non-native speakers in the district and better engage their parents.
Public Hospital District No. 1

Commissioner District No. 1

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Statement: Born in Rotterdam, Holland (Netherlands). Grew up in Salt
Stationed Ft. Lewis 1968-69. Worked for Metro Transit / King County
1969-2004. I have lived in the great City of Renton, WA, since 1972. I
volunteered at Valley Medical Hospital for approximately three years at
the surgery information desk.

I am running for Commissioner as a citizen concerned about the drastic
budget short fall and reduction in hospital staffing at Valley Medical
Center and the impact this will have on our local community. I have
supported the hospital over the past years by voting "yes" on every levy
to improve and help the hospital to be the best for our community.
As a past volunteer and longtime patient of Valley Medical doctors, I
support the men and women who give their time to make the hospital
and patient care a better and friendlier place. I am a strong proponent
for maintaining local control of our hospital and will hold the current
administration and CEO’s feet to the fire regarding proper use of our
tax dollars, including executive compensation and benefits. I will take
my role as a community representative and advocate very seriously
with patient safety and quality my number one priority.

If I am elected, I look forward to working with the current
commissioners and management staff. It is time for an objective view
point from a citizen who can bring a fresh perspective to the board,
who has been associated with the hospital as a volunteer and a patient,
for a long period of time.

I hope I can count on your vote.

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Occupation: Battalion Chief, Port of Seattle Fire Department
Statement: My 25 years of professional experience as a first responder,
in addition to my personal investment as a 13-year member of the
Valley Medical Healthcare system, provide me with a unique and
committed perspective in running for Public Hospital District 1,
Commissioner District 1.

I believe that local stewardship of Valley Medical is vital in keeping
the community’s needs in focus. A strong and committed partnership
with the University of Washington will continue to bring the best of
the University's programs and offerings to healthcare in South King
County. I am committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility on behalf
of the local community while identifying opportunities to maximize
efficiencies and manage costs.

My varied professional and life experiences, including service in the
United States Marine Corps, management of private sector businesses,
and as a Chief in the fire service, give me the skills and ability to serve
on your behalf in shaping our community's healthcare future.
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**Education:** Kentridge High School; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Seattle Pacific University

**Occupation:** Kent PTA Mom, Concerned Citizen and Community Leader

**Statement:** I am seeking your vote to represent you as your Hospital Commissioner.

I am running for Hospital Commissioner because like you and your neighbors, I’m very upset control of Valley Medical Center was taken away from our elected commissioners and given to unelected Trustees appointed and controlled by UW Medicine who can raise your property taxes!

The UW-Valley Alliance was a scheme devised by CEO Rich Roodman to protect his million dollar salary by turning control of Valley to Trustees appointed by UW Medicine who are completely unaccountable to us voters.

I support asking the legislature to return control of our hospital district to the voters who support Valley with our tax dollars!

I have deep roots in this district and graduated from Kentridge High School. I have been married to Casey for 21 years and we have two children who attend Kent Schools. I participate each year in the Seattle Walk for Autism Speaks and have been a PTA volunteer for many years because these are issues important to my heart.

In 2013 I was appointed by the County Council to the *King County Women’s Advisory Board* and helped create the County’s paid family leave policy. I also served as Vice President of our neighborhood association.

*My daughter was born at Valley and my family’s doctors are at Valley. For many of us, Valley is an important community asset and we need to assure it benefits the community which supports Valley with our tax dollars.*

Our “elected” Commissioners rather than “appointed” Trustees should be responsible for ensuring Valley provides high quality, affordable health care while remaining financially viable.

If you elect me as your commissioner, I’ll fight to return control of Valley to elected Commissioners and fight for high quality, affordable patient care!

I’d appreciate your vote! Thank you.

Ronald Nolten

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**Occupation:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** I have been a resident of Renton for the past 42 years and would appreciate the opportunity to serve the community as your Hospital Commissioner Position No. 1.

I have been married for 44 years and have two adult children and four grandchildren. I would like to see quality and affordable healthcare continue at Valley Medical Center.

I served on the Board of Directors at the Associated Builders and Contractors and as its president in 1998. I also served on the finance committee and the committee that oversees Labor & Industry claims during my 28 years as a member of this organization. With 45 years of construction experience and 30 years as owner of Dochnahl Construction, I hope to be an advocate for cost effective construction for current and future hospital projects.

**Endorsements:**
Denis Law May or Renton
Don Persson Renton City Council
Bernie Dochnahl Board of Trustee
Denny Dochnahl Business owner
Don Jacobson Past Commissioner
Elaine Haroldson 38 Yr. Resident & retired teacher
Dr. Robert Thompson
Cheryl Nowacki
Commissioner Position No. 2

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Education: AA Degree, Shoreline Community College
Occupation: Project Manager/Salesman & Real Estate Broker
Statement: I am honored to have been appointed as a Soos Creek Water & Sewer Commissioner and seek to retain the position.

My background is in the private sector, all related to the building industry. I was a superintendent in the residential and commercial markets prior to owning my own successful general contracting business for 30 years with up to 35 employees.

I continue to work in the industry as a project manager/salesman for Northwest Roof Service in Kent working with homeowners, property managers, commercial business owners and investors. I also hold a real estate broker's license, assisting my wife Marti Reeder, Managing Broker of "Team Marti" with John L. Scott.

I believe I provide a fresh perspective to this position and will strive to utilize my background and experience in helping the district provide reliable, high quality water and sewer services to customers in an efficient and cost effective manner.

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Education: AA Degree; Water Distribution Manager Certification; Wastewater Collection Systems Certification; numerous additional certifications
Occupation: Semi-retired; former Operations Manager, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District.
Statement: Alan is a lifelong resident of Washington and has lived within the Soos Creek District since year 2000. He and Kathy have been married for 35 years and have two children.

Alan has 26 years of experience as a Soos Creek Water and Sewer District employee, the last 14 years as the Operations Manager. He has extensive knowledge and experience in both the water and sewer sides of the utility industry.

As Operations Manager, his responsibilities included ensuring safe and clean water was delivered to Soos Creek customers and sewage was properly conveyed and discharged. He ensured your money as ratepayer was spent wisely by finding improved ways of managing the District's resources and implementing numerous projects to help the District reduce waste and increase efficiency.

As commissioner, Alan will bring his background and professional expertise to aid the Board in making informed decisions. With each decision, the needs of the District will be carefully considered and balanced with the impact on ratepayers and the environment.

Alan is committed to ensuring water quality and safety, system reliability, and customer service for the people in the District. Alan looks forward to serving the public as commissioner and would appreciate your vote.
Soos Creek Water & Sewer District

Commissioner Position No. 2

Micah Steinhauer

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Lab technician/Operator

Statement: With the recent, unfortunate loss of commissioner Larry West, we must ensure good, effective leadership for the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District. I bring a unique set of skills to this commission which will benefit you and your family.

I have over 27 years of experience in the wastewater industry and have achieved the highest certification in this industry (Group IV) from Washington State. Working in nearly every facet of treatment/service for the last 27 years gives me an beneficial first hand knowledge that my opponent won’t have. This experience will allow me to make sound and educated decisions when it comes to Soos Creek Water and Sewer District concerns. My experience in this industry makes me uniquely positioned to help keep operations efficient and your rates low.

Maintaining a high quality safe drinking water and proper wastewater service and low rates is my pledge to you as your Soos Creek Water and Sewer District commissioner. I am asking for your vote so I can use my 27 years of experience to help keep your water and sewer rates as low as possible. Please vote Micah Steinhauer for Soos Creek Water and Sewer commissioner position #2.
Proposition No. 1
Sales Tax for Cultural Access Program

The King County Council passed Ordinance No. 18513 to establish and fund a cultural access program. The program would expand access to arts, science, and heritage programming throughout King County. The program would include cultural education in schools and transportation to cultural venues for public school students. The program would also provide funding for cultural organizations to expand programming, including to serve diverse and underserved populations. The cultural access program, including administrative costs, would be funded by a county sales tax increase of one-tenth of one percent for seven years beginning January 1, 2018. Should this proposition be:
Approved
Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 78.

Statement in favor
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Over the last decade public funding for science and art education programs has been cut in half, despite the fact that hands-on arts, science and heritage education can dramatically improve a child's success. Proposition 1 will help.

Proposition 1 provides dedicated funding for in-class arts, science and heritage education for every kid in every school district, with a priority on low-income schools. Prop. 1 also provides every district free transportation and expanded access to our region's world-class institutions like the Museum of Flight, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Symphony and others. Many families can't afford tickets to a live performance or a museum. But Proposition 1 will allow regional arts, science and heritage institutions to provide free or reduced tickets for people on a fixed budget, including seniors, people with disabilities, low-income and middle-class families.

Prop. 1 will also provide stable funding for hundreds of smaller community organizations throughout the county, and require large organizations to provide free or reduced access to arts, science, and heritage programming. At just $30 for the average household per year, Proposition 1 will improve equity and expand access to important arts, science and heritage experiences for kids and families. Please vote yes!

Statement in opposition
Submitted by: Larry Gossett, Dino Rossi

We both have a long history of supporting arts and culture, but it is unwise and inequitable to impose another $500 million regressive sales tax increase on overburdened King County taxpayers.
Conservatives and liberals alike should unite for tax fairness and better prioritization.

This regressive tax increase impacts low-income and working class folks the most. People feel the burden of the Sound Transit tax increase which pushed our sales tax over 10%. This destroys capacity to fund higher priorities like housing, roads, homelessness, and education. With homeless kids living under bridges, why prioritize spending $500 million on arts?

Despite the rhetoric, the bulk of your money will subsidize a handful of large, well-funded organizations with wealthy patrons. The funds for schools, low-income and diverse communities is shameful compared to what politically powerful organizations receive.

An unelected board would control over half-a-billion dollars of taxes which lacks accountability.

King County's arts community is already well funded. There is the 1% for the arts policy, and starting in 2021 lodging taxes dedicated to arts and culture will provide $13 million annually.

As a Seattle Democrat & East King County Republican we ask you to Vote No. Wrong Tax, Wrong Time, Wrong Priority.

Rebuttal of statement against

"The next generation of engineers, programmers and artists deserve equal access to hands-on learning missing in traditional classrooms. Dedicating resources to high-poverty schools, so every kid has access to programs that close achievement gaps and open doors to opportunity, is both equitable and urgent. Prop 1 is a small investment that benefits underserved communities and hundreds of small, diverse organizations countywide. Vote Yes!" -Former King County Executive and HUD Deputy Director Ron Sims

Rebuttal of statement in favor

We agree that vibrant arts and cultural organizations are important for strong communities, and we proudly support the robust organizations that already exist in King County.

However, new tax dollars should be spent on higher priorities like housing, congestion relief and human services, especially when those tax dollars come from a regressive source like the sales tax.

This is simply the Wrong Tax, at the Wrong Time, for the Wrong Priority. Please Vote No.
Province No. 1  
Levy Lid Lift - Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue ("District") adopted Resolution No. 820 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire and emergency medical services, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy to $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2018, set the limit factor at 6% for each of the three succeeding years and use the 2021 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies, all as provided in Resolution No. 820. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

- Approved
- Rejected

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

Statement in favor  
Submitted by: David Mataftin, Bill Sandlian  
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East Pierce Fire and Rescue needs your support. We are asking you to please Vote Yes on Prop 1 to continue funding their Operations.

This is not a new tax, but a re-authorization of the current state limited Fire levy for $1.50 per 1000 AV. Current rate is approx. $1.38 per 1000. This 11.5 cents would be an increase of only $34.50 annually on a $300,000 home or $2.88 a month on current values.

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

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.

Explanatory statement

East Pierce Fire and Rescue is placing a four year emergency services lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2017 ballot. This proposition will maintain the current level of fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services, and staff an additional paramedic unit. This measure will re-authorize the property tax levy rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed valuation coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the three subsequent years.

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

Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately $1,768,000 in projected tax revenue in the first year alone, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.
Proposition No. 2
Levy Lid Lift - EMS Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue (“District”) adopted Resolution No. 821 concerning an increase in the District’s emergency medical services levy. For the purpose of maintaining current levels of emergency medical services, Proposition No. 2 will restore the District’s emergency medical services property tax levy to $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2018, set the limit factor at 6% for each of the three succeeding years and use the 2021 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies, all as provided in Resolution No. 821. Should Proposition No. 2 be:

Approved
Rejected

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

Statement in favor
Submitted by: David Mataftin, Bill Sandlian
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This is not a new tax! This is a request to reauthorize your previously approved Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy rate of 0.50 cents per $1,000 assessed valuation for the next 4 years.

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

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

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Proposition No. 1
Shall Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety (King County Fire Protection District No. 43) be authorized 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
Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety is placing a “benefit charge” proposition on the August 1, 2017 ballot, pursuant to RCW 52.18, which allows the benefit charges to fund and maintain fire district operations. A benefit charge is not a tax and is not based on property valuation, but on the cost of providing service. If approved, the benefit charge in effect for six years commencing in 2018, will be based on square footage and fire flows for all types of property, utilizing a consistent, industry-accepted formula.

Historically, the District has used regular tax levies and excess levies to provide sufficient revenue to maintain services. During that time the average tax rates have been approximately $1.69 per thousand of assessed valuation. If the benefit charge is approved, the property tax rate will be capped at $1.00 per thousand. The benefit charge will provide the necessary revenue to maintain services, but on a more fair and logical basis than a property tax. Benefit charges cannot exceed 60% of the operating budget.

Approval of this proposition would allow the District to enhance the current level of services, while distributing the charges equitably.

Statement in favor
Submitted by: Sean P. Kelly, Chris Bodlovic

Maple Valley Fire Department has proposed a long-term solution to funding emergency services based on a recommendation from the Citizens Steering Committee and supported by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

With a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC), the property tax levy is reduced from $1.50 to $1.00 per $1,000 assessed value. The FBC replaces the $0.50 of the property tax with a fee based on the fire risk. This is a more equitable manner than a system purely based on property value which fluctuates up and down and adds risk to your fire department's ability to plan for the future services needed for the community. The FBC is only billed to those properties having improvements or structures over 400 square feet based on the King County Assessors. Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety will Not do its own property assessments. The charge is based on fire risk. Undeveloped land that does not have any structure would realize a reduction in property tax from $1.50 to $1.00 and not pay any FBC.

Structures that utilize fire sprinklers and detection systems will receive a 10% discount on the FBC. Senior citizens, disabled persons and low income households will maintain any exemptions currently provided.

Statement in opposition

Fact: Shameful conflict of interest. Example: MVF fire commissioners are compensated by the district they work for - they decide how much FBC you'll pay each year. FBC bypasses I-747!

Fact: FBC is an unfair square foot tax on your home, shop, garage, barn, chickencoop – no matter the value or use. Example: Outbuildings don't contribute to medical aid calls, shouldn't be charged FBC.

Fact: You're not simply swapping a little bit of tax for FBC. Example: Maple Valley FD 43 will double tax you over $3.5 mil thru banked capacity – it's legal.

Fact: Your home and outbuildings are combined into a giant mansion-sized yearly FBC bill.

Fact: FBC on your personal property. Example: Kent's RFA charges FBC on mobile home pads and camping spaces.

Fact: No per building FBC limit. Example: A shop or barn today costs $15 a year, but FBC its $600. You won't receive 40 times better service.

Fact: Anyone pro FBC scheme is either hoping to enjoy personal monetary gain or are simply ignorant of the truth.

Fact: FBC taxes seniors out of their homes.

Fact: FBC is an unfair square foot tax on your home, shop, garage, barn, chickencoop – no matter the value or use. Example: Outbuildings don't contribute to medical aid calls, shouldn't be charged FBC.

Vote No Proposition 1!

Rebuttal of statement against
Fire Commissioners are compensated by the district in accordance with RCW 52.14.010. The rate is set by the Office of Financial Management and the elected Commissioners represent the citizens.

FBC Will Only calculate on the square footage of a home and attached garage.

FBC Excludes outbuildings, mobile home pads, camping spaces, barns and shops.

Maple Valley Fire will Not double tax you nor collect “banked capacity”. Senior Citizen and Sprinkler discounts will be honored.

Rebuttal of statement in favor
FBC scheme allows for yearly budget increases with zero voter approval! FBC is based on KC Assessor records - a poor source to bill from as many properties have incomplete information!

Charging the same FBC rate for an old garage/barn/chickencoop as for a home is absolutely Not fair!

FBC does not pay for stations or firetrucks!

Only Seniors at poverty level qualify for FBC discount!

FBC scheme will put MV family farms out of business!
AN ORDINANCE creating the King County Access for All program to support cultural organizations, imposing a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to finance the King County Access for All program conditioned on voter approval, and providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 1, 2017, of a proposition authorizing the sales and use tax imposed by this ordinance; and amending Ordinance 14482, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.49.060.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The Washington state Legislature declared in Chapter 24, Laws of Washington 2015 that there is a need to provide public and educational benefits and economic support for arts, science and heritage organizations.

2. The King County council, through Motion 14082 and Motion 14299, unanimously endorsed the need to provide public and educational benefits and economic support for arts, science and heritage organizations.

3. King County residents would greatly benefit from improved public access to programs produced by nonprofit arts, science and heritage organizations that would be enabled by an increase in public funding for those organizations.

4. Providing increased financial support for arts, science and heritage organizations in King County is in the public interest and will serve multiple public purposes such as:
   a. Enhancing and extending the educational reach and offerings of arts, science and heritage organizations will provide all King County residents with meaningful opportunities to explore personal creativity, learn about local history and understand the natural environment, leading to greater civic engagement;
   b. Ensuring K-12 public school students in all nineteen King County school districts will benefit from greater access to arts, science and heritage organizations, both through in-depth programs in their own classrooms and opportunities for free visits to cultural attractions, leading to better engagement in the classroom and higher graduation rates; and
   c. Ensuring continued and expanded access to the facilities and programs of arts, science and heritage organizations by economically and geographically underserved populations will benefit all the residents of King County, leading to healthier and more inclusive communities.

5. Access for All funding would ensure that arts, science and heritage organizations are financially healthy and able to continue to provide public benefits.

6. An Access for All program as defined in this ordinance would help to achieve these public purposes and benefits by supporting hundreds of arts, science and heritage organizations providing activities and operating facilities open to the general public throughout King County and by creating new opportunities for students and adults, as well as economically and geographically underserved populations.

7. In 2016, 4Culture convened a series of community study group meetings including organizations of all sizes, disciplines and geographic locations, as well as individuals representing numerous points of view, to develop recommendations regarding the principles for implementation and operation of an Access for All program.

8. A central theme from the study group input was that equity, inclusion and access should be guiding principles of Access for All. Recommendations from the community to advance these principles include:
   a. Past and existing inequities in access to arts, science and heritage organizations should be deliberately and intentionally addressed by providing higher levels of funding for community-based cultural organizations based in, representative of and serving audiences of communities that experience barriers to access;
   b. Organizations supported by Access for All should be a vital part of the day-to-day life in their communities;
   c. Nontraditional and social service organizations that provide cultural programming in their communities should be eligible to receive project-specific funding to serve their constituents, even if the primary purpose of such an organization is not exclusively arts, science or heritage;
   d. Field trips and cultural education should be augmented by programs provided by arts, science and heritage organizations in classrooms and in other community venues to expand the reach of participation;
   e. Organizations receiving support from Access for All should reflect the demographics of the communities they serve in their staffs, boards, memberships, audiences and programs; and
   f. Access for All should be administered with transparency and accountability to the public.

9. Access for All funding would allow arts, science and heritage organizations to expand open-to-the-public hours, offer discounted and free admission, award scholarships, participate in public school access programs and build and expand facilities in communities that do not have current facilities for cultural activities.

10. Access for All funding would advance fair and equitable access to arts, science and heritage organizations throughout King County and would remove barriers to access faced by many segments of the county population.

11. Access for All funding would foster the creation and development of new cultural organizations throughout King County, reduce geographic barriers and ensure that all residents have easy access to arts, science and heritage resources.

12. Access for All funding would support the growth and development of arts, science and heritage centers throughout King County to promote healthy and vibrant communities.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings. The council finds and declares that awarding program proceeds to arts, science and heritage organizations as provided in this ordinance is a public purpose within the meaning of Article VII, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution because such expenditure of public moneys will confer a benefit of reasonably general character to a significant part of the public and primarily serves the public interest.

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

A. “Access for All” means the program created by this ordinance for the purpose of enhancing and extending the educational reach and offerings of cultural organizations; ensuring continued and expanded access to the facilities and programs of cultural organizations by underserved populations; and providing financial support for cultural organizations to continue and extend the numerous public benefits they provide.

B. “Access for All fund” means the county fund that would be established and used exclusively for the purposes established by this ordinance.

C. “Administrative costs” means all operating, administrative, and maintenance expenses of the county and 4Culture related to the Access for All program.

D. “Community-based cultural organization” means a cultural organization that can further be characterized as not being a regional cultural organization.

E. “Community heritage organization” means a community-based cultural organization whose primary purpose is the advancement and preservation of anthropology, heritage or natural history and that either:
   1. Primarily serves communities in a council district in which no regional cultural organization has its principal location; or
   2. Has its principal location in King County and whose primary purpose is the preservation of barns, outbuildings and agriculture-related community spaces.

F. “Cultural center” means a geographic area in which cultural organizations and facilities are concentrated, are providing cultural activities that draw attendance and participation from surrounding communities and beyond, and is identified as a target for investment in the

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subarea plans required in section 9.B. in this ordinance.

G. "Cultural organization" means a nonprofit corporation in good standing and incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with its principal location or locations and conducting a majority of its activities within the county, not including: any agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions; any municipal corporation; any organization that raises moneys for redistribution to multiple cultural organizations; or any radio or television broadcasting network or station, cable communications system, internet-based communications venture or service, newspaper, or magazine. The primary purpose of the organization must be the advancement and preservation of science or technology, the visual or performing arts, zoology, botany, anthropology, heritage or natural history and any organization must directly provide programming or experiences available to the general public. Any organization with the primary purpose of advancing and preserving zoology such as a zoo or an aquarium, must be or support a facility that is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or its functional successor.

H. "Equity inclusion public benefits" means the equity inclusion public benefits defined in section 4.A.2. of this ordinance.

I. “Fiscal sponsor” means a community-based cultural organization that receives program moneys and contracts with a sponsored community-based cultural entity pursuant to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and guidelines developed by the program.

J. “4Culture” means the Cultural Development Authority of King County, a public corporation, established by the county under K.C.C. chapter 2.49.

K. "General public benefits" means the general public benefits defined in section 4.A.1. of this ordinance.

L. “Geographic inclusion public benefit” means the public benefit defined in section 4.A.3. of this ordinance.

M. “Non-tax exempt community-based cultural entity” means an organization that would qualify as a community-based cultural organization but for the fact that it is not recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

N. “Proceeds” means the revenue raised by the additional sales and use tax authorized by this ordinance and any interest thereon.

O. “Program” or “the program” means the Access for All program.

P. “Public benefits” means those discernible public benefits, comprised of equity and geographic inclusion public benefits and general public benefits, identified in section 4 of this ordinance.

Q. “Regional cultural organization” means a cultural organization that:

1. Owns, operates or supports cultural facilities or provides performances, exhibits, educational programs, experiences or entertainment, that widely benefit and are broadly attended by the public;

2. Is in good standing as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of Washington, and has been for at least the three years preceding the year in which an allocation of program moneys is to be made to the organization;

3. Has its principal location or locations and conducts the majority of its activities within the county primarily for the benefit of county residents;

4. Has not declared bankruptcy or suspended or substantially curtailed operations for a period longer than six months during the preceding two years;

5. Over the three years preceding the year in which an allocation of program moneys is to be made to the organization, either:
   a. has minimum average annual revenues, annually adjusted for inflation consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW, of at least three million dollars; or
   b. has both average annual revenues, annually adjusted for inflation consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW, of at least one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars and a minimum of fifty thousand annual attendees; and

6. Is financially stable, provides substantial public benefits and has the capacity to demonstrate its status by providing an annual audit of finances and certification of attendance.

R. “Qualified nontraditional/social service and cultural agency” means a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington with its principal location or locations and conducting a majority of its activities within the county that, while not necessarily its primary purpose, devotes a significant portion of its resources to the advancement and preservation of science or technology, the visual or performing arts, zoology, botany, anthropology, heritage or natural history and directly provides programming or experiences available to the general public, but not including: any agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions; any municipal corporation; any organization that raises moneys for redistribution to multiple cultural organizations; or any radio or television broadcasting network or station, cable communications system, internet-based communications venture or service, newspaper or magazine.

S. “Science” includes science or technology.

T. “Sponsored community-based cultural entity” means a non-tax exempt community-based cultural entity or a qualified nontraditional/social service and cultural agency that contracts with a fiscal sponsor for a specific cultural project that provides a public benefit pursuant to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and guidelines developed by the program.

U. “Start-up funding” means administrative costs, including, but not limited to, legal costs, overhead costs and election costs, advanced by the county to the program after the effective date of this ordinance and before tax collections begin with the expectation that the funding will be repaid.

SECTION 3. Access for All program.

A. The county hereby creates the Access for All program. The Access for All program shall contain the following elements:

1. Public school access program, designed to increase public school student access to cultural education opportunities by extending the offerings of cultural organizations both through programs provided at schools and at the facilities and venues of the cultural organizations, including the provision of transportation to facilities and venues;

2. Regional cultural organization access program, which shall annually provide proceeds to regional cultural organizations that:
   a. provide discernible public benefits, and specifically from the range of public benefits in section 4 of this ordinance;
   b. annually provide one or more equity inclusion public benefits and one or more geographic inclusion public benefits;
   c. satisfy the requirements in chapter 36.160 RCW; and
   d. serve a regional audience; and

3. Community-based cultural organization access program, which shall annually, through a competitive process, provide proceeds for community-based cultural organizations that provide one or more discernible public benefits, and are not eligible for proceeds under the regional cultural organization access program.

B.1. The county, through K.C.C. chapters 2.48 and 2.49, has authorized 4Culture to develop, implement and administer cultural programs in the county. According to, and as authorized under RCW 36.160.070, the county elects to consolidate the administration of the program with that of 4Culture to perform the functions required under RCW 36.160.110 consistent with this ordinance and the implementation plan required in section 9 of this ordinance.

2. The county designates 4Culture as the designated public agency for the Access for All program consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW, this ordinance and the implementation plan required in section 9 of
Section 4. Access for All Program Public Benefits

A. All cultural organizations must provide discernible public benefits to receive funding from the program. To be eligible to receive funding regional cultural organizations must provide one or more equity inclusion public benefits, and provide one or more geographic inclusion public benefits. To be eligible to receive funding community-based cultural organizations must provide one or more general public benefits or one or more equity inclusion public benefits. The following are the program’s discernible public benefits:

1. General public benefits. The following public benefits are “general public benefits”:
   a. providing free and low-barrier opportunities for anyone in the county to take part in the region’s cultural life and participate in arts, science and heritage programs;
   b. providing performances and programs throughout the county, directly in and for local communities, or through partnerships between and among regional and community-based cultural organizations, or through partnerships between or among regional and community-based nonprofit corporations or other nonprofit entities;
   c. providing, through technological and other means, services or programs in locations other than where an organization’s own facilities are located;
   d. providing cultural educational programs and experiences both at an organization’s own facilities and in schools and other venues;
   e. broadening cultural programs, performances and exhibitions for the enlightenment and entertainment of the public;
   f. supporting collaborative relationships among cultural organizations in order to extend the reach and impact of cultural organizations for the benefit of the public;
   g. bringing community-based cultural organizations’ facilities and community-based and regional cultural organizations’ programming into compliance with access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
   h. supporting organizations that strive to engage traditional cultures and crafts;
   i. building and expanding cultural facilities for community-based cultural organizations at a scale and size consistent with the county’s and other jurisdictions’ applicable land use policies and development regulations;
   j. presenting free cultural festivals countywide;
   k. providing free events, programing and educational materials that enhance a cultural experience either before or after, or both, attending an exhibit, performance or event;
   l. providing arts, science and heritage career building opportunities for youth through internships and apprenticeships or other means;
   m. establishing partnerships between cultural organizations or other cultural institutions to present new multidisciplinary cultural experiences;
   n. implementing organizational capacity-building projects or activities that a cultural organization can demonstrate, to the reasonable satisfaction of the program, will enhance the ability of the organization to execute community outreach, communications and marketing strategies to attract and engage county residents with opportunities of access to cultural experiences and with emphasis on underserved communities; and
   o. in the case of community-based cultural organizations, implementing organizational capacity-building projects or activities that a cultural organization can demonstrate, to the reasonable satisfaction of the program, will enhance the ability of the organization to continue to provide meaningful public benefits not otherwise achievable;

2. Equity inclusion public benefits. The following public benefits are “equity inclusion public benefits”:
   a. providing free and low-cost attendance to arts, science and heritage organizations and facilities for county residents who have economic and other barriers to access;
   b. providing free access to curriculum-related arts, science
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and heritage programs for public school students throughout the county at
and at cultural sites with emphasis on underserved students;

c. increasing the diversity of staff and governing boards of
cultural organizations to increase opportunities for access to facilities,
programs and services for diverse and underserved populations and
communities, broaden cultural programs, and provide programming that
appeals to diverse populations within the county;

d. increasing investment in programs and organizations that
represent and reflect the diversity of the county; and

e. planning and implementing cultural programs and activities,
or collaborating with cultural organizations in order to extend the reach
and impact of cultural programs, in communities and census tracts that
are underserved, as shall be further defined in the implementation plan
required in section 9 of this ordinance; and

3. Geographic inclusion public benefits. The following public
benefits are “geographic inclusion public benefits”:

a. planning and implementing cultural programs and activities in
cultural centers;

b. partnering with community-based cultural organizations,
through direct investment or in-kind support, on priority projects and
initiatives identified in the subarea plans required by section 9.B. of this
ordinance;

c. providing to communities outside cities in which regional
cultural organizations are primarily located cultural programming either
directly, in partnership with community-based cultural organizations or
public schools, or through means identified in their annual reports required
by section 3.B.5.b. of this ordinance; and

d. providing proceeds to 4Culture to distribute to community-
based cultural organizations for noncapital projects or initiatives under
section 7.F. of this ordinance.

B. Providing equity and geographic inclusion public benefits
is intended to result in meaningful progress toward achievement of the
following equity and inclusion outcomes:

1. Overcoming economic and geographic inequities that limit
access to the arts, science, and heritage experiences by expanding access
to programs and activities at arts, science and heritage organizations in
the county, such that visitors and audiences represent the diversity of the
county;

2. Partnering with local communities by developing and
nurturing relationships with local organizations to create programs and
activities in and for the community;

3. Making the boards, staff, programming, memberships and
audiences of regional cultural organizations more representative of the
diversity existing within the county;

4. Ensuring that the program distributes a total of at least one
million dollars to community-based cultural organizations in each county
council district in each year; and

5. Fostering the emergence and growth of cultural centers
throughout King County.

SECTION 5. Tax imposed, conditioned on voter approval.

A. To provide necessary moneys for the Access for All program
identified in section 3 of this ordinance and conditioned on the specific
authorization of a majority of the voters voting on the proposition
authorized in section 8 of this ordinance, an additional one-tenth of one
percent sales and use tax is hereby levied, fixed and imposed on all taxable
events within the county as defined in chapter 82.08, 82.12 or 82.14 RCW
for seven years. The tax shall be imposed upon and collected from those
persons from whom sales tax or use tax is collected in accordance with
chapter 82.08 or 82.14 RCW, and shall be collected at the rate of one-tenth
of one percent of the selling price, in the case of a sales tax, or value of the
article used, in the case of a use tax. The additional sales and use tax shall
be in addition to all other existing sales and use taxes currently imposed by
the county under chapter 82.14 RCW.

B. If, as a result of the imposition of the additional sales and
use tax authorized in subsection A. of this section, the county imposes
an additional sales and use tax upon sales of lodging in excess of the
limits contained in RCW 82.14.410, the sales shall be exempted from the
imposition of that additional sales and use tax.

SECTION 6. Deposit of tax proceeds.

A. The proceeds of the sales and use tax imposed under section
5 of this ordinance shall be deposited in the Access for All fund and used
solely for the purposes consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW and according
to the implementation plan required in section 9 of this ordinance.

B. The county affirms that any funding similar to the funding
available under this ordinance that the county usually and customarily
provides to cultural organizations shall not be replaced or materially
diminished as a result of funding becoming available under this ordinance.

C. Proceeds from the tax imposed under section 5 of this
ordinance, excepting start-up funding to 4Culture or the county, may not be
distributed until the council by ordinance has approved the implementation
plan required by section 9 of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Use of tax proceeds -- allocations.

A. From the annual tax proceeds, an amount shall first be
reserved for repayment of start-up funding.

B. From the remaining tax proceeds after reserving the amount
required in subsection A. of this section, up to one and one-quarter
percent of total tax proceeds available annually may be used for program
administrative costs incurred by the county and 4Culture.

C.1. From the remaining tax proceeds after reserving the
amounts required in subsections A. and B. of this section, ten percent of
remaining proceeds annually will be used for the public school access
program subject to RCW 36.160.100(2). If funding available under this
program for student transportation is inadequate in any one year due to
more demand for student transportation than available proceeds, then the
annual percentage allocation to the public school cultural access program
may be increased up to twelve percent to provide additional proceeds to
ensure adequate funding of student transportation.

2. The public school access program shall be used to increase
public school student access to the programming offered and facilities
operated by regional and community-based cultural organizations.

3. Funding for public school access activities shall be prioritized
consistent with RCW 36.160.100. To the extent practicable and consistent
with available resources, benefits shall be offered to every public school
in the county. Benefits and opportunities of participation provided to
public schools must be scaled to coincide with the relative percentage of
students who participate in the national free or reduced-price school meals
program.

4. Regional cultural organizations must spend at least twenty
percent of the proceeds received under subsection D. of this section on
the public school access program, including, but not limited to, admissions
for students to cultural facilities and programs and the costs of bringing
curriculum-based art, science and cultural education programs to schools
to deepen the experience for students.

5. The public school access program shall provide proceeds for
transportation for public school students to attend and participate in age-
appropriate programs and activities offered by cultural organizations. After
funding transportation and consistent with RCW 36.160.100, the public
school access program may provide proceeds for district-wide cultural
education plans and district cultural education coordinators and provide
for the development of tools, materials and media by cultural organizations
to ensure that school access programs and activities correlate with school
curricula. Subject to available proceeds, the public school access program
also may provide training for teachers and providers of cultural education
resources, including artists, historians, and scientists, as part of the
development of such tools, materials and media to help ensure that such
programs and activities correlate with school curricula.

D.1. From the remaining tax proceeds after reserving the
amounts required in subsections A., B. and C. of this section, the program will annually distribute seventy percent of the proceeds to eligible regional cultural organizations through an annual ranking by the combined size of their average annual revenues and their average annual attendance, both over the three preceding years, in which attendance has twice the weight of revenues.

2. Proceeds must be distributed among eligible organizations in ranked order such that an organization with a higher ranking receives higher funding provided, however, that no organization may receive proceeds in excess of fifteen percent of its average annual revenues over the three preceding years. Proceeds must be used to support cultural and educational activities, programs and initiatives, public benefits and communications and basic operations of cultural organizations under the regional cultural organization access program consistent with RCW 36.160.110(2), including the requirement that at least twenty percent of each regional cultural organization access program be dedicated to participation in the public school access program as described in subsection C. of this section. Proceeds distributed to regional cultural organizations under this subsection may not be used for capital expenditures or acquisitions including, but not limited to, the acquisition of or the construction of improvements to real property.

3. Regional cultural organizations shall expend at least fifteen percent of their awards towards equity inclusion public benefits and at least fifteen percent of their awards towards geographic inclusion public benefits. In lieu of funding some or all geographic inclusion public benefits directly, regional cultural organizations also shall be allowed to provide 4Culture with any amount of their award, with a target of at least 7.5 percent, to support the community-based cultural organization programs or projects funded under subsection F. of this section. The implementation plan required in section 9 of this ordinance shall provide guidelines for how regional cultural organizations will satisfy their equity and geographic inclusion public benefit requirements and make meaningful progress towards equity and inclusion outcomes, specifically including encouraging organizations to expand their geographic reach countywide by making at least half of their geographic inclusion public benefit investments collectively with other regional cultural organizations through a process established therefor and administered by 4Culture. Such proceeds may not be used for capital purposes.

E. From the remaining tax proceeds after reserving the amount required in subsections A., B., C. and D. of this section, including, but not limited to, proceeds not distributed to regional cultural organizations because of the fifteen percent of annual revenue limit or the ranking requirement or otherwise, not more than eight percent shall be distributed annually to 4Culture for administrative costs of the Access for All program.

F.1. From the remaining tax proceeds after reserving the amount required in subsections A., B., C., D. and E. of this section, including, but not limited to, proceeds not distributed to regional cultural organizations because of the fifteen percent of annual revenue limit or the ranking requirement or otherwise and proceeds contributed to 4Culture for distribution to community-based cultural organizations and development of cultural centers under subsection D.3. of this section, all remaining proceeds will be distributed annually to community-based cultural organizations through a competitive process to be used to support: cultural and educational activities, programs and initiatives; public benefits and communications; basic operations; capital expenditures or acquisitions; and technology, equipment and supplies reasonably related to or necessary for a project funded under the community-based cultural organization program and consistent with RCW 36.160.110(2), including, but not limited to, seed money for a community-based cultural organization to fund start-up expenses of new cultural organizations.

2. The proceeds for the uses in subsection F.1. of this section shall be distributed annually through competitive processes as follows:
   a. at least ten percent shall be distributed as seed money to foster the creation of new cultural organizations and development of cultural centers; b. make distributions to community heritage organizations such that proceeds to these organizations total at least four million five hundred thousand dollars annually, or a lesser amount after subtracting the value of programs and partnerships to such organizations provided by regional cultural organizations. If proceeds remain after distribution to eligible community heritage organizations for eligible programs and projects, these funds must be distributed to community-based cultural organizations in communities in a council district in which no regional cultural organization has its principal location;
   c. remaining proceeds shall be distributed for operations, capital expenditures, projects and capacity building for all other eligible community-based cultural organizations; and
   d. no proceeds received from regional cultural organizations shall be expended for capital expenditures.

3. The program shall make distributions under this subsection F. such that program proceeds for community-based cultural organizations in each council district totals at least one million dollars in each year.

G. The program may grant proceeds to a fiscal sponsor for the purpose of contracting with a sponsored community-based cultural entity for specific activities or uses approved by the program, but only if the fiscal sponsor: retains control and discretion as to the use of the proceeds; maintains records establishing that the proceeds were used for purposes authorized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and limits distributions to specific projects of sponsored community-based cultural entities that are in furtherance of the fiscal sponsor’s own exempt purposes. Such a fiscal sponsor may provide program moneys to a sponsored community-based cultural entity only if the specific projects of the sponsored community-based cultural entity provide or continue to provide public benefits identified in section 3 of this ordinance. A fiscal sponsor shall be fully responsible and liable for the completion of the specific projects of the sponsored community-based cultural entity provided program moneys under this ordinance and the provision of public benefits by such a specific project.

H. 4Culture shall develop guidelines to be approved by the King County council for eligible expenditures for each program component identified in section 3 of this ordinance. The guidelines must be consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW and this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election on August 1, 2017, to consider a proposition approving the imposition for seven years, an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent 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 King County director of elections in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION:__ The County Council adopted ordinance XXXXX to establish and fund a cultural access program. If approved, this proposition would fund public school and cultural organization access programs. The programs would increase free or discounted tickets for students and low-income persons to arts, science, and heritage programs and advance equitable access across King County. It would also have dedicated transportation funds for public school students and cultural education in public schools. The program would be funded by an increase in the county sales tax 1/10th of 1 percent for 7 years beginning January 1, 2018. Should this proposition be:

__ Approved
__ Rejected

SECTION 9. Implementation plan.

If the sales and use tax is approved by the voters, then the program will develop and provide to the county executive a King County Access for All program implementation plan. The county executive, in consultation with 4Culture, shall transmit the implementation plan and an ordinance to approve the plan to the council within ninety days of
the certification of the election approving the sales and use tax. The implementation plan shall be effective upon approval by ordinance. The executive, in consultation with 4Culture, may propose amendments to the implementation plan, including but not limited to program descriptions or guidelines. The council also may initiate amendment of the implementation plan. Any amendments shall be effective upon approval by ordinance. The initial implementation plan shall include the following:

A.1. Itemization of any startup costs incurred or to be incurred by 4Culture or the county.

2. Detailed program descriptions of the major elements of the Access for All program, which are the public school access program, the regional cultural organization access program, the community-based cultural organization access program and a framework for 4Culture administration of all programs.

3. The public school access program description shall include:
   a. an overall summary of the public school access program and fund allocation within this portion of the Access for All program;
   b. a description of district and school teacher training components of the public school access program including timeline and expected costs and outcomes;
   c. a description of the goals, priorities and process for the public school transportation program that includes start-up timeline, communications strategy and respective roles that school districts, school teachers, cultural organizations’ education programs and 4Culture will play in planning and delivery of the public school access program; and
   d. a description of goals, priorities, and strategies for delivering the cultural organization’s in-school and in-community education programs.

4. The regional cultural organization access program description shall include:
   a. an overall summary of the regional organization access program and fund allocation within this portion of the Access for All program;
   b. guidelines for regional cultural organizations to expend at least fifteen percent of their awards towards equity inclusion public benefits and at least fifteen percent of their awards towards geographic inclusion public benefits, and a plan to assist regional cultural organizations in using their awards to make meaningful progress towards the equity and inclusion outcomes;
   c. an explanation of attendance and revenue requirements and resources for regional organizations to use in reporting eligible revenue and attendance, including, but not limited to, guidelines for establishing attendance and revenue for the initial three transition years of the program;
   d. a description of the process and reports for determining the baseline standard of continuous performance of public benefits provided, a description of guidelines for providing the equity and geographic inclusion public benefits and general public benefits consistent with RCW 36.160.090 and this ordinance;
   e. a public benefit reporting framework for regional cultural organizations that includes standards for reports describing the organization’s success in providing:
      (1) general public benefits as anticipated in the organization’s prior report;
      (2) equity and geographic inclusion public benefits that resulted in progress towards achievement of equity and inclusion outcomes as anticipated in the organization’s prior report; and
      (3) a preview of the general public benefits, equity and geographic inclusion public benefits and equity and inclusion outcomes that the organization plans to provide in the coming year;
   f. a public school access reporting framework for regional cultural organizations to use in describing their participation in the public school educational activities as anticipated in the organization’s prior report and a preview of the public school educational programs they intend to provide in the coming year;
   g. a description of initial application procedures, including review by an eligibility panel made up of at least nine members recommended one each by each county councilmember, that will be used for the regional cultural organization access program to verify whether an organization is eligible for the program; and
   h. a description of procedures to distribute awards annually and contracting and payment process and procedures for assuring transparency, accountability and compliance in administering the awards, all consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW and this ordinance.

5. The community-based organization access program description shall include:
   a. an overall summary of the community-based organization access program and fund allocation within this portion of the Access for All program for operating, project, capital, initiative and other funding pools, including the development of cultural centers, and seed money to foster the creation of new cultural organizations;
   b. criteria for awarding funds to either eligible community-based organizations, including provisions allowing fiscal sponsorship of non-tax exempt community-based cultural entities, or qualified nontraditional/social service and cultural agencies, or both, for defined cultural project funding such that the program achieves funding for cultural programs and organizations in each council district totaling at least one million dollars in each year, a description of criteria for awards to community heritage organizations and description of criteria for increasing awards for community-based cultural organizations that either are organized of, and for communities and census tracts that are underserved or provide significant equity inclusion public benefits, or both;
   c. procedures for conducting competitive processes for supporting community-based organizations’ operations, projects, capital and equipment programs and initiatives, and procedures for ensuring transparency, accountability and compliance, all consistent with chapter 36.160 RCW;
   d. a description of the community-based organization access program’s countywide technical assistance and communications plan to promote broad participation by community-based cultural organizations;
   e. descriptions of the community-based organization annual application, panel and approval process for awarding grants; the program will design the process to minimize the burden it places on applicant community-based organizations and will work to improve that process continuously from year to year; and
   f. description of contract and payment process for community-based cultural organization grants;

B.1. A countywide cultural equity plan and four subarea plans as described in this subsection. The plans are intended to articulate a vision, establish goals, identify priority projects and initiatives and provide recommendations for achieving the intended cultural access improvements over time.

2. The countywide cultural equity plan shall be developed with input from regional cultural organizations, community-based cultural organizations, school districts, and the 4Culture advisory committee whose purpose is to advise, monitor and provide oversight for achieving the equity outcomes associated with the program. The plan must include:
   a. recommendations for how public school access proceeds can be scaled to coincide with the relative percentage of students who participate in the national free or reduced-price school meals program;
   b. recommendations for how regional cultural organizations can provide equity inclusion public benefits in a manner that contributes to the equity and inclusion outcomes described in section 4.B. of this ordinance;
   c. a description of criteria for making awards of up to thirty percent of an community-based cultural organization’s budget for
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community-based cultural organizations that either are organized of, by
and for communities and census tracts that face cultural and economic
barriers to access; that provide significant equity inclusion public benefits
or both.

3. Cultural opportunity and access expansion plans for
four county subareas, the north, suburban east, rural east (east of the
contiguous urban growth boundary) and south as shall be further defined
in the implementation plan, shall be developed with input from cultural
organizations, cities, public schools, and the county councilmembers
representing the subareas. Each such a subarea plan must include
strategies to:
   a. develop multiple cultural centers within each subarea,
      including within the unincorporated area;
   b. use seed money to establish new cultural organizations; and
   c. accomplish the plans’ visions and goals by leveraging Access
      for All funding with other funding sources, such as private donations,
grants and future hotel-motel tax proceeds that will be available in 2021,
recognizing that the hotel-motel tax proceeds will continue to be used by
some grantees and for some purposes not served by the Access for All
program.

4. 4Culture shall use the plans to:
   a. guide its work with regional cultural organizations in
developing contractual obligations for the use of proceeds spent on equity
and geographic inclusion public benefits;
   b. identify opportunities to foster growth of cultural centers
outside the city of Seattle, including ways for regional cultural organizations
to participate in fostering such growth through partnerships, direct
contributions administered through 4Culture and contribution of in-kind
support and technical expertise; and
   c. guide the establishment of criteria and guidelines for
the competitive processes for distribution of community-based cultural
organization access program proceeds.

5. The plans in subsections B.2. and B.3. of this section along
with motions to approve them must be transmitted by the executive in
consultation with 4Culture to the council by the completion date identified
in the implementation plan and shall be effective upon approval by motion;

C. Description of any additional guidelines, consistent with
chapter 36.160 RCW as the program deems necessary or appropriate for
determining the eligibility of prospective regional cultural organizations or
of prospective community-based cultural organizations to receive funding
and for establishing the amount of funding any organization may receive;

D. Proposed policies that outline how fluctuations in revenue
collections will impact the allocation process, cultural organization eligibility
and reporting requirements.

E. The establishment of a 4Culture advisory committee whose
purpose is to advise, monitor and provide oversights for achieving the
equity and inclusion outcomes associated with the program. The size
and operation of the advisory council shall be defined, and at least nine
members of this committee must be recommended one each by each of
the nine county councilmembers and confirmed by the King County council;
and

F. A proposed annual reporting framework between 4Culture
and the county that includes:
   1. A fiscal report of the distribution of proceeds, including a
breakdown by council district;
   2. A report on the number of people served by Access for All
funded programs, including a breakdown by county council district;
   3. A performance report on each funded regional cultural
organization’s success in providing discernable public benefits as
anticipated in the organization’s prior annual report;
   4. A report on the preview of the public benefits each funded
regional cultural organization’s plan to provide in the coming year;
   5. A performance report of each funded regional cultural
organization’s participation in the public school cultural access program as
anticipated in the organization’s prior annual report and a preview of each
funded regional cultural organization’s planned participation in the public
school cultural access program in the coming year;

6. A performance report on each funded community-based
regional cultural organization’s discernable public benefits; and

7. A management report identifying any proposed changes to
the program panel process, eligibility guidelines, or reporting requirements.

SECTION 10. Ordinance 14482, Section 7, as amended, and
K.C.C. 2.49.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The charter of the cultural development authority, as set forth in
Attachment A to Ordinance 14482, is hereby approved.
The clerk of the council shall, within ten days of the
10. Ordinance 14482, Section 7, as amended, and
the effective date of this ordinance, issue the charter in duplicate originals
the county council and the clerk of the county
executive on behalf of the cultural development authority. The county
may amend the charter by ordinance after providing notice to and an
opportunity for the directors to be heard and present testimony.

SECTION 11. 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 August 1, 2017, and any other act consistent with
the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby
ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 12. 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 18513 was introduced on 4/17/2017 and passed as amended by
the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/1/2017, by the following vote:
Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr.
Dembowski, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
No: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Mr. Upthegrove
Excused: 0
Across
6. You should update this whenever you move, change your name or your signature has changed.
9. You can find the closest ballot drop box to you online at kingcounty.gov/__________.
10. Ballot drop boxes for this election are open _______ hours beginning on July 13th.
12. King County Elections staff look at the ___________ on every ballot to make sure it was voted by the voter.
13. You can _______ and return your ballot as early as the day you receive it.
16. Stay connected with King County Elections with Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and our blog at www.__________.com.
19. You can _______ the progress of your ballot on the King County Elections website.
21. Ballots must be turned into a ballot drop box before _____ p.m. on Election Day.
23. You can register to vote at our Voter Registration _______ in downtown Seattle.
24. Election Day is __________ 1st.
25. You must use a first class _______ to mail back your ballot.

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1. Voters in the _______ and voters living in other countries have their ballots mailed to them earlier than other voters.
2. Your _____ should arrive by July 17th.
3. If you do not receive your ballot, you can _____ King County Elections to request a new one.
4. King County Elections provides voting materials in _____ different languages.
5. Ballots returned through the U.S. Postal Service must be _______ by Election Day.
7. You should always read these before marking your ballot.
8. _______ are posted at 8:15 p.m. on Election Day and updated daily until the election is certified.
11. Overseas and service voters can access their ballot _______.
14. If you receive a call, email or letter from King County Elections, make sure to respond quickly so that your ballot can be _______.
15. King County has over 1.24 million _________ registered voters.
17. Remove the _____ at the top of the ballot and keep the “I voted!” portion or recycle it.
18. You must _______ your return envelope before returning your ballot.
20. Voters who may need assistance completing their ballot can vote at one of the _________ voting centers.
22. Remember to vote both _____ of your ballot.

Answers on next page.
Results will be posted by 8:15 p.m. on election night, August 1 on our website: kingcounty.gov/elections

Results will continue to be updated until the election is certified on August 15. The results posting schedule is also available on our website.

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