November 6, 2018 General and Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



1 Your ballot will arrive by October 22

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From the Director

Dear Friends,

As we head into this mid-term election, I encourage you to think about all those who fought and even died for your right to have your voice heard. While the first presidential election was held on January 7, 1789, white women didn't get the vote until 1920; Native Americans weren't granted citizenship until 1924; and the Voting Rights Act wasn't passed until 1965. Each of these momentous historical moments came with a cost. Those individuals believed that the right to vote was so fundamental, so significant, that they were willing to risk everything for it. This November 6, let's not forget their sacrifices.

At the same time, the battle is not over and in many parts of the country we've been losing ground on voting rights legislation, not gaining. However, I'm extremely proud that here in Washington, and specifically King County, we're moving in the right direction. Because of the actions of our legislators in Olympia, same day voter registration, automatic voter registration and pre-registration for 16 and 17-year-olds will be coming your way next year. Here in King County, and hopefully statewide, you will no longer need a stamp to return your ballot.

In many ways, it's easier than ever to register and vote. Your ballot arrives at your door weeks before it's due. You can fill it out at your leisure and send it back postage free or use one of our more than 60 ballot drop boxes. You can register online in minutes. Just because it's easy, doesn't mean you should take it for granted. Honor those who fought for our right to vote by making sure your voice is heard this November.

Voting tips

Filling out your ballot

You can use any color of pen to complete your ballot.

Signing your envelope

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope so your ballot can be counted!

Returning your ballot

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 6.

You can also return your ballot at one of our 66 ballot drop box locations listed on pages 8 - 9 of this pamphlet. **Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 6.**

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You will receive **two** voters' pamphlets

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Email elections@kingcounty.gov

Online kingcounty.gov/elections

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

In-person: Open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057

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

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Register to vote

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

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID.
- Print and mail a registration form at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.
- In person at the King County Elections office or at the Elections Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the November 6, 2018 General Election are:

- October 8 Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- October 29 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.

There are other ways to vote besides voting by mail.

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 voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, the voter may mark their ballot on a computer and print it out. Make sure your ballot is postmarked or returned to a drop box by Election Day. Drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Accessible Voting Centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Mail ballots can also be dropped off at any voting center, when open.

Locations		Hours of operation	
Bellevue	Bellevue Regional Library 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004	Monday, Nov. 5 10 a.m 5 p.m.	
_		Election Day, Nov. 6 9 a.m 8 p.m.	
Kent	Kent Library 212 2nd Ave N, 98032	Thursday, Nov. 1 10 a.m 5 p.m.	
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, Oct. 17 - Nov. 5 8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m.	
		Election Day, Nov. 6 8:30 a.m 8 p.m.	
Seattle	Washington Talking Book & Braille Library 2021 9th Ave, 98121	Friday, Nov. 2 10 a.m 5 p.m.	
	Elections Annex King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave, Room 440, 98104	Weekdays, Oct. 17 - Nov. 5 8:30 a.m 4:30 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 6 8:30 a.m 8 p.m.	

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

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

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, November 6.

Return your ballot without a stamp at a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning October 18 and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 6.

Auburn	Lake Forest Park	
Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002	Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155	
New Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th Street NE, 98001	Maple Valley	
Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building,	Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038	
39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092	* Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-	
Bellevue	Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038	
Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004	Mercer Island	
Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St, 98008	Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, 98040	
new Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, 98006	Newcastle	
Bothell	Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056	
Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011	Normandy Park	
Burien	new Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148	
Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168	North Bend	
Burien Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and SW 152nd St), 480 SW 152nd St, 98166	new North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045	
Covington	Pacific	
Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042	Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047	
Des Moines	Redmond	
* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S),	* Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052	
2400 S 240th St, 98198	* Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, 98052	
Duvall	Renton	
* Duvall Police Department/Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019	Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058	
Enumclaw	* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	
Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022	* Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056	
Fall City	Sammamish	
Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024	Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075	
Federal Way	SeaTac	
Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188	
Issaquah	Shoreline	
Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027	Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155	
Kenmore	Snoqualmie	
Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Boulevard SE, 98065	
Kent	Tukwila	
Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031	* Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168	
Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032	Vashon	
Kirkland	Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW, 98070	
Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034	Woodinville	
Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033	Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072	

Seattle drop boxes:

Ballard	Northgate		
Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and 22nd Ave NW, 98107	North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103		
Beacon Hill	Queen Anne		
Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144	new * Seattle Pacific University Bookstore,		
NewHolly Neighborhood Campus,	310 W Bertona St, 98119		
7054 32nd Ave S, 98118	Rainier Valley		
Broadview/Greenwood	Rainier Beach Community Center,		
Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133	8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118		
Bryn Mawr-Skyway	Sand Point/Laurelhurst		
Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178	* Magnuson Park (near The Brig), 6344 NE 74th St, 98115		
Capitol Hill	South Lake Union		
Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122	South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109		
Central District	South Park		
Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122	South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108		
Columbia City	University District		
Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118	University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by North entrance on NE 41st St), 1410 NE Campus Parkway, 98195		
Downtown			
King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104	West Seattle/Delridge		
Fremont/Wallingford	Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116		
Waterway 19 Park (next to Gas Works Park), 2119 N Northlake Way, 98103	High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126		
Green Lake/Phinney	White Center		
Green Lake Community Center,	White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146		
7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115	* Drive-up ballot drop boxes		
International District			
Uwajimaya, 619 6th Ave S, 98104			
Lake City			
Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125			
Magnolia			

* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199

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Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2018)
Prosecuting Attorney (elected by all voters in King County)	Represents the state and county in criminal matters, prosecutes felonies in the county and some misdemeanors, serves as legal counsel for county officials, and oversees the Family Support Division, which includes establishing paternity and child support.	4	\$199,685
District Court Judge (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Hears and decides misdemeanor criminal cases, civil cases where damages amount to less than \$50,000, small claims, traffic cases and requests for domestic violence protection orders.	4	\$161,092
Seattle Municipal Court Judge (elected by voters in the city)	Hears and decides misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes, including domestic violence, DUI, traffic infractions, parking tickets and littering.	4	\$153,037

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

About the Washington General Election

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

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

More about the Top 2 Primary at www.vote.wa.gov.

Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Public Disclosure Commission www.pdc.wa.gov Toll Free 1-877-601-2828



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Prosecuting Attorney

Dan Satterberg

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Education: BA, University of Washington. JD, University of Washington School of Law.

Occupation: King County Prosecuting Attorney

Statement: In over a decade as your elected Prosecuting Attorney, I have brought leadership, sound judgment, and a track record of progressive reform. Public safety and justice for all are at the center of the work I do alongside a team of 500 professionals. Our office is nationally recognized for innovation and excellence—especially protecting the elderly, youth and other vulnerable King County residents.

We prosecute those who commit violent crimes, obtaining sentences that ensure public safety while respecting Constitutional rights. We support victims by removing firearms from homes where domestic violence is present, providing access to civil legal aid and legal advocates to help victims through the court process.

We have a proven track record of criminal justice reform through community partnerships that build alternatives to the courtroom and address racial disproportionality. Complex social issues come to us for solutions, and we work together to develop strategies to promote mental health, offer help to people addicted to drugs, and support veterans. We've significantly reduced youth incarceration by diverting youth to community-led accountability programs that change behavior and keep kids in school. I co-chair the Statewide Reentry Council, reducing recidivism by helping people build productive lives after serving their sentence.

I am proud to be endorsed by: The Alliance for Gun Responsibility; former Governors Locke and Gregoire; Attorney General Ferguson; former Attorney General McKenna; Executive Dow Constantine; Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht; all nine members of the King County Council; the mayors of Seattle, Auburn, Bellevue, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Kirkland, Renton; 19 retired Superior Court judges; and several Democratic organizations.

I am a lifelong resident of King County, graduating from Highline High School and UW. I'm a husband and father, and I've dedicated my career to serving the people of King County. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Daron Morris

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Education: BA, University of Michigan, 1995; JD, New York University, 1998

Occupation: Attorney

Statement: The Prosecutor's Office must provide justice and safety to every King County resident. That cannot happen if our Prosecutor perpetuates harms against marginalized communities, while excusing abuses by the powerful.

Today, our justice system bears little resemblance to its democratic ideals. Our jails are disproportionately filled by the poor, the mentally ill, and people of color. Justice is chronically delayed and our tax dollars are wasted. Over 95% of cases are decided by guilty plea, often coercively and against the innocent. We pursue long sentences in cases where doing so is unnecessary, costly and harmful; yet we simultaneously fail to hold some of the worst abusers accountable.

Real reform means addressing these problems at their root, not around the edges. As Prosecutor, I will immediately end the money bail system so that neither wealth nor the bail bond industry determines who sits in jail. I will consistently prosecute crimes of violence and abuse, to protect our most vulnerable residents. I will deploy resources efficiently to eradicate delay. I will keep kids out of jails. I will bargain cases fairly. I will work to eliminate systemic racism from our justice system. Accountability is not a one-way street. For people to be held accountable to law enforcement, law enforcement must be held accountable to the people. I am prepared to lead us forward. I have served King County for twenty years as a public defender, with nearly half of that time in leadership positions. I am a parent of three wonderful children who attend our public schools. I volunteer every week with Crisis Connections, where I field suicide and other crisis calls. Endorsements: The 30th, 31st, 33rd, 36th, 37th, 43rd, and 46th District Democrats; Our Revolution - Ballard; Washington State Progressive Caucus; Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. More updated at our website.

Marcus Naylor

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Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University Law School, BA, Trinity Lutheran College

Occupation: Supervising Attorney King County DPD, Judge Pro Tem -District Court

Statement: Marcus Naylor received the highest judicial rating - "*Exceptionally Well Qualified*"- from King County Bar Association, Latino/a Bar, LGBT-QLaw, and Joint Asian Bar Associations of Washington.

Marcus is endorsed by retiring Judge Janet Garrow who currently holds the seat, the King County Democratic Party, King County Labor Council, King County Corrections Guild, Seattle Marshal's Guild, over 35 Judges from King County, Supreme Court Justices Barbara Madsen and Mary Yu, and 50+ attorneys, clerks, and bailiffs.

Judges must possess mastery of the law and the courage to make difficult decisions. Marcus brings 26 years of unmatched criminal and civil experience as an attorney and part-time judge; he has earned a reputation for being fair, impartial, compassionate, and tough when appropriate. *"Marcus Naylor will be an excellent judge because of his experience, intelligence and commitment to equal justice"* - Judge Theresa Doyle, King County Superior Court.

Marcus was born in South Korea, lived in an orphanage until nine, then was adopted by loving American parents who were educators. With their support, Marcus became a public defender attorney and has faithfully served the public by ensuring access to justice for everyone. Marcus will treat everyone with dignity, patience and respect.

Joshua Schaer

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

Occupation: Attorney, Perkins Coie; Judge Pro Tem, King County District Court

Statement: Joshua Schaer's record of serving the Eastside makes him *our community's choice* for this open judicial position.

Experience – 8 years on the Issaquah City Council protecting the environment and affordable housing while balancing budgets, 11 years Judge Pro Tem service, 17-year legal career in public defense and civil practice, Sunday School teaching, volunteering at Skyline HS, Bellevue College.

Local Support – Judges and Eastside leaders ask you to vote for Joshua Schaer: Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib, former Attorney General Rob McKenna, Supreme Court Justice Bobbe Bridge (ret.), Superior Court Judge Jean Rietschel, District Court Judge Peter Nault, Sen. Lisa Wellman, Rep. Judy Clibborn, Rep. Roger Goodman, Mayor Amy Walen, Councilmember Bill Ramos. *Nonpartisan endorsements*: Bellevue/Issaquah - former Mayors Grant Degginger, Fred Butler; Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson; Councilmembers John Stokes, Stacy Goodman, Chris Reh, Tola Marts. Kirkland/Woodinville - Councilmembers Dave Asher, Susan Boundy-Sanders. *Endorsing organizations*: King County Young Democrats, 5th and 48th District Democrats. *"Well Qualified" ratings*: QLaw, Latino/a and Joint Asian Bar Associations.

Integrity – Joshua has built a reputation of promoting justice for all. The legal community knows Joshua listens carefully, treats everyone respectfully, and decides matters thoughtfully. As Judge, Joshua's commitment to fairness will enhance our Court.

Ketu Shah

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Education: JD, University of Minnesota; BA, Whitman College

Occupation: NE District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Shah has served as one of your NE District Court judges for over 5 years. He has 24 years of public and private experience. Dedicated to providing fair and just outcomes, Judge Shah presides over the Regional Mental Health Court and Regional Veterans Court. Judge Shah models a collaborative approach in dealing with mental health and criminal justice issues. By providing access to services including medication, treatment, housing and clinicians, the Court creates pathways for recovery and reduces recidivism. Judge Shah oversees a therapeutic response to support our veterans rebuild their lives and assist in their recovery.

Judge Shah has a record of fairness, independence, and hard work. In court, he treats everyone equally with respect and dignity. On the Executive Committee, Judge Shah helps effectively manage the Court's resources and ensure our courts are accessible for our entire community. He is a faculty member and teaches future judges on ethics and mental health issues.

The son of immigrants from India, Judge Shah has lived in Washington with his family for over 30 years. A committed community volunteer, Judge Shah is a former soccer coach and vice president of his local youth soccer club.

Judge Position No. 3

Lisa O'Toole

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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

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

Judge O'Toole brings to the District Court bench over 30 years of experience practicing law and trying cases, both as a former prosecuting attorney and as a former civil attorney in private practice.

Judge O'Toole is a life-long resident of Washington. She lives with her husband and children in east King County. Judge O'Toole is an active volunteer on many judicial committees and in our community.

Judge O'Toole is endorsed by Supreme Court, Appellate, Superior, District and Municipal Court Judges and has broad, bipartisan support, including King County Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert, Reagan Dunn; State Representative Joan McBride; Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen; Bellevue Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson; King County Democrats; 5th, 41st, and 48th LD Democrats; National Women's Political Caucus.

Judge O'Toole would be honored to continue to serve our community as a King County District Court Judge and respectfully asks for your vote.

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Judge Position No. 4

Peter L. Nault

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Education: BA Business Administration, UW 1976; Juris Doctorate, Gonzaga University, 1979

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Thank-you for allowing me to serve you as your local district court judge. It is an honor to be able to continue in that capacity and I can assure you that your rights will be protected, you will be heard and you will be treated with respect, dignity and fairness. I will continue to provide what you would expect from a judge: integrity, fairmindedness, independence and someone who will dispense justice. I con only pledge that I will continue to provide the best judicial services to our community.

Judge Position No. 5

David A. Steiner

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Education: JD, Seattle University; BA, University of Washington; Graduate, Lake Washington High School.

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court.

Statement: It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of King County as a district court judge for the past 22 years.

As a judge I endeavor to improve the courts, increase my knowledge of the law and develop a better understanding of each individual who appears before me. I have served as President of the District and Municipal Court Judge's Association and as the Presiding Judge for the King County District Court. While serving as the Presiding Judge I led the team that created our King County Domestic Violence Court, helped create our Work Crew jail alternative, and co-chaired the committee that recommended we create the King County Community Center for Alternative Programs day reporting program.

I have taught new judges at the Washington State Judicial College and assisted training judges concerning important issues related to domestic violence at the national level. For many years I have also volunteered for Kid's Court and as a mentor for Kirkland's International Community School Mock Trial team. Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as one of your judges.

Michael Finkle

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Education: B.B.A., Loyola Marymount University (1978); J.D., UCLA School of Law (I981); M.B.A., Seattle University (1995).

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: Judge Michael Finkle has served as a King County District Court Judge since 2010. He has a proven record of helping to improve the criminal justice system, and is highly respected for his legal expertise and leadership.

Judge Finkle is currently working to create a Youth Court at the Redmond Courthouse. In 2012, he chaired the group that created the Regional Veterans Court within the King County District Court, and in 1998 he helped form Seattle Municipal Mental Health Court.

Judge Finkle has shared his knowledge with judges, attorneys and law students. He has published nationally and statewide about therapeutic justice and mental competency to stand trial. Judge Finkle has taught for the National and the Washington State Judicial Colleges, the Washington State Bar Association, and Seattle University School of Law.

Judge Finkle currently serves on a number of statewide boards and committees. He is a member of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) and the Judicial Assistance Services Program. He is part of a committee preparing a mental health civil commitment guidebook for judges. Judge Finkle chairs the committee responsible for preparing forms regarding mental competency to stand trial, and serves on the DMCJA's therapeutic courts committee.

Judge Position No. 7

Donna Tucker

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

Occupation: Chief Presiding Judge King County District Court

Statement: Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community for the past eight years. I consider it a privilege to serve as a King County District Court judge and I appreciate your vote of support. I have enjoyed my work as the Chief Presiding Judge, cooperating with the other judges and the Court Administration staff to fulfill the Court Mission: *To provide an accessible forum for the fair, efficient and understandable resolution of civil and criminal cases and maintaining an atmosphere of respect for the dignity of individuals.*

I will continue to uphold and promote the *Independence*, *Integrity*, and *Impartiality* of the Court. I have strived to perform my duties competently, and diligently while applying the law fairly and impartially with an objective and open mind. I allow every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding before me, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law. I will continue to be *Patient*, *Dignified* and *Courteous* to everyone with whom I meet as a judge and I will expect the same conduct of everyone working in or for the courts.

You may find helpful information on all judicial candidates at: Votingforjudges.org

Joe Campagna

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

Occupation: State and federal trial attorney and Judge Pro Tem

Statement: Joe Campagna is an accomplished trial attorney who represents ordinary people. He practices in state and federal courts handling a great variety of criminal and civil cases. He also serves as a Judge Pro Tem in District and Municipal Courts. Joe is the *only* candidate rated *"Exceptionally Well Qualified"* by five independent Bar Associations.

Joe believes that judges should treat everyone with respect – *everyone* – no matter what their circumstances. Joe is known for his calm, patient demeanor and will be the kind of judge we deserve – experienced and professional.

As our communities change, the challenges posed by addiction, mental illness and homelessness will require innovative solutions. Joe has the experience, energy, and broad community support to make our court part of those solutions.

Endorsements: 50+ judges; all nine Washington Supreme Court justices; Shoreline and Lake Forest Park Councilmembers Scully, McConnell, McGlashan, Roberts, Chang, Phillips, Kassover; Kenmore Mayor David Baker and Deputy Mayor Nigel Herbig; Sen. Maralyn Chase; Reps. Ruth Kagi, Cindy Ryu, Javier Valdez, Gerry Pollet; County Councilmember Rod Dembowski; King County Democrats; 32nd and 46th LD Democrats; Metropolitan Democratic Club; MLKC Labor Council; IAM 751; Painters & Allied Trades; PNW Regional Council of Carpenters; ATU 587

Les Ponomarchuk

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Education: Seattle University School of Law graduate; University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts; Ingraham High School

Occupation: Superior Court Commissioner, King County Superior Court, 20 years

Statement: Commissioner Les Ponomarchuk is uniquely qualified for Shoreline District Court Judge because of his experience, integrity, and record of accomplishment as a judicial officer. Born and raised in north King County, Les is a proud and involved member of our local community.

For the past 20 years, Les has served with distinction as a Superior Court Commissioner. In fact, Les was the first criminal law Commissioner in King County. On the Bench, Les has presided over more than 80,000 cases in virtually every area of the law handling heavy, critical caseloads. Commissioner Ponomarchuk's record of judicial experience, while ensuring access to justice, is simply unmatched by his opponent in this important election.

Throughout his career, Les has earned an excellent reputation on the Bench for his fairness, objectivity, and dedication to the law in court and in the community. And, that's precisely why so many judges, commissioners, and community leaders are supporting Les Ponomarchuk.

As our next Shoreline District Court Judge, we can count on Les to bring a new, vigorous, and balanced approach to the Court. Les Ponomarchuk is the experienced choice - the best choice - for Shoreline District Court. We humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.

Marcine Anderson

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Education: JD, Suffolk University Law School; BA, University of Oregon

Occupation: Judge – King County District Court, Shoreline, Position No. 2

Statement: Judge Marcine Anderson joined the King County District Court in 2010 when she was unanimously appointed by the King County Council. She was then elected by the people of Kenmore, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline in 2010 and again in 2014. Judge Anderson was elected by her fellow judges to serve as the Presiding Judge for the West Division of the King County District Court for two year terms in 2014 and 2016.

"As the first Asian American and first woman judge elected to the Shoreline District Court I bring an important perspective to the court. I follow the rule of law, make decisions that show compassion and common sense and believe that courts must be accessible to everyone. I ask for your vote of support and thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you."

Judge Marcine Anderson is honored to be endorsed by every justice on the Washington Supreme Court and by judges at all levels of courts in the State of Washington. She is endorsed by the 32nd and 46th Legislative District Democrats and the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. King County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

Southeast Electoral District Court

Judge Position No. 1

Jason Poydras

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Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law; BS, Xavier University

Occupation: District Court Judge; former Administrative Law Judge and Hearing Examiner

Statement: Southeast King County deserves a judge who will fight for due process and access to justice for everyone. Judge Jason Poydras is that kind of judge. Having served the community as a public defender and a deputy prosecutor, he knows how to treat everyone with dignity and respect. In his over 9 years as a hearing examiner and administrative law judge, he proved to be an honest and fair decision maker, who made sure everyone was heard.

With nearly 15 years of legal experience, he was unanimously appointed to the District Court by the King County Council in April 2017. Judge Poydras is committed to finding new ways to help people access justice using technology and to enhancing the public's confidence in our courts. Jason and his wife, Amy, live in Renton.

Ratings: "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by three bar associations.

Widely Endorsed: 7 Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court, County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Renton Council President Ed Prince, over two dozen judges, MLK Labor Council, King County Democrats, King County Young Democrats, 5th District Democrats, 11th District Democrats, 30th District Democrats, 31st District Democrats, 37th District Democrats, 41st District Democrats, and 47th District Democrats.

Judge Position No. 2

Matthew York

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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving you and ask for your vote. I was appointed District Court Judge by unanimous vote of the King County Council in April of 2017 and I have received the highest rating, "Exceptionally Well Qualified," from six independent bar associations that evaluate judges and judicial candidates. I bring to the bench significant experience as a judicial officer, trial lawyer, and advisor to various law enforcement agencies.

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

Nathaniel B. Green, Jr.

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

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: For the past 8 years I have been privileged to serve the people of King County as a District Court Judge. I have never forgotten that it is, in fact, a privilege bestowed by the people. I strongly believe that fairness and justice are not just words to be spoken, but goals to be achieved. My experiences of the past eight years, along with comments from those who have appeared before me, including lawyers, litigants, and spectators alike, have reinforced my desire to be just, fair, and equitable in this position.

My hometown is Tacoma, but I have been a Kent resident for 27 years. I have been married to Debbie for 32 years; we have two adult children. Before law school I served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for 8 years. I am also a former Adjunct Professor at DeVry University's Keller School of Graduate Management.

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

Judge Position No. 4

Corinna Harn

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

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: Your vote for Judge Corinna Harn will help retain an excellent and highly experienced judge for the benefit of all the people of King County. Judge Harn has been elected by her fellow judges to be their Presiding Judge for 4 terms and as the Assistant Presiding Judge for two terms. She has worked tirelessly to improve the services and operations of the Court. She consistently provides compassionate, fair, and thoughtful decisions in each and every case that comes to her attention. She has also been active in supporting her community, including serving as a volunteer and member of the Board of Directors for a non-profit organization benefiting emergency first-responders. Judge Harn thanks you for the privilege and honor of serving as a Judge on your District Court and she will continue to strive to make the District Court the best that it can be, providing accessible justice and fair resolutions to all.

Southeast Electoral District Court

Judge Position No. 5

Virginia M. Amato

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

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem, Criminal Defense Attorney, Former Prosecutor

Statement: Virginia M. Amato has nearly 25 years of experience in District and Municipal Courts across Washington and has served as a Pro-Tem Judge in King County.

Although the American justice system is not perfect it is the foundation of a fair and just society. Our courts hold out the promise of a reliable, accessible and impartial forum where constitutional rights will be protected and that these important decisions will be made by judges or juries who are motivated not by bias, money or influence, but rather by the responsibility to apply the law fairly and impartially.

Although King County District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. District courts have jurisdiction over both criminal and civil cases and do the yeoman's work of the courts in our state.

Virginia aspires to be a Judge who recognizes that not all parties in her court come with the same resources, opportunities, and experiences. Because of these differences, each person appearing in her court needs to be heard and treated fairly and equally and that as a person they matter.

Virginia is rated "*Exceptionally Well Qualified*" by the King County Bar Association, the Cardoza Society, Q-Law and Washington Women Lawyers.

Judge Position No. 6

Rhonda Laumann

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Education: J.D., Seattle University, 1992; B.A., Colorado Mesa University, 1989

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem/Arbitrator/Mediator

Statement: Rhonda Laumann has broad experience as a lawyer and is now working as a mediator, arbitrator and Judge Pro Tem in the District and Municipal Courts.

Rhonda has a reputation as a committed and effective educator. Working with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) for more than a dozen years, she teaches groups of lawyers how to improve their skills as advocates. Her work with attorneys from non-profit organizations like the Esperanza Law Project, Columbia Legal Services, NW Justice Project, ACLU, and Team Child brings basic trial skills to immigration and public interest attorneys. Rhonda's teaching experience has prepared her to clearly communicate with a wide variety of people. Judges must be able to articulate their rulings and the expectations of the justice system in an understandable way to each person.

Earning the highest rating of "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by three independent Bar Associations, Rhonda Laumann will be a great addition to the judiciary in South King County.

Endorsed by: King County Democrats & Young Democrats; 5th, 11th, 30th, 31st, 33rd, 37th, 41st and 47th District Democrats; Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle; MLKC Labor Council; IAM 751; Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, IUPAT District Council 5, ATU 587

David M. Christie

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Education: Juris Doctor, Seattle University Law School 1987; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: I've been privileged to serve for 16 years as a judge in your District Court. Before standing for election, I practiced both civil and criminal law for 14 years. I have represented many people at every level of Washington's trial courts. This experience, along with the feedback I've received from lawyers and citizens who have appeared as litigants and served as jurors, continues to improve my abilities to serve as a judge.

The King County Bar rates judges running for office before every election. My ratings are excellent. Much of the credit for my ratings goes to the outstanding clerks serving you in District Court. My ability to work well with a team of talented, experienced and highly motivated clerks is something I value.

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

I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to continue serving you as a judge in your Court. Thank you for taking the time to read this statement. Please exercise your right to vote in this election.

Respectfully,

David M. Christie

Judge Position No. 2

Susan L. Mahoney

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Education: Juris Doctorate from Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts from University of Washington

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: It has been my privilege to serve the residents of South King County these past eight years. I am proud of the innovation and improvements the Court has undertaken to improve access to our court system for all residents regardless of their circumstances. If re-elected, I look forward to continuing this work, and to always look for ways to work effectively and efficiently. In criminal courts, I will continue to try innovative approaches to sentencing that address the individual needs of a defendant while still holding them accountable. Recognizing individual needs and the appropriate use of therapeutic community alternatives in criminal sentencing can reduce the number of repeat offenders and help keep our communities safer.

As a long time resident of South King County, I understand the needs of our south county residents often differ from those of Seattle and the eastside. While we operate as one District Court, our courthouse locations in Burien, Auburn, Kent, and Vashon (part time), allow us to address these differences and to provide local service for protective orders, small claims, civil cases, and criminal courts. I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve this community and will never forget that I work for you.

Laurel Gibson

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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Gibson was unanimously appointed to the bench by the King County Council in 2016. She was elected to retain her seat that same year. Judge Gibson is mindful of both individual rights and public safety. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Gibson spent years advocating for developmentally disabled adults and children -- balancing individual needs with limited public resources. She continues to look for cost-effective and efficient ways to operate our courts while improving accessibility to court services. She serves on several committees focused on improving fairness in the judicial process, considering equity in court policy-making, and adherence to the law.

As a South King County native, Judge Gibson understands the issues facing the working poor. She also recognizes the concerns about crime and the impact it has on our community. She will continue to work hard to make the District Court a true community court. Judge Gibson is rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" or "Well Qualified" by five different Bar Associations.

Judge Position No. 4

D. Mark Eide

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Education: University of Washington, BA.History and Political Science; JD, Willamette University College of Law 1982

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: I want to take this opportunity to thank the voters of King County for selecting me to serve on the District Court Bench. Although I do not have an opponent in this election, I believe it is necessary for the voters to hear from their elected officials. I am a graduate of the University of Washington, 1979, and was awarded my law degree from Willamette University College of Law in 1982. My wife and I are life-long residents of King County. I was in private practice for two decades in Federal Way until elected to the District Court in 2002. I strive to treat each person who appears in court with fairness and respect. It has been my great pleasure and a true honor to serve as a judge. I would very much appreciate your vote in November. Sincerely, D. Mark Eide

Elizabeth D. Stephenson



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Education: Juris Doctor - Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Elizabeth D. Stephenson was first elected to the bench in 2002. During the last sixteen years Judge Stephenson has demonstrated that she is a good steward of the responsibilities entrusted to her by the citizens of her judicial district. Judge Stephenson is committed to impartial performance of her duties as a judge, balancing the public's interest while ensuring that an individual's rights are protected. She is decisive, firm, and fair.

In 2010, Judge Stephenson was appointed to the Board of Judicial Administration (BJA) Public Trust & Confidence Committee. She was re-appointed for an additional term in 2012. Judge Stephenson has also served as a member of the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges Association (DMCJA) Rules Committee as well as the DMCJA Department of Licensing (DOL) Liaison Committee. Judge Stephenson currently serves on the King County District Court Rules Committee and the King County District Court Technology Committee. When not on the bench, Judge Stephenson is very active in her community.

Re-elect Judge Elizabeth D. Stephenson.

Lisa A. Paglisotti

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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: The King County Council appointed Judge Paglisotti to the District Court bench in May of 2016, recognizing her work over 30+ years in varied roles within the justice system. She served indigent populations of King County as a public defender for 22+ years and worked with the youth of our community as both a juvenile corrections officer and probation counselor. Judges and attorneys alike praised her zealous advocacy for the disadvantaged, her knowledge of the law, and her strong but calm demeanor.

Judge Paglisotti was chosen to preside over the District Court's first "community court", an alternative problemsolving court aimed at helping low-level offenders who often cycle through the criminal justice system repeatedly. This innovative Court helps offenders reconnect with their community by providing links to housing, employment, education, mental health counseling and substance abuse services. Service to the community is required in lieu of jail time. Judge Paglisotti's leadership has been instrumental in the Court's initial success.

Judge Paglisotti was an active member of S.E.I.U. 925 and A.F.S.C.M.E. 2084 and is endorsed by the M.L. King County Labor Council. She is rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar Association and many independent minority bar associations.

Judge Position No. 2

Mark C. Chow

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Education: Bachelor's Degree, Whitworth University; Law Degree, Seattle University School of Law.

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court, West Division, Seattle, Position 2

Statement: *Experienced* – Elected to the King County District Court for seven consecutive terms, Judge Mark Chow is the first Asian-American in Washington state to win election to district court. Judge Chow has worked as an attorney in private practice, as legal counsel to the Office of the Mayor of Seattle, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County. He helped found one of the nation's first courts to offer an alternative to sitting in jail for those with mental health disorders. King County's Mental Health Court was a pioneer in reducing the criminalization of the mentally ill as it focused on keeping communities safe.

Dedicated to Our Community – Born in Seattle, Judge Chow was employed at his parent's restaurant, *Ruby Chow's*, where he learned the value of hard work and family. His parents taught him the importance of working hard and serving our community with pride. From those beginnings Judge Chow was instilled with his family's devotion to a lifetime of public and community service.

Judge Chow has been previously endorsed by over 140 current and former Washington state judges, including eight members of the Washington state Supreme Court, King County Executive Dow Constantine, and recently Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan.

Art Chapman

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Education: Law School, honors; BA Music; BA Theater Arts

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: I am running unopposed for Judge of the King County District Court, West Division, in Seattle. This will be my last election. I know by the end of the term it will be time for another qualified candidate to step up to the bench I have sat on since 2003. To the end of my time I will continue to strive to be fair, considerate, and thoughtful. Being a judge is always a challenge, and I like to pause for a few moments before I go into court each day to ask myself what is on my mind, what is in my human nature, what do I need to gather or put aside in order to provide all litigants with the hearings and decisions they deserve. My court is a daily parade of people and their problems. The color and diversity of humanity is what inspires me. In a small way, I hope I have been able through my work to effect some kind of equity and social justice. Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

Judge Position No. 4

Gregg Hirakawa

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Education: University of Oregon, BS; Seattle University, JD.

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court – Position No. 4

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

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

Gregg is a highly respected judge with the intellect and compassion to serve fairly and objectively. In the 2018 King County Bar Survey of Judges, he received Excellent to Very Good in all categories, and was rated Exceptionally Well Qualified by the Washington Women's Lawyers, Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, and the GLBT Bar Association of Washington.

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

Anne C. Harper

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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Seattle

Statement: I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of King County as a Judge for 17 years. I would like to tell you about the hard work that the District Court does for the citizens of King County. The judges and staff of the District Court are deeply committed solving problems and improving lives through a high-quality court. We handle a large volume of traffic infractions; criminal cases, such as DUI and Domestic Violence; civil matters to \$100,000; small claims and protection orders and name changes. We are the People's Court.

The Court has responded to funding reductions with innovation and grace. We have created award winning technology, such as a unified call center; electronic court records and electronic filing of court documents. Our new Case Management System will bring the court to everyone through web-based access.

We work to solve problems. Our Re-licensing Court helps people to become licensed. Our Domestic Violence Court responds quickly with expertise and intense monitoring. Our award winning Regional Mental Health Court improves the lives of the mentally ill, increasing stability, reducing recidivism and incarceration of the mentally ill. The Veterans Court serves those who have served us.

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"As a judge in Seattle Municipal Court, it has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Seattle and an honor to continue to do so."

Seattle Municipal Court is the busiest municipal court in the state. As the court's presiding judge, I oversee all aspects of our court. I take seriously the responsibilities of judge and my position of public trust and have demonstrated a commitment to openness and accountability. Working within budgetary constraints, I continue to help bring innovative changes to modernize our court, improve efficiencies and implement new programs.

During my terms as judge, I have presided over the court's full-time Domestic Violence Court, Mental Health Court and general trial courts. I continue to utilize my experience to provide effective and impartial rulings and hold offenders accountable while allowing them make positive changes in their lives.

I'm a life-long resident of Seattle, having graduated from the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law. I volunteer my time with organizations that benefit our community and serve as a judge for mock trial and moot court competitions at our local law schools.

I have the support and endorsement of many groups and organizations, elected officials and community leaders. I appreciate the trust and confidence you have given me and during the next four years, with your vote, I will continue to earn your respect by dispensing justice with fairness and compassion.

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

Judge Position No. 2

Andrea Chin

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Andrea Chin is a candidate for a vacant seat on the Seattle Municipal Court bench. With 26 years of experience as an Assistant City Attorney, working daily in our state's busiest court, Andrea brings both a depth of knowledge about this important Court and an understanding of the continuous challenges facing the criminal justice system in Seattle. She has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by six independent Bar Associations.

Andrea has deep roots in Seattle. Her father grew up in the Chinatown-International District, and her mother grew up in a Belltown apartment behind the family laundry business. Andrea and her two brothers were raised in the Mt. Baker neighborhood and attended Franklin High School. Andrea graduated from Occidental College and then spent several years working as Assistant Director of Admissions at the California Institute of Technology where she developed a program to recruit qualified women to this prestigious science and engineering institution. After graduating from law school, Andrea returned to her native Seattle and began a career with the Seattle City Attorney's Office where she tried criminal cases, argued appeals at every state court level, and trained and supervised new lawyers.

The Seattle Municipal Court has developed special courts for both veterans and those with untreated mental illness, and Andrea has been instrumental in making both a success. She has seen how these problem-solving courts can address public safety concerns while also improving the lives of repeat offenders who suffer from chemical dependency, personal trauma, and untreated mental illness. But Andrea understands we need to do more. She will be the kind of judge who will work with city leaders to strike an appropriate balance between public safety and offering a helping hand.

As Past President of the Asian Bar Association of Washington, Andrea is a recognized and proven leader. In the coming years, Seattle will continue to enjoy -- but also struggle with -- cultural and economic changes. We need experienced leaders like Andrea who are invested in keeping Seattle a great place to live and work – for everyone.

Selected Endorsements: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; King County Democrats and Young Democrats; 11th, 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, and 46th District Democrats; Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle; MLK County Labor Council; IAM 751; ATU 587; Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, IUPAT District Council 5; all nine Washington Supreme Court justices; Pete Holmes, Sen. Manka Dhingra; Ron Sims.

Adam Eisenberg

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

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge, Position No. 3 **Statement:** In January 2017, I was appointed to serve as a judge on the Seattle Municipal Court bench, following 13 years as a court commissioner and magistrate.

Seattle Municipal Court is a place where so many dedicated people work every day to ensure justice is done. Defense attorneys advocate to protect their clients' rights. Prosecutors work diligently on behalf of crime victims and the citizens of Seattle at large. Court staff keep our courtrooms efficient and safe. Probation counselors help offenders succeed so they will gain the tools they need to stay out of trouble. And our Court Resource Center is truly ground-breaking: an in-house social service hub where people in need get connected with food benefits, medical coverage, housing information, and other life-saving aid.

Despite the many jobs being done in our courthouse, we all share the same goal of wanting to help the people who come through our doors.

In my current role, I preside over domestic violence cases, and my court is part of the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP). DVIP is a collaborative partnership between community-based agencies, the Seattle Mayor's office, the Seattle City Attorney and the court. It addresses intimate partner violence through an individualized treatment model that also incorporates the concerns of victims.

I also serve as co-director of the Seattle Youth Traffic Court, where teen drivers have their traffic infraction cases heard by a true jury of their peers—other teenagers. Garfield High School students serve as the judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys; Seattle University Law students act as mentors; and Seattle Police officers explain the dangers of texting while driving, speeding, and other common infractions so the teens will become safer drivers.

As a judge, I am honored to be a part of Seattle Municipal Court. I promise to do my very best every day to treat each person who stands before me with respect, to listen to their unique story, and to provide justice for them and for the citizens of Seattle.

Judge Position No. 4

Anita M. Crawford-Willis

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<u>Education</u>: Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law; BA, Seattle University

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge; former Administrative Law Judge

Statement: Born and raised in the Central District, Judge Anita Crawford-Willis is from Seattle with a heart for Justice. Her parents were Boeing production line workers and proud members of IAM 751. When she was a child, they took her to watch a court case which sparked her interest in the law.

She worked her way through school at Safeway, where she was a member of the retail clerks union. A proud graduate of Seattle University and the SU School of Law, Judge Crawford-Willis is a dedicated alumna leader who has mentored legions of students over the years, many of whom are practicing professionals today. Having served for 10 years as a member of the SU Board of Regents, she was recently selected to become the Chair. Her dedication to the success of young people led her to be a board member for the King County Boys & Girls Club for 13 years. Because of her volunteer work, she was named Seattle University Law School Woman of the Year in 2014 and received the Loren Miller Social Justice Award.

After nearly 30 years in public service having been a Public Defender, Judge Pro Tem, and Administrative Law Judge, she was appointed to the Seattle Municipal Court in 2017. She has proven herself to be an impartial, compassionate, and fair judge. Since taking the bench, Judge Crawford-Willis has been deeply involved in ensuring equal access to justice and expanding the Seattle Municipal Court's Resource Center to provide community services to those who need it most. Anita and her husband, Pervis, live in South Seattle with their daughter, Taylor. They enjoy exploring Seattle's parks and attending major Seattle-area events like Seafair.

Endorsements: Judge Anita Crawford-Willis is honored to be endorsed by all 9 members of the State Supreme Court; over 70 elected judges; retired Justice Bobbe Bridge; Mayor Jenny Durkan; Seattle Councilmembers Bruce Harrell, Debora Juarez, & Lorena González; City Attorney Pete Holmes; Community leaders Jonathan Bridge, Joel and Maureen Benoliel, Jan & Jim Dwyer, and John McKay. She has also been endorsed by MLK Labor; the 11th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, & 46th, Legislative District Democrats; King County Young Democrats; King County Democrats; and the National Women's Political Caucus-WA Ratings: "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by six bar associations

Willie Gregory

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Assistant Presiding Judge Willie Gregory has earned a reputation as a hard-working, ethical judge. As a Seattle Municipal Court judge since 2011, and a judge pro-tem from 2005 to 2010, Judge Gregory has demonstrated judicial excellence. He currently presides over a general trial court and Seattle Veterans Treatment Court.

Judge Gregory has developed a firm knowledge of the law in his 30-year legal career. His many roles have included: judge, judge pro-tem, attorney, supervisor, teacher, and mentor. His interest in the law began while serving as a military police officer where he developed strong leadership skills. Judge Gregory graduated from the University of Arizona in 1986 with a BA and moved to the Puget Sound area to attend law school. He received his law degree in 1989 from Seattle University School of Law.

Inspired by his desire to help people, he interned at the Legal Action Center in Seattle (newly renamed as the Tenant Law Center) and at Evergreen Legal Services. He then joined Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA) where he gained valuable experience as a trial attorney and supervisor. In 2003, he left ACA and ran a successful solo practice until 2010 while concurrently serving on ACA's Board of Directors, teaching classes at University of Washington's Law School and mentoring law students at Seattle University. As a teacher he emphasized the importance of preparation, professionalism, and integrity. In 2006, he was honored by the King County Bar Associations' Young Lawyer Division for his exemplary mentoring.

Judge Gregory has an extensive history of being an active member of the community; serving on numerous nonprofit boards, advisory committees, and coaching little league baseball. He is currently involved in a variety of legal organizations including the Washington State Bar Association, King County Bar Association, and Loren Miller Bar Association. He is also a member of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association where he serves on the Bylaws and Long Range Planning Committees and chairs its Diversity Committee.

Judge Gregory brings his diverse experience into the courtroom through his legal analysis, compassionate listening, and evenhanded temperament. Each case that comes before him is heard on its own merit, with both sides having a chance to present their case, and where citizens are heard and respected.

Judge Gregory is compassionate, ethical, dedicated, and fair. We urge you to re-elect Judge Willie Gregory for position #5 on the Seattle Municipal Court bench.

Judge Position No. 6

Faye Chess

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

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

Education: University of Cincinnati College of Law; Purdue University.

Community Service: Greater Seattle Chapter of Links, Inc., Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., St. Paul School's School Board Commission, and UNCF (United Negro College Fund) Leadership Council.

Statement: The courts, particularly in a diverse community such as Seattle need to be recognized as institutions that are accessible, impartial, competent, diverse, and preserves the integrity of the criminal system. Seattle Municipal Court called the people's court should fulfilled this definition. The judges who sit in this courthouse should been able to discern the programs the court is able to institute that will insure meaningful access to the judicial system with competent legal representation, property trained interpreters, placement of reasonable accommodations, and disseminate information on the availability of community resources such as housing, clothing, and health care especially for those facing economic hardships. As a judge in this courthouse, I will insure Seattle Municipal Court fulfills this obligation.

I bring to the bench a wealth of experience in addressing diversity, equity, inclusion, and bias in the educational and work setting. I have over 22 years of experience serving as a neutral decision maker in the judicial system and almost 30 years as an attorney practicing civil rights, criminal, employment, and labor law. I have an in-depth and wellrounded understanding of the issues and concerns facing the citizens in Seattle especially for those coming before the court.

As a judge, I am a good steward of court resources. I am respectful of the public, the attorneys, and court staff. During my career, I have earnestly made every effort at being fair, knowledgeable, reliable, capable, and thorough. I strive to always bring these same attributes to the bench.

As a judge recently appointed by Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan and confirmed by City Council, I am excited to have the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Seattle.

Damon Shadid

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Statement: When Judge Damon Shadid was first elected to the Seattle Municipal Court bench, he said that the people of Seattle deserve to have dedicated, hard-working, exceptional public officials who understand that they are elected to **serve the people**. Over the past four years, he has delivered on those expectations.

Public safety is something we are all concerned about, but our safety is not improved by a criminal justice system that employs the same historically ineffective tactics: jailing people who are poor, homeless, mentally ill, and gripped by alcohol or drug addiction, then releasing them to begin the cycle all over again. We need judges who understand this cycle and how to break it. Judge Shadid is leading an effort to restructure and re-invigorate the Mental Health Court. While this alternative court attempts to address the root causes of crime through mental health and addiction services, Judge Shadid is seeking to expand the program in a way that will serve a greater number of those suffering from untreated mental illness. He is working with criminal justice partners in the City Attorney's office, Public Defender's Office, treatment providers, and King County to increase participation in the court.

Judge Shadid works every day to address the evolving problems facing our criminal justice system. He believes that those convicted of crimes should be held accountable, but they must also be connected with effective services that will help them to permanently exit the criminal justice system. He has developed programs that help address homelessness and the heroin epidemic through an expansion of the Seattle Municipal Court's Community Resource Center and aims to partner with health care providers who provide medically appropriate treatment for addiction issues. Each person referred to these services is a person who can be kept out of jail, both now and in the future.

Judge Shadid has taken a leadership role with judges statewide, serving on the board of the District and Municipal Court Judge's Association. He also mentors new attorneys and reaches out to local schools, inviting school age children to the court to demystify the criminal justice system.

There is much more work to be done, and Judge Shadid looks forward to the challenges ahead.

Proposition No. 1 Public Safety Levy Lid Lift

The Bothell City Council passed Ordinance No. 2253-(2018) concerning increased regular levy funding for public safety purposes.

If approved, this proposition would increase public safety funding for new fire, police and traffic officers, mental health professionals and support staff, and other public safety expenses. The maximum 2019 levy rate would be \$1.96/\$1,000 of assessed value (an estimated \$220 increase on a \$500,000 home). The limit factor for levy increases through 2024 (based on the 2019 levy) would equal inflation, measured by CPI-W. The 2024 levy would be used to calculate levy limits under state law through 2030.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Del Spivey, Cary Westerbeck www.BothellPublicSafety.org

Bothell's police and fire departments urgently need additional resources to serve

and protect our community. While Bothell's population increased by 15,000 since 2003, department staffs have been essentially flat due in part to the city taking no property tax increases for 8 years during the recession. Key public safety services are chronically short on staff and resources to address basic and emerging community needs.

Additional officers will increase neighborhood presence to deter crime. A dedicated community crime reduction team will focus on property crimes such as "porch pirates", car prowls and traffic safety enforcement. Mental health and addiction crises will be served more effectively with a mental health staff member assisting police and a school safety and outreach officer. Proactive crime prevention programs and crime investigations will be improved with additional dedicated staff.

Fire department calls increased proportionally with Bothell's growth, yet the department remains at 2003 levels, when the population was 33% smaller. This levy adds six firefighters and an aid car for quicker response times for emergency medical services, as well as critical support staff for the department.

More information, see: www.BothellPublicSafety.org

Please vote *Yes* to ensure high quality police and fire department services for our community.

Explanatory statement

The City of Bothell proposes a 12-year levy lid lift to increase funding for public safety services. With passage of Proposition 1, the City expects to fund 27 new For questions about this measure, contact: Barbara Ramey, Public Information Officer 425-806-6144 barbara.ramey@bothellwa.gov

positions: 13 police officers; 6 firefighters; 5 civilians within the Police Department; 2 IT and facilities staff members to support police and fire; and a probation officer.

Increased resources for the Police Department will fund a patrol swing shift providing more police during the busiest hours; a Community Crime Reduction Team to actively target crime trends; more traffic enforcement; improved responses to people affected by behavioral crisis; and increased police outreach and engagement in our schools and community.

Additional firefighters will staff another Medical Aid Unit, increasing the availability of emergency medical services. Funding an additional probation officer will allow the Municipal Court to better monitor and supervise individuals on probation. Other requested staff will provide support to meet new legal and technological requirements.

If approved, the maximum regular property tax rate the City will levy for 2019 is \$1.96 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This is an increase of approximately \$0.44 per \$1,000, resulting in an estimated increased payment of \$220 per year (\$18.33 per month) for a \$500,000 home.

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.

City of Bothell

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Proposition No. 2 Fire Station Bonds

The Bothell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2254 (2018), regarding voter approval for financing fire station improvements.

If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to reconstruct or renovate and equip two fire stations and make related capital improvements. It would authorize issuance of no more than \$35,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years and the levy of the annual levy of excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 2254 (2018).

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Bill Moritz, Sara J. Glerum www.BothellPublicSafety.org

At any moment your life and/or property could depend on Bothell's Fire Department for fire and

medical services (including Medic One). Our firefighters averaged 17.4 callouts/day in 2017. While their equipment and training are top-notch, two of our fire stations are seriously outdated and must be brought up to current standards.

When Stations 42/Downtown and 45/Canyon Park were built in 1980 and 1985, Bothell's population was 8,000 and 10,000 respectively. Today Bothell has nearly 45,000 residents with a dramatically different demographic and thousands more homes and commercial properties needing protection.

Our firefighters deserve adequate facilities in which to live, work and train. The new stations will meet all current national and state regulatory requirements to protect their health and wellbeing. They will include an up-to-date Emergency Operations Center, appropriate quarters for female firefighters, and accommodate projected staffing for 25 – 30 years.

We paid off the Police Station bond in 2017 which reduced our city tax by \sim \$0.10/\$1,000 Assessed Value. Thus this bond will effectively increase taxes on a \$500,000 home by only \$0.16/\$1,000 AV (\$80 per year or \$6.67 per month).

Inform yourself at: www.BothellPublicSafety.org and www.bothellwa. gov/publicsafety

then vote Yes! to ensure continued delivery of Bothell's number-one responsibility: Public Safety.

Explanatory statement

The City of Bothell proposes a \$35.5 million bond over 20 years that would fund a complete replacement of two City-owned Fire Stations at Canyon Park and Downtown. For questions about this measure, contact: Barbara Ramey, Public Information Officer 425-806-6144 barbara.ramey@bothellwa.gov

Both fire stations need safety upgrades and technical modernization after over 30 years of 24/7 fire and EMS response. Two proposed new low-maintenance, energy efficient, modern fire stations would correct current inefficiencies and safety concerns as well as accommodate growth into the future.

If approved by voters, the issuance of these bonds would result in additional property taxes of \$130 per year (\$10.83 per month) on a \$500,000 home. This bond increase is \$.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value and would raise \$35.5 million dollars.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The City Council of the City of Covington, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2018-09 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax at a rate of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the City, in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, for a period not exceeding ten years, for paying for or financing the costs of transportation maintenance and improvement projects identified in Resolution No. 2018-09. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Elizabeth Porter, Cynthia Calhoun, Chele Dimmett cynthia_calhoun@hotmail.com

if we want timely pothole repair and repaying of older communities

Roads are critical to all of us and

then city staff needs more money to pay for it. With county, state and federally mandated spending regulations the city only has so much extra to budget with for the services we citizens want.

Proposition 1 removes the \$20 per vehicle Transportation Benefit District fee currently charged only to Covington residents. As a gateway city, Covington is heavily travelled each day by non-residents. The added .2% to our city's sales tax would spread the burden to everyone who shops in the city, which would include people who regularly cause wear and tear by their use of Covington's roads.

Additionally, even with this increase, Covington's sales tax is still one of the smallest in the area. An average family with two cars and about \$10,000 in taxable spending will save approximately \$20 per year while increasing the funds available for road maintenance from about \$310,000 to nearly \$1,000,000.

This proposition is a no brainer. Lower expenses for Covington residents, and gain three times the funds to use on our roads.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The argument against Proposition 1 only briefly acknowledges that the city is *Reducing* resident taxes to increase revenue and doesn't note that revenue received from this portion of the sales tax must be earmarked for roads and transportation, by law! We shouldn't neglect needed work on our infrastructure because the city *May* try to reinstitute the license fee. *Lower* our taxes *And* improve our roads by voting Yes on Proposition 1.

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 represents an effort by the City of Covington to fund transportation maintenance and improvement projects identified in the City's six-year Transportation For questions about this measure, contact: Rob Hendrickson, Finance Director 253-480-2400 rhendrickson@covingtonwa.gov

Improvement Program. Among other unmet transportation needs, the sales tax revenue will be used to pay costs related to the reinstatement of street resurfacing within the City, patching and sealing cracks in asphalt, and sustaining existing maintenance programs for the City's streets and pedestrian walkways. A vote to approve Proposition 1 will authorize an additional retail sales and use tax of 0.2% of the selling price, which translates into an additional \$0.20 for every \$100.00 spent on taxable items in the City. Revenue generated from the sales and use tax is restricted, meaning it can only be used to finance costs related to maintaining and improving the City's transportation system and implementing the City's transportation improvement program under chapter 36.73 RCW. These costs are currently paid for, in part, by an existing \$20 vehicle license tab fee imposed on City residents, which the City Council has agreed to rescind if this Proposition 1 passes. If approved by the voters, the 0.2% sales tax authorized in Proposition 1 will be imposed for a period of 10 years.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Leroy Stevenson, Philip Jones, Jack Champlain pmjones4080@hotmail.com

Covington residents have been hit hard by escalating property taxes including increases in fire fees and

education. Covington raises your city property tax every year Do you want to pay more sales tax for everything you purchase in Covington for the next ten years?

This sales tax increase has been rejected by the voters twice. Bringing it back shows disrespect for the people. Since 2014 the city's sales tax revenue has increased by over two million dollars. Will they ever have enough of your money?

Years ago when the utility tax was voted down by the citizens the city council imposed it anyway. They collect 6-8% tax on your utility bills. To squeeze more revenue from you they collect taxes on utility taxes.

Since 4/1/2016 Covington began collecting a \$20 license fee per vehicle from the residents. If the city council removes the car tab fee, can they be trusted to keep it off? By law they can reinstate it at any time. Some cities collect both increased sales taxes and car tabs.

Please go to the city website and look at the budget yourselves. 2017 was \$24 million revenue and \$20 million expenditures. No new taxes!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Covington will reap millions in new sales, property, and utility tax revenues from the two large new housing developments off 204th Ave SE, and the new hotel and mixed use commercial business to be built on Hwy 18/256th Ave SE.

All Kent Kangley maintenance and improvements are already paid by the state, not the City.

This proposition will not improve traffic congestion.

There is no need for any tax increase. And abolish \$20 car tabs.

Proposition No. 1

Additional Sales and Use Tax for Enhanced Police Services and Community Safety

The Kirkland City Council adopted Resolution No. R-5324 concerning a proposition for funding enhanced police services and community safety. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) to provide ongoing funding for public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450, planned to include additional police officers, school resource officers in Kirkland middle schools, after school programs and expanded mental health and human services programs focusing on gun safety, homelessness, domestic violence, suicide prevention, and related public safety issues. The increase would become effective in 2019.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Vote 'Yes' on Proposition 1: Enhanced www.s Police Services & Community Safety

Submitted by: Santos Contreras, David Greschler, Heather McKnight www.saferkirkland.org

While Kirkland is a thriving city, even thriving cities lack resources to meet evolving public safety needs. Urgent public safety issues confronting the community include school safety, increased crime (car prowls/burglaries), domestic violence, drug addiction, gun violence and homelessness. More resources are needed on our streets and in our schools to continue to keep Kirkland safe.

For just *one* penny on a \$10 purchase, Proposition 1 provides five new police officers and one support staff dedicated to solving property/drug-related crimes; four new school resource officers for middle schools (cost shared equally with LWSD); mental health resources for people in crisis; programs to improve the wellbeing of youth, suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention and drug addiction services; gun safety training/safe storage; and funding to reduce homelessness.

Polls show public safety is a top priority. This proposition is consistent with the community's preference over other revenue-generating options i.e. an increase to property tax/car tab fees. Proposition 1 provides much needed enhancements to public safety that will make Kirkland an even better place to live, work and play. Please join us in voting '*Yes*' on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Let's not be penny-wise and pound-foolish!

The opponents agree there is a need for critical new services. The city doesn't have the funds to provide increased public safety without cutting other needed services. Prudence demands we pass what is one of the smallest tax increases ever. One penny on a \$10 purchase is the wisest investment you can make to improve safety in our streets and schools. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Explanatory statement

The Kirkland City Council has proposed a ballot measure to approve a sales and use tax increase for public safety enhancements. If passed, For questions about this measure, contact: Kevin Raymond, City Attorney 425-587-3031 KRaymond@KirklandWA.gov

beginning in 2019, the sales and use tax rate within the city of Kirkland would increase by 0.1% (one cent on a ten-dollar purchase). Use of these sales tax revenues is restricted under state law: one-third must be dedicated to criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both; and 85% of the amounts collected are retained by the City and 15% are distributed to the County.

The City proposes to use this funding to enhance public safety priorities developed through public processes. In 2019, planned funding includes: a police "ProAct" unit (four full-time officers and one support position) to focus on property and drug-related crimes; the City's share of costs for four full-time school resource officers in Kirkland middle schools; one neighborhood resource officer (focusing on community policing and mental health emergency support); and the services of one full-time mental health professional. Additional funds would enhance funding for grants to programs that improve social and emotional health of children and teenagers; programs that provide suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention and drug addiction services; programs for firearms safety and safe storage training, including subsidized trigger locks and gun safes; and additional support for shelter operations for women and families experiencing homelessness. Over time, the City Council would adjust spending priorities as resources and community priorities require, within the permitted uses under state law.

Statement in opposition

Ken MacKenzie NoTaxIncreaseKirkland@gmail.com

Submitted by: Michelle Darnell,

We need to vote against this tax increase. Everything the City proposes can be done using tax money already available.

Our tax burden goes up every year, giving the City more money to spend. In December 2017, the City Council increased 2-year spending by over \$31 million without adding new taxes. New money came from all the usual places: sales taxes, cable and internet service taxes, property taxes, taxes on businesses, and taxes on construction.

We all know the City's tax income will increase every year and taxes and fees from new offices, stores, and apartments at Kirkland Urban and Totem Lake will add even more.

Instead of a new tax that increases our burden, the City should change spending to match today's priorities. The current 2-year budget is an *enormous* 3/4 billion dollars – about \$8,000 each for our community of 90,000 people. The City estimates the tax will add \$3.6 million over two years – only 0.48% of the budget and 1/10 of the "found money" for 2017-2018.

Everyone is hurt by tolls, higher car tabs, and tax increases, especially those with less.

There's enough money to pay for critical new services – this new tax just isn't needed. Vote "*No*".

Rebuttal of statement in favor

"For just one penny", say those who have plenty.

For our neighbors who struggle to pay for life's essentials, the pennies Kirkland takes away for taxes add up and the struggle becomes a painful battle.

Kirkland can provide new public safety services without taking more money away from us by raising taxes. City Council just has to change how they spend our money so spending matches our priorities.

This tax increase is unnecessary. Vote No!

Proposition No. 1

Levy Lid Lift for Public Safety, Youth, Family & Senior Services, and Parks & Recreation

The Mercer Island City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-07 proposing to increase the City's regular property tax levy to fund public safety, youth, family, and senior services, and parks and recreation services.

This proposition would sustain current levels of police/ emergency, mental health counseling, safety net, park/rightof-way maintenance, and recreation services by increasing the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.238/\$1,000 to a maximum rate of \$1.241/\$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019; set the limit factor for 2020-2024 at 103% (each year's total regular property levy is the base for computing the succeeding year's levy); and use the 2024 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Alan Merkle, Leslie Meagley, John Stewart www.IslandersYes.com

Islanders value our safe community, abundant parks and high quality of life. However,

our city faces a financial crisis that will reduce funding for police/fire services, school resource officers, school counseling, senior services, and parks programs and maintenance.

Since 2007 state law limits the annual growth of MI City revenue from your property taxes to 1%, unless voters choose otherwise. For more than 10 years, the City has lived with this limit by tightly managing expenses, driving efficiencies, and dipping into reserves.

A comprehensive study by a diverse citizens' advisory group, an independent financial expert, and the City Council found that with regional inflation above 3% annually, and the need to balance the budget and maintain prudent reserves, the City can no longer avoid service cuts through efficiencies alone.

Proposition 1 preserves essential services and commits the City to further accountability and cost-reduction programs. It will cost the average home owner \$1.02 a day (\$374 a year) over the next six years.

Keep our island strong and vote yes for police, fire, kids and parks. For more information, see *www.IslandersYes.com*.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Just saying "no" is not a strategy for managing a city. The cost of services increases over time. After extensive study, no one — including the opposition – has identified cost savings without serious cuts. Our fire, police, counselors, senior services and parks are *Only* protected with a Yes vote. \$1.02 per day will save these valuable services. Prop 1 ensures accountability, financial sustainability, and preserves the quality of life we value. Vote *Yes* for Islanders.

Explanatory statement

The City projects a financial deficit of approximately \$1.86 million in 2019 in the General Fund and Youth and Family Services Fund, increasing on average \$1.12 For questions about this measure, contact: Chip Corder, Finance Director 206-275-7780 chip.corder@mercergov.org

million annually to approximately \$7.42 million in 2024. Since 2001, the City has been limited by State law to raising property tax revenues by 1% per year. Property tax revenues account for 41% of the City's budget. A third-party consultant reviewed and verified the City's 6-year projections and concluded that new revenues or service level reductions would be required to balance future budgets. For six months, a 23-member citizen advisory group studied this issue, and the majority (74%) recommended that the City ask voters to raise the property tax levy limit to continue, not reduce, services.

If approved, Proposition 1 would continue current levels of service for police patrol; investigations; School Resource Officer; crime prevention; emergency management; code compliance; school-based and community-based mental health counselors; safety net services for youth, families, and seniors; maintenance of parks, trails, playgrounds, ballfields, rights-of-way, and medians; community center operations; and recreation programs for seniors and youth. Proposition 1 sets the City's levy rate not to exceed \$1.241 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019. The maximum annual levy increase for each of the five succeeding years would be 3%, and the 2024 levy would be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. A homeowner with a median home value of \$1.2 million would pay approximately \$24 per month more in 2019 to continue services at current levels.

Statement in opposition

We love and value the quality of life on Mercer Island and want to preserve it. To do this, Submitted by: Lisa Anderl, Heather Cartwright, Mike Cero www.miforss.com

our city government needs an equal balance of efficient spending, accountability, and taxes. But we've had an imbalance since 2011. *Our tax contributions continue to increase:* "Other" city revenues and fees (60% of the budget) increased 7% annually, and property tax and new construction revenues (40% of the budget) increased 2.4% annually. *Spending is growing with no cost control:* city spending has grown 38%, staffing has increased 12% (22 new employees) with only 4% population growth, and the city hasn't applied formal spending containment since 2005.

Should we support raising our city property taxes 45% over 6 years when our city council hasn't even looked at cost efficiencies? Or should we get spending under control first?

Our most valued services are protected: police and fire are not at risk, city council has voiced protection for school counselor funding, and we already have a park maintenance levy in place. Voting "yes" to lift the levy lid increases taxes 45% and creates zero incentive for a balanced budget. We need accountability for our tax dollars.

Balance the budget without new taxes. Vote no.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The budget can be balanced without additional taxes and without impacting services. Mercer Island doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. With over \$40M in reserves, our city budget is strong, but the Council hasn't prioritized efficiency with your money.

Proposition 1 doesn't address the core issue of spending, it asks Islanders to contribute more taxes so the city doesn't have to live within a budget. A levy is not needed.
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Proposition No. 1 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 concerns renewing and enhancing services to achieve equity in educational outcomes.

This proposition would replace two expiring levies and initially fund expanded early learning and preschool, college and K-12 education support, K-12 student health, and job readiness opportunities, as provided in Ordinance 125604. Consistent with RCW 84.55, it would increase regular property taxes for seven years. The 2019 tax increase, up to \$0.365/\$1,000 of assessed value, would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies, with 1% annual increases. Qualifying seniors and others would be exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 46.

Seattle Proposition 1 proposes a property tax levy that would raise approximately \$619,600,000 over a seven-year period (2019-2025) to fund education-support For questions about this measure, contact: Polly Grow, Seattle Ethics and Elections 206-615-1248 polly.grow@seattle.gov

services designed to achieve equity in educational outcomes. The 2019 tax increase would not exceed \$0.365 per thousand dollars of assessed value. An owner of a Seattle home with a median assessed value of \$665,000 would pay \$242 in taxes in 2019 to support the levy.

The taxes would fund high-quality early learning services that prepare children for success in kindergarten; physical and mental health services that support learning; college and job readiness experiences that promote high school graduation; and post-secondary opportunities that promote attainment of a certificate, credential, or degree.

Initially, these goals would be pursued through education-support services in four areas. *Preschool and early learning* programs may include financial support for preschool and childcare tuition, support for quality teaching, and support for early learning infrastructure development.

K-12 school and community-based investments may include expanded learning opportunities, including year-round, out-of-school time activities; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions process supports; job exploration experiences; and advising and guidance related to college and career. *K-12 school health* programs may include comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, care coordination, connection to community supports, outreach, and health education.

The *Seattle Promise* program may include academic preparation, postsecondary success coaches, readiness academies, the equivalent of two years of financial support for tuition, and non-tuition financial support.

Each year the City Council and Mayor would decide which programs to fund. The programs would need to be consistent with an implementation and evaluation plan approved by ordinance. There would be an oversight committee composed of the Mayor, a councilmember, the Superintendent of the Seattle School District, a member of the School Board, the Chancellor of Seattle Colleges, and twelve appointed members. The oversight committee would make recommendations prior to any proposed funding decisions or program changes.

Proposition 1 would replace two expiring additional tax levies, the 2011 Families and Education Levy and the 2014 Preschool Levy. In 1990, 1997, 2004, and 2011, Seattle voters approved "Families and Education Levy" property tax increases. Funds from these levies supported programs for children and their families. The 2011 levy measure totaled \$231,562,000 over seven years. In 2014, voters approved an additional preschool levy totaling approximately \$58 million over four years. Proposition 1 would be the first levy to support post-high school education.

State law generally limits the increase in property taxes to 1% above the highest amount that the City could have received in the prior year. Proposition 1 would allow the City to exceed this limit for taxes collected in 2019. Taxes for the remaining six years of the levy would be based on the amount collected in 2019 but could not increase more than 1% per year without a further vote of the people. Qualifying seniors and others would be exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Statement in favor

The Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy: Helping Kids Succeed from Pre-School through College Submitted by: Jenny Durkan, Brianna Jackson, Kris Perry www.voteyesforseattlekids.com

Education opens the door to opportunity. But too many of Seattle's kids, particularly lower income or from communities of color, are falling behind, not receiving the education they need to be successful. Seattle can and must do better for our kids. That's why the new sevenyear Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy takes a more comprehensive approach to addressing the opportunity gaps many of our kids face.

This levy replaces and enhances two expiring levies - the Preschool Levy, which funds high quality preschool for low-income families, and the Families and Education Levy, which provides K-12 support. It also launches the Seattle Promise scholarship program to make community college free for Seattle public high school grads.

A Quality Preschool Program that Delivers Results

Studies show that quality preschool helps children throughout their lives by shaping their ability to learn. By providing quality preschool to children of families who otherwise couldn't afford it we give every child the chance to succeed. This measure means 2500 at-risk kids every year will have access to preschool to get the start they deserve.

Providing Kids Support They Need to Graduate High School

This levy funds proven strategies to help children in grades K-12, including after school activities that give extra help to children who need it, and it targets high risk kids to keep them from dropping out. It funds important counseling and social services in addition to critical academic support. In Seattle, fewer than 70 percent of low-income students, and even fewer students of color, graduate. We can do better.

Offering Every Child a Chance at Career Training

In the next five years, Washington will add nearly 750,000 jobs, most requiring some education or training after high school. Today, only 31 percent of Washington high school graduates go on to complete a degree or certificate. By offering high school graduates two free years of community college, we can do our part to help make Seattle a place where all students can compete for the best jobs.

This levy will help thousands of kids. Because this levy replaces and enhances two expiring levies, the additional cost to the median homeowner is only about \$9 per month. Please VOTE YES for Families, Education, Preschool and Promise!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Endorsed by business, labor, and leading educators, the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise levy requires strong accountability measures, including an Oversight Committee that will review investments and results annually. The Seattle Preschool Program also uses external evaluators to assess program quality and areas for improvement yearly.

Because this levy combines and enhances two expiring levies, the additional cost for the typical homeowner is only about \$9 a month. That is a modest price to pay for a significant expansion of high quality preschool for children of families who otherwise couldn't afford it, important K-12 support, and ensuring Seattle public high school graduates have the opportunity to attend community college.

With a preschool through college focus, this levy funds important educational programs the Seattle Public Schools does not and helps address the opportunity gap for our at risk kids. Please vote YES on the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise levy!

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Anastasia Samuelsen considerbothsidescarefully@gmail.com

<u>Too much money</u> The city's financial ask of taxpayers

with the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Plan (FEPP) levy is nearly triple the current levy it would replace. Why does the city need such a large amount of money for education when we have a school district that is doing this work already? The city is overstepping its jurisdiction.

Lack of public oversight

This city is embedding the city's preschool program (SPP) funding into this levy, locking it in for seven years with no opportunity for public scrutiny. The SPP is costly and has not delivered what it has promised. There are concerns that the SPP has simply converted currently existing public school seats (Head Start, for example), not created new ones.

Student data privacy concerns

The amount of personal data culled from parents and children who enroll in the SPP is alarming. It is provided to third parties and students may be obligated to participate until they are 21. Their confidential information and discipline records are being tracked and shared.

Not allocated appropriately

How levy funding is distributed by the city has been dependent on highstakes standardized test scores, jeopardizing the allocation of services to high-poverty schools the levy was created to support.

The small amount of funding allocated for family support workers in the levy is inadequate and concerning. We have thousands of homeless children in Seattle who attend our public schools for whom such support is critical.

With the existing levy, the city has inconsistently funded wrap-around services and sharply cut levy dollars from schools in the past. Special education students have been overlooked.

Troubling private partnerships

There is language in the levy referring to "institutional partners," sounding the alarm of corporate-driven agendas that work to privatize public education.

May fund charter schools

It is unclear if charter schools will receive levy funding. Charter schools are not accountable to the public or our publically elected school board. This is a potential conflict that needs clarification. 60% of Seattle voters rejected charter schools in 2012.

Competes with School District's levies

The Seattle Public Schools (SPS) is the largest and most significant educational organization in the city. It will be coming to voters in February 2019 with two SPS levy renewals. It is simply critical that they pass. The FEPP is in direct competition with those levies, and puts them at risk, especially with voters already experiencing 'levy fatigue.'

Rebuttal of statement in favor

From the Levy "Bill Summary" (underline mine):

"... Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Colleges will be required to establish current Partnership Agreements with the City prior to receiving any funds for services...Partnership Agreements will cover items including, <u>but not limited to</u>, <u>data sharing</u>... program evaluations and <u>course corrections</u>, <u>standards</u> for delivery of services, <u>curriculum alignment</u>, <u>sharing of facilities</u>, <u>direct contracting</u>, and <u>other...methods</u> for identifying...students and schools...as appropriate."

"but not limited to" = And the barn door is...open!

"data sharing" = Sharing children's private information

"program evaluations" = Testing, testing, testing

"course corrections" = Funding may be pulled without warning "standards" = What standards, exactly?

"curriculum alignment" = The City's curriculum- not Montessori, Reggio, Waldorf, play-based

"sharing of facilities" = Seattle schools currently face significant capacity challenges "direct contracting" = 'contractors' may access personal student data and circumvent privacy laws

"other...methods" = The barn door is now off the hinges

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Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Sidewalk and Pedestrian Improvements

The City Council of the City of Shoreline, Washington adopted Resolution 430 concerning a sales and use tax to fund sidewalk transportation improvements. If approved, this proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of 0.2% within the City pursuant to RCW 82.14.0455, for a term of 20 years, to repay indebtedness issued from time to time to construct, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and/or preserve sidewalks and pedestrian improvements in the City in order to improve pedestrian access and safety and/or the condition and life cycle of the City's sidewalk pedestrian system.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Robin McClelland, William Montero, Laura Mork shorelinesidewalks@gmail.com

Sidewalks provide important safety, health, transportation, social, and business benefits and help define

neighborhood quality. Current sidewalks represent only about 50% of the city's Transportation Master Plan planned pedestrian system.

Shoreline citizens consistently rank sidewalks as a high priority. In response a Sidewalk Advisory Committee appointed by the City Council studied the issue and recommended project prioritization and funding. The Council adopted many of the recommendations and now seeks funding to complete a dedicated list of new sidewalk projects.

The City's existing budget must also provide for police, roads, and other services and cannot fully fund sidewalk construction. Funding with increased property or vehicle taxes is unfair and unrealistic. However, we can make substantial and equitable system improvements over the years by dedicating funds from a small increase in the city's sales and use tax.

Your support of a two tenths increase in the sales and use tax will generate approximately \$59 million over 20 years. The anticipated revenue will fund a list of new sidewalk projects, with the balance used to accelerate repair of existing sidewalks. The projects are geographically distributed across the city and focus on highest-need areas.

Vote Yes to fund sidewalk repair and expansion in Shoreline.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Shoreline recently increased funding for sidewalk repair and maintenance by a significant amount.

Prop 1 will fund sidewalk construction based on priority needs and addresses the ADA Transition Plan.

No viable funding alternative exists. New development only provides scattered sidewalks and grants cannot be counted on to complete system needs.

This small sales tax increase – 2 cents on a ten-dollar purchase—enables Shoreline to proceed with construction and avoid higher construction costs in the future.

Explanatory statement

When Shoreline became a city in 1995, it had approximately 53 miles of sidewalks. The City, primarily through grant funding, and private development have For questions about this measure, contact: Sara Lane, Administrative Services Director 206-801-2301 slane@shorelinewa.gov

added approximately 22 miles of sidewalks since then. Proposition 1 represents an effort to accelerate sidewalk improvements through a dedicated funding source. All of the revenue generated by the additional sales tax will be dedicated to the repayment of indebtedness issued from time to time to fund the costs of sidewalk improvements in the City, with the majority going toward the construction of new sidewalks. A list of initial sidewalk improvements is contained in Resolution 430. If approved, Proposition 1 will authorize an additional retail sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price, increasing overall sales tax in Shoreline from 10.0% to 10.2% for a period of twenty years. This increase will equate to 2¢ of additional sales tax for every \$10 of taxable purchase or use within the City.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Megan Kogut, Dustin McIntyre, Ginny Scantlebury www.shorelinesidewalksplan.org

Proposition 1 is a well-intentioned but fundamentally flawed response to resident pressure for more sidewalks.

We reluctantly oppose Proposition 1 because it *does not* substantially address safety and mobility on local residential streets across the city. The 2018 Shoreline Sidewalk Prioritization Plan favors building new sidewalks along busy arterials where people won't frequently walk.

Shoreline has 64 miles of older sidewalks which do not meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The taxpayers' money could go ten times further with small strategic fixes to bring the existing sidewalk network up to code:

New sidewalks cost: up to \$2,500,000/mile.

Repair and upgrade cost: up to \$195,000/mile.

The city still needs money to fully fund sidewalk repairs and upgrades. Meanwhile, the city also plans to request more money in 2019 for the replacement of our community pool and recreation center.

Given competing priorities, Shoreline should continue on the current course: pursue state and federal grants, and enforce contributions from private developers to grow our sidewalk network. New sidewalks *will continue to be built* without increasing sales tax to 10.2% - the highest rate in King County. Vote "No" on Prop 1: the city should prioritize *repair before expansion*.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

In the 2016 Satisfaction Survey, residents preferred sidewalk *maintenance* and "availability *near residence*". Voters should judge whether the projects in Resolution 430 sufficiently addresses these priorities.

Only 39% of residents preferred to raise sales tax for new revenue. The sales tax is regressive.

Vote no to prioritize sidewalk repair of existing popular sidewalks over construction of 12 questionable projects, and to ensure that the City maximizes miles of safe, modern sidewalk per dollar *per pedestrian*.

Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Trustees of the Pierce County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 2018-07 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy rate to its fully-authorized level of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019 to provide stable funding to maintain library services. The 2019 levy dollar amount will be used to compute the limitation for subsequent levies as provided in chapter 84.55 RCW; all as provided in Resolution No. 2018-07. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: J.J. McCament, Tad Navle, Dona Ponepinto www.yespiercelibrary.com

With 20 libraries, 1.5 million books and materials, computers, and online access, Pierce County Library

strengthens our community, economy, schools, and quality of life.

Since 2006 Pierce County's population has grown 16% and library cardholders have increased 63%. As a result, costs to run the libraries are higher than revenues from property taxes. The Library stretched its 2006 levy to last twice as long as anticipated, but restoring funding is needed to keep up with inflation and demand.

Without this levy, services will decrease up to 21% and as many as 3 libraries will close. This investment of less than \$2.75 more per month for the average property owner will maintain current services. By supporting this levy, you will ensure the Library provides books, open hours, technology, and classes for 602,000 people in the service area.

Vote Yes and maintain valued library services now and for future years.

Explanatory statement

This proposition will restore Pierce County Library District's funding to the legally authorized limit by increasing the District's levy rate by 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed For questions about this measure, contact: Mary Getchell, Marketing and Communications Director 253-548-3428 mgetchell@piercecountylibrary.org

value for collection in 2019. Approval would enable the District to maintain library services the public said are a priority for growing and changing communities: books and materials, staff help, learning classes, computers, and technology. Voters passed a restored levy in 2006, which the District stretched to last twice as long as originally planned. During that time, the District's service area population increased 16%, cardholders increased 63%, and checkout of books increased 33%. To manage its budget, the District eliminated, reduced, or did not offer services totaling \$20 million.

Rejection would mean that services from the 2006 levy—hours, books, and classes—would be reduced. Without the restored levy, services would be eliminated and reduced in 2019 and subsequent years: fewer open hours, books and materials, classes and events, and closing 2-3 libraries.

To the owner of an average home assessed at \$320,000, the restored levy would be approximately a \$32 increase in 2019. The resulting levy amount would be used to calculate the statutory limitations on future levy increases for 2020 and thereafter.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds -- \$80,000,000

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue ("District") adopted Resolution No. 841 concerning a proposition to finance fire stations, land, vehicles and equipment. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to: construct 4 new fire stations to replace existing fire stations; acquire land; construct a new fire station in Tehaleh; acquire firefighting and emergency medical service vehicles and equipment; make other capital improvements; issue no more than \$80,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 841. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Bill Sandlian, Richard Cosner, Robert Peterson dad1073@yahoo.com

voters to pass the proposition, not just for First Responders safety, but

Residents For Proposition 1 ask

to improve Emergency Response for all residents of East Pierce Fire East Pierce Fire has never asked for a bond.

The Bond will replace stations originally built for volunteer use only, not full time staffing. With the age up to 70 years old, and built outside of current Fire Station standards and codes, the Bond will replace aging infrastructure and equipment critical in every aspect of Emergency Response and Natural Disaster. With rapid growth, comes increase in calls, it is crucial to maintain current levels of service that we all expect, as call volume is expected to increase 90% through 2040.

The cost to each of us is minimal, about \$8.00 a month per home (\$400K Value), to maintain and improve Emergency Facilities and Vehicles for everyone over the next 20 years.

Explanatory statement

East Pierce Fire & Rescue provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to over 88,000 people living in and around Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, For questions about this measure, contact: Bud Backer, Fire Chief 253-863-1800 bbacker@eastpiercefire.org

the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Edgewood and Milton. The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce determined the health, welfare and safety of these communities require East Pierce to replace the existing fire stations at Bonney Lake, Prairie Ridge, Lake Tapps – NW and Edgewood; construct a new fire station in Tehaleh; make capital improvements at the remaining fire stations; and acquire firefighting and emergency medical service vehicles and equipment (including ladder truck, tender, fire engines and medic units).

Passage of this proposition would authorize East Pierce to issue up to \$80,000,000 of bonds to pay for the projects, repayable from annual excess property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The anticipated bond tax rate is approximately \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the life of the bonds, or \$100.00 per year (\$8.33 per month) for a home valued at \$400,000. Exemptions may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169 or King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920, depending on your property location.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Construct and Renovate Fire Stations

The Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 45, King County, Washington adopted Resolution No. 452, concerning a proposition to improve emergency response times across the District. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct and equip a new fire station on property owned by the District; renovate, repair and improve the District's existing fire stations (including the Headquarters station located in downtown Duvall); make other capital improvements; issue no more than \$7,650,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 452. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Chris Martin, Mike Reid, Susan Rich

When that fire, disaster, accident or injury that risks your home, family and/or life occurs, how much will

emergency response time matter? Reduced response times help to save lives. A second Duvall Fire 45 station will make a difference and provide community-wide benefits for the Duvall community as growth in housing and traffic and an aging population of long-term residents increase the demand for emergency support.

For east of the city, response times will be shorter, and more residences will be within 5 miles of a manned station, making properties that were once uninsurable become insurable and possibly reducing homeowners' insurance premiums. With the increasing threat of wildfires this station will also help safeguard our community and protect homes and forested lands.

City residents will benefit from better coverage for the growing population and higher potential for accidents and emergencies. The anticipated growth of Duvall proper will be a challenge for a single station to cover. A second station in the district provides a quicker response to additional emergencies than neighboring departments can provide.

Please support the second Duvall Fire 45 station to make our community safer. It matters for everyone.

Explanatory statement

Duvall-KCFD 45 provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the City of Duvall and the communities of Lake Margret and Lake Marcel. To For questions about this measure, contact: F. David Burke, Fire Chief 425-788-1625 dburke@duvallfire45.com

reduce response times for the protection of public health, life and property across the entire service area of the District, the Board of Fire Commissioners has found that it is essential and necessary to construct a new fire station at 318th Avenue NE and NE Cherry Valley Road, improve one or more of the District's existing stations, including the District's Headquarters station in downtown Duvall, and make other capital improvements.

If approved, this proposition would authorize up to \$7,650,000 of general obligation bonds. The District anticipates using a combination of bond proceeds and existing reserve funds to pay for the improvements. Without voter approval, there will not be sufficient funds to pay for the fire stations.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and be repaid from annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies at an estimated rate of 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an estimated \$85.28 per year for a \$500,000 home.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the King County Department of Assessments 206-296-3920.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 2018-07, concerning a proposition to increase the size of its Board of Commissioners to provide better representation of the citizens in the area. Shall the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue be increased from three (3) to five (5) members?

Yes

No

Explanatory statement

As a result of the merger of Kittitas County Fire Protection District No. 8 into Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue in 2017 the Board of Commissioners of Snoqualmie For questions about this measure, contact: Jay Wiseman, Fire Chief 425-434-6333 jwiseman@snoqualmiepassfirerescue.org

Pass Fire & Rescue presently consists of six (6) commissioners. Under state law the number of commissioners will gradually be reduced to three (3) unless the voters authorize an increase to five.

If the voters approve this Proposition, the Board of Commissioners of T Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue will consist of five commissioners each of whom will serve six-year terms.

Maintaining the size of the Board of Commissioners with five members will allow for increased citizen representation, greater public participation and will allow for more effective governance under the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Statement in favor

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 favor. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1 Improvement Bonds to Connect and Protect Parks, Trails and Recreational Facilities

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Si View Metropolitan Park District adopted Resolution No. 2018-03 concerning parks, trails and recreational facility improvements.

This proposition authorizes the District to construct and improve multiuse trails linking greenspaces, neighborhoods, regional trails and riverfront access; improve, construct, and/or equip Tollgate Farm Park, Torguson Park, Tennant Trailhead Park, the North Bend Train Depot and other District park, recreational and support facilities; acquire and develop property for recreational use; issue up to \$14,795,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a 30 year term; and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds.

Shall this proposition be approved?

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Fritz Ribary connectandprotectparks@gmail.com

Si View is vital to improving the quality of life through parks and recreation in Snoqualmie

Valley. Today, our community's recreation needs are outpacing available spaces and services. We need to expand our trail network to connect neighborhoods to community parks and regional trails. We need to preserve open space for future parks while land is available. We need to upgrade existing facilities to expand programming to serve our growing community. It's time to Connect and Protect Our Trails and Parks with your Yes vote for Si View.

Trail Connections: Safe walking and biking routes are vital for a healthy community. A connected trail network of community parks and regional trails provides exiting new and local opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Facility Improvements: Torguson and Tollgate parks are loved and heavily used. Improvements permit expanded recreational, educational and agricultural usage. North Bend Train Depot is underutilized. Improvements will create an inviting central community gathering space. Growing programs need well maintained facilities.

Future Parks: Open spaces that you can walk or bike to are disappearing fast, we must act now while space is still available to ensure all neighborhoods can be connected to future community parks.

Please vote Yes for Si View!

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Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 authorizes the Si View Metropolitan Park District to develop, construct and improve trails linking greenspaces, regional trails, mountain bike trails and For questions about this measure, contact: Travis Stombaugh, Executive Director 425-831-1900 tstombaugh@siviewpark.org

riverfront access, improving connectivity and providing safe routes between neighborhood parks and green spaces; acquire and develop real property for recreational use; and improve, develop and equip existing park and recreational facilities to support expanded recreational, educational and agricultural activities. Improvements include adding lighting, irrigation, fencing and landscaping and improving the skate park at Torguson Park; developing facilities at Tollgate Farm Park to support agricultural, educational and recreational activities; adding parking, multipurpose trails and mountain bike trails at Tennant Trailhead Park; rehabilitating the North Bend Train Depot and surrounding park; and improving, rehabilitating, developing and equipping other park and recreational facilities, support facilities, parks and trails of the District.

The District conducted a needs assessment and adopted a 2017 Comprehensive Parks Plan, a six-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing park, trail and recreational services within the District. Based upon the needs assessments and goals and priorities set forth in the Plan, the District has found that it is necessary to undertake certain preservation and improvement projects in order to maintain existing recreational facilities and meet the recreational needs of a rapidly growing population in Snoqualmie Valley.

Proposition 1 authorizes the issuance of \$14,795,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 30 years and the levy of annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds (estimated impact of \$7.87 per month on a \$500,000 home).

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on November 6, 2018, a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of providing education services designed to improve access to early learning and high-quality preschool, K-12 school and communitybased investments, K-12 school health, and post-secondary and job readiness opportunities for Seattle students; implementing exemptions for low income seniors, disabled veterans, and other people who are disabled as defined in RCW 84.36.381; authorizing a creation of a designated fund; directing the application of levy proceeds; establishing eligibility requirements for partners; establishing accountability and reporting structures; providing for the facilitation of communication between the City and stakeholders; providing for partnership agreements with Seattle School District and Seattle Colleges District; requiring a forthcoming Implementation and Evaluation Plan; proposing a ballot title; and authorizing the implementation of agreements for this levy lid lift which will be commonly known as the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy.

WHEREAS, we as a community must address the crisis of affordability in Seattle by creating real and equitable economic opportunity for students across the City; and

WHEREAS, to maintain its competitiveness, retain existing employers, and attract new economically-sustainable industries and family-wage jobs, Seattle needs to provide a well-educated, well-trained workforce with the advanced skills and abilities needed to compete in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly competitive global economy many Seattle area employers require applicants to have a high school diploma and a college degree; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) currently administers the Families and Education and Seattle Preschool Program Levies, and DEEL is responsible for developing the City's education policy and investment strategy for levy funds to help children succeed in school through increased access to high-quality programs supporting academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Seattle voters approved a seven-year property tax lid lift known as the Families and Education Levy (FEL Levy) in 1990, 1997, 2004, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 64 percent of Seattle voters approved a \$232 million, sevenyear renewal of the FEL Levy to improve academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 69 percent of Seattle voters approved a \$58 million, fouryear Seattle Preschool Program Levy (SPP Levy) to provide Seattle children with accessible high-quality preschool services designed to improve their readiness for school and to support their subsequent academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, over 2,000 community members in Seattle participated in conversations about how to eliminate the opportunity gap in education, culminating in an Education Summit on April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, an Education Advisory Group developed recommendations for the City and the Seattle School District to more vigorously address the persistent opportunity gap in education; and

WHEREAS, the Education Advisory Group established the goal of helping 70 percent of African American/Black students and other students of color achieve success in college or a credential program and take advantage of the economic opportunities in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the goal, implementation guidelines, recommendations, and priorities of the Education Advisory Group were incorporated into the Seattle Education Action Plan (EAP) and set out a vision for eliminating the opportunity gap in education by focusing new and existing resources on effective approaches to improving academic results for all students; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EAP is to guide City investments with respect to eliminating the education opportunity gap in Seattle and making quality education supports available to Seattle students; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the City Council passed Resolution 31748, which adopted the EAP and affirmed that the City will continue to work collaboratively with the Seattle School District and that the EAP recommendations and strategies will help inform the City's development of proposals to renew the FEL and SPP Levies; and

WHEREAS, beginning in October 2017, more than 465 community members representing over 105 different organizations in Seattle have identified and prioritized funding investments to renew the FEL and SPP Levies; and

WHEREAS, the above meetings included community-based organizations, the Seattle School Board, educators, parents, families, and students; and

WHEREAS, during these conversations several community priorities emerged including: access to mental health support; social and emotional support; healthcare; before- and after-school activities; transportation; the Seattle

Preschool Program; and the need for continued work to close the opportunity gap in education; and

WHEREAS, the Families and Education and Seattle Preschool Program Levy Oversight Committee provided feedback and direction to DEEL on the goals, investment areas, and implementation principles and priorities to renew the FEL and SPP Levies; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2018, Seattle Colleges, Seattle School District and the City of Seattle signed a partnership agreement to develop and implement the Seattle Promise program with a shared commitment to equity, inclusion, and guaranteed access to a post-secondary education for all Seattle School District high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, because the kindergarten–12th grade (K–12) school system alone cannot address all barriers to preparing students for post-secondary success, and because Seattle residents support the city's economic, social, and civic wellbeing, supplemental funding provided through the FEL and SPP Levies serves a legitimate City purpose; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the FEL and SPP Levies are supplemental to the basic education financed by the State of Washington and the Seattle School District levies and do not displace, nor reduce State or School District funding for the Seattle School District; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City of Seattle launched a Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI), with the vision of eliminating race-based disparities within Seattle, and the mission of eliminating institutional racism and promoting multiculturalism within City government; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2009, the City Council passed Resolution 31164, which affirmed the City's commitment to RSJI work and directed City departments to use available tools, including 1) implementation of racial equity toolkits (RETs) in budget, program and policy decisions, including review of existing programs, and 2) education, to assist in the elimination of racial and social disparities across key indicators of success, and

WHEREAS, in the 2016 RSJI Community Survey, 92 percent of respondents said government should prioritize addressing racial inequities, and 88 percent agreed that to create equity and opportunity for all, a greater portion of resources should go to those who are most in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City launched Our Best, an initiative to improve life outcomes for Black men and boys through systems-level changes, policy development, and programmatic investments in the areas of education, safety, health, economic mobility, and positive connections to caring adults; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2017, the Mayor of Seattle, Jenny A. Durkan, signed Executive Order 2017-13 affirming the City's commitment to the RSJI and stating that the City shall apply a racial equity lens in its work, with a focus in 2018 on actions relating to affordability and education; and

WHEREAS, despite significant efforts to provide equitable opportunities for attaining education to Seattle students, disparate racially-identifiable outcomes have systemically persisted in the Seattle School District; and

WHEREAS, racial achievement gaps in education are not caused by socioeconomic disparities alone, other factors including access to and the quality of early childhood education and public schools, patterns of residential and school segregation, and state educational and social policies, play important roles in reducing or exacerbating disparities; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, the Seattle School District Board of Directors adopted Policy Number 0030 ("Ensuring Educational and Racial Equity"), affirming its belief that "the concept of education equity goes beyond formal equality—where all students are treated the same—to fostering a barrier-free environment where all students, regardless of their race, class or other personal characteristics such as creed, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, economic status, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, pregnancy status, marital status, physical appearance, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, have the opportunity to benefit equally. This means differentiating resource allocation, within budgetary limitations, to meet the needs of students who need more support and opportunities to succeed academically"; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Seattle School District Board of Directors adopted Policy Number 0010 ("Instructional Philosophy"), which affirms its belief that, "every student should be given the opportunity to learn at grade-level and beyond, and the Seattle School Board is committed to ensuring that all students will be afforded the opportunity to fulfill their potential and graduate from high school ready for career, college, and life"; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy should be to increase economic opportunities through strategic, equitable

investments in education; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy are to partner with families and community to achieve educational equity such that Seattle students will have access to and utilize services across a continuum beginning with 1) high-quality early learning services that prepare children for success in kindergarten, 2) physical and mental health services that support learning, 3) college and job readiness experiences that promote high school graduation, and 4) post-secondary opportunities that promote attainment of a certificate, credential, or degree; and

WHEREAS, education experts and advocates stress the need to provide a continuum of services for students from preschool to post-secondary; and

WHEREAS, a major focus of the Seattle Preschool Program is to narrow the opportunity and achievement gaps that are present in Seattle's education system, and on average, children from low-income families and historically-underserved children have fewer opportunities to become appropriately prepared for the social and academic challenges of the system than their peers; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to refine the Seattle Preschool Program to meet the needs of the community and its children, and narrowing the achievement gap in kindergarten readiness should remain an essential outcome of the program; and

WHEREAS, students should have access to healthcare and other health-related services to be healthy and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, Washington State law affirms that the purpose of a high school diploma is "to declare that a student is ready for success in post-secondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship"; and

WHEREAS, WAC 180-51-068 increased the minimum number of credits required to graduate from 20 to 24 beginning with the class of 2019, which creates a need for flexible scheduling and more opportunities to earn credits; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the 13th Year Promise Scholarship Program for South Seattle College has seen approximately 500 graduates from Seattle School District enroll through the program; and half of those students said they would not have enrolled if not for the existence of the 13th Year Promise Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, the collection of taxes from the current FEL and SPP Levies will end in 2018 and services funded by the levies will end unless the levies are renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Action Plan is contained in Clerk File 320782, in which all research references cited in this ordinance may be found; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the City place on the November 6, 2018, ballot a measure to renew, expand, and combine the Families and Education and Seattle Preschool Program Levies as one levy for seven years at a funding level of \$619.6 million, which in 2019 would add approximately \$0.365 per \$1,000 of assessed value in additional taxes and cost the median assessed valued residence of \$665,000 approximately \$242; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and declarations. The City Council makes the following findings and declarations:

A. Seattle's students are its future and the quality of that future depends on providing every student an equitable opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

B. Seattle needs an educated population that is actively engaged in its civic life and contributes to the economic and social well-being of the city.

C. In the 2017–18 school year, 64.1 percent of children in Seattle School District kindergarten classes were determined to be "Kindergarten Ready" in the six skill areas recorded on the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) assessment tool: social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and math. WaKIDS assessment results reveal achievement disparities among racial and socio-economic subgroups, with significant disparities between children identified as children of color, low-income, or limited-English-proficient and those identified as White. Providing adequate resources and support for children to be Kindergarten Ready has been shown to improve their chance to thrive in kindergarten and beyond.

D. While children from families making near or below the federal poverty level (FPL) have access to State- and federally-funded preschool programs, Seattle children from low- and middle-income families above these programs' income thresholds have few affordable, accessible alternatives.

E. Research findings have underscored the importance of quality early childhood education by identifying critical periods when a child's brain development facilitates the acquisition of certain skills, such as language, and the need to capitalize on learning opportunities and social experiences. Children acquire a larger vocabulary and stronger language skills if exposed to adults with larger

vocabularies.

F. Participation in quality public preschool has positive effects on children's school experiences by reducing the demand for grade repetition, special education placement, mental health services, judicial system involvement, and unemployment support, and lowers exposure to toxic stress over the long-term. Quality preschool focuses on comprehensive social, emotional, and cognitive skill development; health and nutrition support; and partnerships with families and elementary schools. Researchers have calculated a 7–10 percent return on investment for high-quality preschool.

G. In an independent evaluation of the Seattle Preschool Program's (SPP) four-year demonstration phase, evaluators found that SPP improved classroom quality from year one (2015-16) to year two (2016-17). Evaluators also concluded that SPP kept pace or outperformed quality ratings attained by similar publicly-funded preschool programs in the early years of program implementation and that SPP is preparing children for kindergarten, with the greatest gains among preschool students of color and those from low-income households or families who do not speak English.

H. Since 1990, the Families and Education Levy (FEL) has invested in health services for Seattle students. Research findings show that poor health severely limits a child's motivation and ability to learn.

I. Research shows that school-based health centers (SBHCs) improve student health and emotional well-being, and that these in turn aid academic performance by increasing attendance rates and student grade point averages over time. Furthermore, adolescents are 21 times more likely to access mental health services at SBHCs than community-based clinics.

J. The FEL and SPP Levies currently support approximately 30,000 children annually across 300 service sites in collaboration with 200 partner organizations and institutions.

K. Many of the Seattle School District's lowest performing schools are predominately in Central, Southeast, and Southwest neighborhoods of Seattle. These schools have higher percentages of students receiving free and reduced-price lunches (FRL) and transitional bilingual support services, higher concentrations of students who face barriers to educational attainment, and higher numbers of students who lack access to opportunities for preschool, health services, college and job readiness, and post-secondary opportunities.

L. In the 2016–17 school year, 36 percent of Seattle School District students qualified for the FRL program, 14 percent qualified for special education services, and 12 percent qualified for the transitional bilingual support program.

M. There is a strong link between building social-emotional skills and developing workplace readiness requirements. Expanded learning opportunities that target these skills can play an important role in closing the skills gap between youth from lower-income backgrounds and their more affluent peers so that all young people are prepared for the workforce.

N. Research studies of Seattle School District have found that while most students do not drop out of school until their junior or senior year of high school, students exhibit early warning signs of dropout in sixth grade.

O. In 2016, 78 percent of Seattle School District students graduated from high school in four years or less; however, African American/Black, American Indian/ Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, and students graduated at rates below the district average (70 percent, 63 percent, and 55 percent, respectively). Further, students experiencing homelessness had a graduation rate of 50 percent while low-income students graduated at a rate of 68 percent.

P. Failing even one course in the ninth grade dramatically increases a student's likelihood of dropping out of high school. In the Seattle School District, 19 percent of all ninth graders failed one or more core courses in the 2015–16 school year. Among African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students, percentages of those failing one or more core courses in ninth grade each exceeded the District average (36 percent, 40 percent, and 58 percent respectively).

Q. Students who successfully complete Algebra II before graduating from high school are more likely to enroll in post-secondary programs and are more likely to complete a degree. Students who took an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course were found to be 17 percent more likely to persist in four-year colleges and 30 percent more likely to persist in two-year colleges.

R. During the school year, students of all income levels tend to progress academically at similar rates. However, students who lack access to learning experiences during the summer months lose ground in a phenomenon often referred to as "the summer slide." By the end of ninth grade, almost two-thirds of the socioeconomic achievement gap can be attributed to differential summer learning.

S. Beginning as early as fifth grade, students tend to limit themselves to career

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paths that are in line with their self-concepts and perceived place in society and the context in which they live. School-based interventions are uniquely positioned to provide opportunities for job exploration. Research shows middle school is a key time to improve the academics and attitudes needed to succeed in high school, college, and beyond.

T. Strategies such as exposing students to the importance of college by taking them on college campus visits, identifying prospective colleges, aiding in the college application process, helping families navigate financial assistance, and providing encouragement and support to students who have not formed a college-going identity are critical to helping students become college and job ready and successfully transitioning to college.

U. Graduating from high school and completing post-secondary training improves an individual's earning potential and economic self-sufficiency. According to U.S. Census data (2016), a person in Seattle earns an average annual salary of \$61,055 with a bachelor's degree, \$37,293 with an associate degree or some college, \$28,645 with a high school diploma, and \$24,489 with less than a high school diploma.

V. Twenty-six percent of Seattle School District graduates in 2015 did not pursue post-secondary education at two- or four-year institutions. Among those who attended a public two-year program, 41 percent dropped out in their first year. Among those who attended a public four-year program, 15 percent dropped out in their first year. These numbers indicate that 41 percent of 2015 Seattle School District graduates struggled to access and persist in the pursuit of a post-secondary credential. This "leaky pipeline"—a term often used to describe students' persistence to obtain post-secondary degrees and manifests in reduced social mobility and economic opportunity.

W. In 2015, roughly 52 percent of all Seattle School District students who graduated and attended a two-year college took remediation courses; however, students of color took remediation courses at a higher rate of 64–71 percent. The need for remedial coursework increases the financial barriers to accessing and completing post-secondary education for many students and is a barrier for apprenticeship programs.

X. The expense of post-secondary education in addition to transportation costs, lack of affordable of housing, non-tuition related college expenses such as textbooks, supplies, and food, and the social pressures faced by many historicallyunderserved students or first-generation college-going students, may further exacerbate disparities in access to and completion of a post-secondary credential.

Y. An urgent need exists to continue the City's investment in Education-Support Services funded by regular property taxes that support educational equity. This urgency requires submission of a proposition authorizing for up to seven years regular property tax levies in excess of the levy limitations in chapter 84.55 RCW. The proposition should be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Seattle at a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2018.

Section 2. Statement of policy. It is the paramount duty of the State "to make ample provision for the education of all students." Education institutions, including the Seattle School District, are directly responsible for providing a basic program of education for all students; however, educational support is essential for a quality education and they cannot do this essential work alone. Government, business, community members and families must work together to advance the success of Seattle students, especially historically-underserved students.

A. Priorities for levy funding

1. Invest in Seattle children, students, families, and communities that have been historically-underserved to increase access to educational opportunities across the education continuum.

 Establish agreements with community-based organizations, the Seattle School District, Public Health–Seattle & King County, Seattle Colleges, and other institutional partners to allow data-driven and outcomes-based decision-making.

3. Implement or continue evidence-based strategies and promising practices to improve program quality and achieve equity in educational outcomes.

 4. Provide access to capacity-building opportunities for historically-underserved Seattle communities to improve program instruction, quality, and infrastructure.
B. Implementation principles

1. Prioritize investments to ensure educational equity for historically-underserved groups including African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islanders, underserved Asian populations, other students of color, refugee and immigrant, homeless, English language learners, and LGBTQ students.

2. Ensure ongoing and authentic student, family, and community engagement and support.

3. Maximize partnerships with community, cultural and language-based

organizations.

4. Ensure Levy proceeds are supplemental and complementary to existing public funding structures and services; funding is never used to supplant statemandated services.

5. Implement competitive processes to identify organizations to partner with the City to deliver services to children and youth.

6. Implement accountability structures based on student outcomes, performancebased contracts, performance-based awards, and practice continuous quality improvement.

7. Provide financial support that increases access to expanded learning opportunities and affordable services for families and educators.

8. Report annually on investments, access to services, and progress toward achieving educational equity.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following words have the following meanings:

"Access" means adequate supply of and engagement in relevant and high-quality opportunities in the absence of geographical, financial, structural, social or cultural barriers that limit upward social mobility.

"Achievement Gap" means any significant and persistent disparity in academic achievement or educational attainment between different groups of students, including historically-underserved students.

"City" means The City of Seattle.

"College and Job Ready" means students equipped with the knowledge and skills deemed essential for success in post-secondary programs and in the modern workforce.

"Community-based Organization" means a public or private organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community or significant segments of a community and provides educational or related services to individuals in the community.

"Education-Support Services" means the array of programs and activities referred to in Section 6 of this ordinance. Education-Support Services, with such modifications as the City Council may from time to time authorize by ordinance.

"Educational Equity" means access to educational opportunities and academic achievement are not predicated on a person's race and socioeconomic status.

"Expanded Learning Opportunities" means high-quality before-school, afterschool, summer, and youth development programs that create access to year-round learning to foster college and job readiness through activities such as family engagement, tutoring, mentoring, academics, social and emotional learning, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), education technology, projectbased learning, and culturally-responsive supports.

"Family Engagement" means the systemic inclusion of families in activities and programs that promote children's development, learning, and wellness, including in the planning, development, and evaluation of such activities, programs, and systems.

"Family and Community Engagement" means consistent and persistent engagement with an entire community to establish a foundation of partnership, trust and empowerment.

"Historically-Underserved Students" means students who experience systemic inequities in educational achievement because of their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, English proficiency, special education needs, community wealth, familial situations, housing status, sexual orientation, or other factors.

"Kindergarten Ready" means children who are equipped with the knowledge and skills deemed to be essential for success in kindergarten, as measured by the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS).

"Opportunity Gap" means any significant and persistent disparity in access to educational experiences and expanded learning opportunities between different groups of students, including historically-underserved students.

"Our Best" means the City's first-ever initiative focusing specifically on improving life outcomes for Black men and boys. As part of the City's focus on eliminating race-based disparities through the Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI), Our Best is the City's umbrella strategy for systems-level changes, policy development, and programmatic investments that carry an explicit benefit for and ensure that young Black men and boys have equitable access to Seattle's vast opportunity landscape. Our Best aims to expand opportunity for young Black men and boys in five strategic impact areas: education, safety, health, economic mobility, and positive connections to caring adults.

"Post-secondary" means education and/or job training beyond K-12 schooling including apprenticeships, trades, certificate programs, career credentials, and degrees.

"Preschool" means an organized education program provided to children below the age and grade level at which the State provides free public education for all. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the limits on levies provided for in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings derived from that portion of the levy.

"School Based Health Centers" indicates school-based facilities that offer highquality, comprehensive medical and physical health, mental health, oral health, and health promotion services provided by qualified health care professionals before, during, and after school to help students succeed in school and life. "Seattle School Board" indicates the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No 1

"Seattle School District" indicates Seattle School District No. 1.

"Seattle Colleges" indicates the Seattle Colleges District, a multi-college district that includes South Seattle College, Seattle Central College, and North Seattle College. "The Plan" indicates the Implementation and Evaluation Plan for the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy.

Section 4. Levy of regular property taxes - submittal. The City hereby submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation ("lid") on regular property taxes contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, for property taxes levied in 2018 through 2024 for collection in 2019 through 2025. The proposition shall be limited so that in the first year the City shall not levy an additional tax rate of more than \$0.365 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year, above and beyond the maximum amount of regular property taxes allowed by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance, plus other authorized lid lifts. Subsequent years of the Levy, will use the amount of dollars for the remainder of the Levy. To this new limit there will be added no more than a one percent increase in dollars levied for the purposes of this Levy each year.

Proceeds shall be used to provide services identified in Section 6 of this ordinance for Seattle students and their families. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City exempts the proposed regular property taxes for qualifying seniors, disabled retirees, disabled veterans, or other qualifying persons. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2025 for collection in 2026 and in later years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this ordinance.

Section 5. Application of Proceeds. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, the Proceeds shall be deposited in a hereafter established fund, the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Fund. The Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) shall have responsibility for administering the Fund. Proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money, and interest and other earnings shall be used for the same purposes as the Proceeds.

Section 6. Education-Support Services. Services funded by Proceeds are intended to achieve equity in educational outcomes and the Levy's stated goals by providing Seattle students with access to and services across a continuum beginning with high-quality early learning services that prepare children for success in kindergarten, physical and mental health services that support learning, college and job readiness experiences that promote high school graduation, and post-secondary opportunities that promote attainment of a certificate, credential, or degree. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through Education-Support Services that include the following:

A. Preschool and early learning. Major program elements are intended to increase children's kindergarten readiness and may include: financial support for preschool and childcare tuition, ongoing comprehensive supports for quality teaching, and support for early learning infrastructure development.

B. K-12 school and community-based investments. Major program elements are intended to increase student achievement of education milestones and may include: expanded learning opportunities including year-round, out-of-school time activities; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions supports; job exploration activities; and advising and guidance related to college and college and college and set.

C. K-12 school health. Major program elements are intended to provide safe, age-appropriate, culturally-competent care to help children be healthy and ready to learn and may include: comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, care coordination, connection to community supports, outreach and health

education.

D. Seattle Promise. Major program elements are intended to increase student access to post-secondary and job training opportunities and may include: academic preparation, post-secondary success coaches, readiness academies, the equivalent of two years of financial support for tuition, and non-tuition financial support.

In the annual City budget or by separate ordinance, the City shall determine from year-to-year the Education-Support Services and funding allocations that will most effectively achieve the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy goals and outcomes. The City is authorized to reallocate within a budget year unexpended and unencumbered funds from one core strategy to another by making operating budget transfers consistent with Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.08.020.

Section 7. Implementation and Evaluation Plan. Proceeds may be spent only in accordance with an Implementation and Evaluation Plan ("The Plan") approved by ordinance. The Plan may be amended by ordinance.

The Plan shall set forth the following: priority criteria, measurable outcomes, and methodology by which Proceeds-funded strategies will be selected and evaluated; the process and schedule by which DELL will select and contract with partners to provide services; and the evaluation methodology to measure both individual investments and overall impacts of the Education-Support Services. The achievement of outcomes shall be evaluated, and no one component will determine an individual investment strategy's effectiveness or the overall effectiveness of the Education-Support Services.

DEEL shall create The Plan in close collaboration with City staff in the Mayor's Office, related City departments, and partners such as students, families, historically-underserved communities, educators, community-based organizations, cultural and language-based organizations, Public Health–Seattle & King County, the Seattle School District, Seattle Colleges, other governmental entities, other educational institutions, and other relevant stakeholders. The Plan shall include a summary of participants whose input was used to inform the development of The Plan. During the prioritization of new investments, one RSJI Racial Equity Toolkit (RET)—a process and set of questions designed to assist departments in analyzing the racial equity impact of policies, programs, initiatives and budget issues—may be applied to each strategy listed in Section 6 of this ordinance. Use of RET is consistent with the goals of Executive Order 2017-13, relating to the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative, and will help minimize harm and maximize the benefit of Education-Support Services to Seattle's communities of color.

Section 8. Accountability and reporting. Upon voter approval of the ballot proposition submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee (Committee) to make recommendations on the design and modifications of Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy-funded programs and to monitor their progress in meeting their intended outcomes and goals.

A. The Committee shall review an annual report of Levy outcomes and indicators for the previous school year; review and advise on proposed course corrections, program modifications, and program eliminations; and periodically review and advise on program evaluations. The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council the Implementation and Evaluation Plan, Partnership Agreements, or proposes any changes in Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the recommendation of the Committee.

B. The Committee shall consist of 17 members: the Mayor; the chair of the City Council's committee with oversight of education programs; the Superintendent of the Seattle School District; a member of the Seattle School Board; the Chancellor of Seattle Colleges; and 12 appointed members. The Mayor and the City Council shall each appoint six of the appointed members. All members appointed by the Mayor are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

C. The 12 appointed members shall be appointed to staggered three-year terms subject to reappointment, except that four of them (two Mayoral appointees and two Council appointees) shall be initially appointed for a single-year term, four (two Mayoral appointees and two Council appointees and two Council appointees) shall be initially appointed for a two-year term, and four (two Mayoral appointees and two Council appointees) shall be initially appointed for a three-year term. Upon the resignation, retirement, death, incapacity or removal of a Committee member, the authority appointing such member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term. The appointing authority may remove any member for good cause, including unexcused absence from two or more consecutive meetings without cause.

D. The 12 appointed members should have professional, personal or research experience associated with the growth and development of children, including student academic achievement and post-secondary and job opportunities. The City will seek candidates that represent the organizations and communities that

are impacted by Levy investments, including parent teacher associations, labor, community-based organizations, and cultural- and language-based organizations. The City will also seek candidates to serve on the Committee who understand, have experience working with, and represent the historically-underserved groups including African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islanders, underserved Asian populations, other students of color, refugee and immigrant, homeless, English language learners, and LGBTQ students. E. At all times no more than five Committee members shall be an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be an immediate family member of, or an individual residing with, an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a person seeking or having an arrangement concerning future employment with an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance an individual's "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or domestic partner, child, child of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling, sibling of a domestic partner, brother-inlaw, sister-in-law, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, a person for whom the individual is a legal guardian, or a person claimed as a dependent on the individual's most recently filed federal income tax return. Except as provided in the preceding sentence and applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not be disqualified from serving on the Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not vote on any matter that directly involves the interests of such entity. For purposes of this section, "entity" does not include a City department or office. The provisions of this section are in addition to the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.16.

F. The Mayor and the chair of the City Council's committee with oversight of education programs, or their respective designees, will co-chair the Committee. The Committee should generally meet every other month, or as needed, beginning January 2019. DEEL shall provide staff and logistical support for the Committee. Members shall serve without pay. The Committee shall continue in existence through December 31, 2026, and thereafter if so provided by the City Council.

G. The Oversight Committee may consider any issues arising under, and may make any recommendations regarding, programs funded by expired levies covering the same subject matter as the levy created by this ordinance.

H. Any committees created by expired levies covering the same subject matter as the levy created by this ordinance are terminated.

Section 9. Communications. The City will facilitate communications with, and obtain feedback from, partners such as students, families, historicallyunderserved communities, educators, community-based organizations, culturaland language-based organizations, the Seattle School District, Public Health-Seattle & King County, Seattle Colleges, other governmental entities, relevant stakeholders, and related City departments on topics including professional development, workforce development, training programs, updated policies, and other information regarding Education-Support Services, implementation and evaluation, and other pertinent information related to educational equity in general. The City may determine the best method by which to accomplish these communications, with priority given to community-based and in-person communication opportunities including, but not limited to, community meetings with interpretation services provided, participation and representation at Citysponsored and related community outreach and communication activities, print and news media, social media, websites, blogs, emails and listservs.

Section 10. Partnership Agreements. The City and its partners shall develop Partnership Agreements that establish the roles and responsibilities of each entity in developing The Plan referenced in Section 7 of this ordinance, in implementing Education-Support Services, and for achieving the desired outcomes for Education-Support Services. They shall outline, in a variety of areas, how the City and its partner institutions will achieve educational equity such that Seattle students will have access to high-quality early learning services, physical and mental health services, college and job readiness experiences, and post-secondary opportunities, as appropriate given the partners' service level and the age-group of their focus students. The Partnership Agreements shall cover items including, but not limited to, data sharing necessary for student enrollment, program evaluations and course corrections, standards for delivery of services, curriculum alignment, sharing of facilities, direct contracting, and other proactive methods for identifying and reaching students and schools most in need of support.

Proceeds may only be leveraged to support Seattle School District and Seattle Colleges programs or functions with the existence of a current, effective Partnership Agreement.

Section 11. Implementing agreements. If voters approve the Families, Education,

Preschool, and Promise Levy proposition, the City may carry out the Education-Support Services with City staff or by agreements with partners such as the Seattle School District, Seattle Colleges, Public Health–Seattle & King County, the State of Washington and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, Head Start Region X, community-based organizations, and with such other agencies and persons as may be appropriate. Additionally, the City may enter into agreements with consultants through the process detailed in Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 20.50.

The City shall, when soliciting businesses for goods or services agreements, perform outreach to small, economically-disadvantaged businesses, including those owned by members of historically-underserved communities, include women- and minority-owned business enterprises (WMBE). City agreements with other public entities shall encourage those entities to actively solicit bids for the subcontracting of any goods or services, when such subcontracting is required or appropriate, from qualified small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with businesses for goods and services and with other public entities and non-profits shall encourage these entities to employ a workforce that reflects the region's diversity. All City agreements for goods and services shall require the contracting entities to comply with all then applicable requirements for non-discrimination in employment in federal, state, and City of Seattle laws and regulations.

All City agreements funded by Proceeds will stipulate that no assurances are made of continuation beyond the 2025–26 school year after the levy lid lift authorized by the voters has expired.

Section 12. Election - Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the Fiscal de la Ciudad in accordance with the Fiscal de la Ciudad's responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title containing a statement of subject and concise description is submitted to the Fiscal de la Ciudad for consideration: CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. XX

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The City of Seattle's Proposition XX concerns renewing and enhancing education services to close the opportunity gap.

If approved, this proposition would replace two expiring levies and fund early learning and preschool, college and K-12 education support, and job readiness as provided in Ordinance XXXXX. It authorizes regular-property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits over seven years, with an additional tax rate up to \$0.365/\$1,000 of assessed value for taxes collected in 2019. Some seniors and other qualified persons are exempted. The 2019 taxes will be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies, with 1% increases per year.

Should this Levy be approved?

Yes

No

Those in favor shall vote "Yes;" those opposed shall mark their ballots "No."

Section 13. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or the levy of the taxes authorized herein, but this ordinance and the authority to levy those taxes shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions had not been contained herein; and any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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