# November 2, 2021 General and Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



i Your ballot will arrive by October 18





#### Dear Friends,

Democracy is not a spectator sport. It takes all of us on the field to build the community, region, and country we want to live in. It takes each of us using the tools that we have available to make a difference. Voting is just one tool we can use to influence the future of our community, and it's an important one.

While voting is not a cure-all to every challenge we face, it does have a profound impact on the decisions that get made in local government - every single day. Decisions about our schools and parks, roads and transit, libraries and childcare. Decisions about how our tax dollars are spent and prioritized. These local elections have an incredible impact on our day-to-day lives.

We are not all always going to agree on everything. That's okay. What matters is that we speak up and turn out. What matters is that you take a few minutes to fill out your ballot, sign it, and return it by mail or by drop box – no stamp needed.

Make your selections. Make yourself heard. Make a difference.

Happy voting,

Julie Wise

# Voting tips

# Fill out your ballot

You can use any color of pen to complete your ballot. You do not have to vote in every race to have your votes counted. Make selections in the contests you'd like and you can skip those that you're unsure about.

# Sign your envelope

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

# Return your ballot early

Whether returning your ballot by mail or by drop box, don't wait until Election Day! Get your ballot back early.

If returning by drop box, there are more than 70 locations available across the county. You'll find the full list on pages 8-9 of this pamphlet. Drop boxes close promptly at 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 2.

If returning by mail, your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day, November 2. No stamp is needed.

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# **Contact information**

phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165

TTY Relay: 711

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

# Vote centers

Vote 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. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots through Election Day.

Free parking for voters is available at all locations, except Lumen Field Event Center.

Locations		Hours of operation
Renton	<b>King County Elections</b> 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, October 13 - October 22, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Weekdays, October 25 - November 1, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
		Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Election Day, November 2, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal	Federal Way Performing Arts &	Monday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Way		Election Day, November 2, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore	<b>Kenmore City Hall</b> 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
Seattle	Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134	
	Walk-in entrance on the corner of Occidental Ave S and S Royal Brougham Way	Public Health Notice  As part of the continued effort

As part of the continued effort to stop the spread of CoVID-19 in our community, King County Elections recommends registering to vote, updating your registration, and accessing your ballot online whenever needed.

We will have Vote Centers open for those who need in person assistance. Face masks that cover both nose and mouth are required, regardless of vaccination status.



# Did you know that you can access your ballot online?

Lost and damaged ballots happen. There's an easy way to access and print your ballot right from home!

Visit kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp and enter the required information to access your ballot.

- 1. Make your selections on the computer or print out a blank ballot and fill it in by hand. If you choose to make your selections online, please double check those selections before and after printing your ballot.
- 2. When printing, make sure to select the 'fit to page' option to ensure the entire length of the ballot prints.
- 3. Return via mail or secure drop box, just like you normally would. No postage is required if using the included envelope cover sheet.

Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program to access and print their ballot.

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.



# Other voting options

If one of the above options doesn't work for you, please contact our office for further assistance.

# **Student Engagement Hubs**

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

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

#### **University of Washington Bothell Campus**

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

#### **University of Washington Seattle Campus**

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

#### Who can register

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- · A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old 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 to vote

#### Online

You can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov – all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID. You can register online by October 25 for the General election.

#### By mail

Download and print a registration form from kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office (address on page 4). It must be received by October 25 for the General election.

#### In person

You can register in person through November 2, Election Day, at one of our Vote Centers. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 4 and on our website at kingcounty.gov/elections.

## Pre-register to vote

#### 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote!

16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote online or by mail at any time. Their registration will be assigned a 'pending' status until they turn 18. If the registrant turns 18 before the next scheduled Election Day, they will automatically be mailed a ballot at their registered address.



# **Keep your voter registration current**

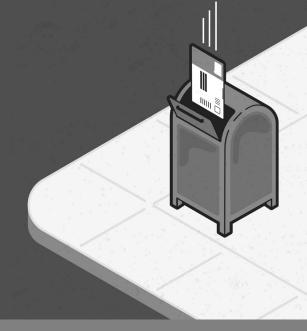
Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name. Simply update your information online at VoteWA.gov or submit a new paper registration form by October 25 for the General election or visit us in person at one of our Vote Centers. If your signature has changed, please submit a new paper registration by October 25 or come see us in person – updates to signatures may not be done online.

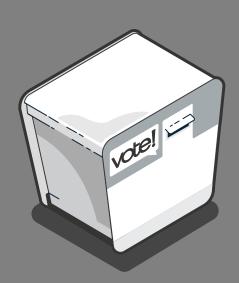
# Return your ballot by mail.

# No Stamp Needed!

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

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 2.





# The drop box at Kentridge High School has moved!

To ensure 24-hour access, this drop box has permanently moved to Kent Panther Lake Library located at 20500 108th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.



Return your ballot at a drop box.

# **Over 70 locations!**

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. sharp on November 2.

List of drop box locations on next page



Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning October 14 and close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, November 2.

#### **Auburn**

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002 Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001 Muckleshoot Tribe, Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092

#### **Bellevue**

Bellevue Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004

Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St. 98008

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, 98006

#### **Black Diamond**

new Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

#### **Bothell**

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011

#### **Burien**

Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168 Burien Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and SW 152nd St), 480 SW 152nd St, 98166

#### Carnation

ew Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Ave, 98014

#### Covington

Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

#### Des Moines

 Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198

#### Duvall

\* Duvall Police Department-Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019

#### **Enumclaw**

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

#### Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

#### **Federal Way**

Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003 Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

#### Issaquah

Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

#### Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

#### Kent

New Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031

The drop box at Kentridge High School has been moved to Kent Panther Lake Library to ensure 24-hour access to the box.

Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030

Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032

#### Kirkland

Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034 Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033

#### **Lake Forest Park**

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

#### Maple Valley

Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038

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

#### Mercer Island

Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, 98040

#### Newcastle

Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056

#### Normandy Park

Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148

#### North Bend

North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045

#### **Pacific**

Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

#### Redmond

- \* Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052
- \* Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, 98052

#### Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058

- \* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
  - \* Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057 Across the street from King County Elections
- \* Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

#### Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

#### SeaTac

Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188

#### Shoreline

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

#### Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065

#### Tukwila

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

#### Vashon

Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070

#### Woodinville

Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

# Seattle drop boxes

#### **Ballard**

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

#### **Beacon Hill**

Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144 NewHolly Neighborhood Campus,

7054 32nd Ave S, 98118

#### Broadview/Greenwood

Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133

#### Bryn Mawr-Skyway

Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178

#### **Capitol Hill**

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

#### Central District

Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122

#### Chinatown/International District

Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104

#### Columbia City

Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118

#### Downtown

King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104

#### Fremont/Wallingford

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

#### Green Lake/Phinney

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

#### Lake City

Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125

#### Magnolia

\* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199

#### **Northgate**

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

#### Queen Anne

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

#### **Rainier Valley**

Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118

#### Sand Point/Laurelhurst

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

#### South Lake Union

South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109

#### **South Park**

South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108

#### **University District**

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

#### West Seattle/Delridge

Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116

High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126

South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106

#### White Center

White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

# Close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, November 2.

<sup>\*</sup> Drive-up ballot drop boxes

At King County Elections, our top priority is ensuring that our elections are secure, accessible, and accurate. We know that secure elections are essential to maintain public trust, protect our democracy, and enable our voters to cast a private, confidential choice with their vote.

# **Physical Security**

The King County Elections Headquarters was designed and renovated specifically for processing vote-by-mail ballots and keeping those ballots secure. Director Julie Wise was the first election administrator in the country to request an audit of physical security by the Department of Homeland Security in 2017.

## What we're doing:

- Our facility is monitored by over 50 security cameras
- Six live webcams through which the public can watch us at work during the ballot processing period
- Staff and observers must badge into and out of the ballot processing area
- Ballot storage and tabulation areas require both a badge and biometric access

# Cybersecurity

In our rapidly changing world, cybersecurity is paramount to protecting our elections. Previous years have seen attempts to tamper with election systems across the country. None of these attempts have been successful here in King County and every day, our team works to make the walls higher and barriers stronger for those looking to influence our elections.

Following the 2016 election, Director Julie Wise requested a review of the department's cybersecurity from the Washington State Auditor's Cybersecurity Team to identify and implement practices and procedures to bolster security of our systems and electronic access points.

## What we're doing:

- Employ cybersecurity staff based in Elections and at King County
- · All staff receive annual cybersecurity training
- Voter registration and tabulation systems are kept separate for maximum security
- Tabulation system is on an entirely closed network, not connected to the internet
- Correspondence and attachments are monitored and scanned 24/7/365 for threats and attempts to breach our systems



# How does my ballot get processed?



Envelopes are scanned, pictures of the signature captured, and marked as 'received.'



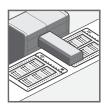
Signatures are checked against voter registration records by trained specialists. If the signature is missing or doesn't match, voters are mailed a letter to fix the issue. This form must be returned with a matching signature for the ballot to move forward in the process.



If the signature matches, envelopes are opened and security sleeves are removed.



Staff remove ballot from security sleeve and reviewed for potential scanning issues.



Ballots are scanned, prepared for tabulation and securely stored for the retention period.



Ballots continue to be processed and tabulated, and signature issues continue to be corrected, until certification.



# Your signature matters.

Each election, about 1% of ballots are returned either without a signature or with a signature that doesn't quite match. Don't let that be you.

Here are a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check and your ballot gets counted:

- If you register online, we pull your signature from the Dept. of Licensing, so check the signature on your driver's license or state ID and try to match that as closely as you can.
- Your signature does not need to be written in cursive or nicely or even legibly, it just needs to match the one that we already have on file. If you have a chicken scratch signature, that's okay! Just make sure you scratch it out the same way each time you vote.
- If you have no idea what signature you might have used or it's been a while and your signature has changed, you can always update your signature simply by returning a paper voter registration form. You can download a paper registration form at bit.ly/ WAVoteRF. Returning a paper registration form will add your updated signature to your file.
- Track your ballot to ensure that it gets counted. If there's an issue with your signature, you'll see it there on the online ballot tracker. You'll find the ballot tracker on our My Voter Information tool at kingcounty.gov/elections.

If there is an issue with your signature not matching or if you just plain forgot to sign, we will send you a letter and, if we have it, we'll reach out by email and phone as well. To make sure your ballot is counted, you'll need to fill out and return a simple form before 4:30 p.m. on November 22.



If you have questions about signature challenges or how to fix yours, please call us at 206-205-5686.

Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2021)
King County Executive (elected by voters in King County)	Responsible for the implementation of council and commission policies and the day-to-day administration of county government and services.	4	\$248,148
Metropolitan King County Council (elected by voters in County Council District)	Sets policies, enacts laws, adopts the county budgets, and provides oversight to county services.	4	\$163,394
Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in King County)	Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port and establishes Port policies that impact the maritime port and SeaTac airport.	4	\$56,881
City Mayor (elected by voters in the city)	Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government.	4	Varies by city
City Council (elected by voters in the city)	Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies, and oversees public services.	4	Varies by city
Municipal Court (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	\$180,614
School District Director/ Position (elected by voters in the school district <sup>1</sup> )	Sets policies for schools, provides oversight for the operations of the school system, and represents the interests of the community on public education issues.	4	No annual salary
Fire District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees fire services including fire response and protection, emergency medical aid, and more.	6	No annual salary
Water District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.	6	No annual salary
Sewer/Wastewater Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the sewer district to maintain facilities, meet water needs, and meet environmental requirements.	6	No annual salary
Utility District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy, and monitor use of many types of energy.	6	No annual salary
Public Hospital Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.	6	No annual salary
Park District Commission (elected by voters in the district)	Develops goals, sets policies, and oversees regulation of district parks.	Varies	No annual salary



# Who donates to campaigns? View contributors for candidates and

measures

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#### **Executive**

# **Dow Constantine**

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**Education:** University of Washington: BA, MA Urban Planning, Law; West Seattle High School

**Occupation:** King County Executive; former Councilmember, Senator, Representative; Attorney; Planner

Statement: When COVID-19 arrived here, I took decisive action and led with science, saving thousands of lives. The New York Times reported that had America followed our lead "the nation could have avoided more than 300,000 coronavirus deaths." Today, King County has the highest vaccination rate among large counties nationwide. As we continue battling this stubborn pandemic, I'm bringing that same clarity and resolve to the toughest challenges—homelessness, public safety, climate action, and uniting our region for an economic recovery where everyone can thrive.

We are taking bold action on homelessness, purchasing hundreds of hotel rooms and moving hundreds of chronically homeless people off the streets this year, with the services to restore lives. Through Best Starts for Kids, we've kept 10,000 children and families safely housed. This crisis, worsened by the pandemic, requires proven ability to drive actual change.

We're improving public safety—and public trust: Gun violence prevention, aid to victims of domestic violence, and community collaboration improving safety and appointing a new sheriff. We're helping kids stay in school, graduate, and avoid the criminal legal system—driving down youth detention nearly 10-fold.

*Urgent action on climate*—I've led regional light rail expansion, made Metro the *Best Large Transit Agency in North America* (2018), and launched conversion to all-electric buses. We've protected miles of forests, farmlands, and shorelines; and planted over one million trees.

Progressive, visionary leadership—that's why I'm endorsed by Governors Inslee, Gregoire, and Locke; 40 Democratic legislators; Planned Parenthood; Washington Conservation Voters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; MLK Labor; SEIU; UFCW; Nurses, Firefighters, and Building Trades unions; the Seattle Times; and diverse community leadership. My parents—retired public school teachers—taught me values of service and community. Shirley and I are raising our daughter in the same West Seattle neighborhood where I grew up.

# Joe Nguyen

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Finance/Humanities, Seattle University; Kennedy High School in Burien

**Occupation:** State Senator, 34th Legislative District & Senior Program Manager, Microsoft

Statement: After 12 years of current leadership failing to solve our biggest problems like homelessness, it's time for change. As we recover from this pandemic, we need an Executive who understands how hard working families in King County have struggled to make ends meet -- even before this crisis. I'm the son of refugees from White Center, and worked as a janitor at my own high school. Despite great adversity, I built a successful career in the private sector and now I represent my community in the State Senate.

We can build a brighter future for every family in King County. We can build a community where everyone has a safe place to call home, every senior can age in place with dignity, and every parent can provide for their kids. We can achieve all of this, if we have an Executive who will act with the urgency needed to actually solve problems.

For years, the communities I grew up in haven't gotten the same investments to support working people that made my success possible. As a result, residents of South King County got sick and died from COVID-19 at twice the rate of those in other parts of the county. Those deaths were preventable, if County leadership had prioritized *every* community's safety.

The pandemic wasn't the first crisis where our current leadership neglected working families who have been pushed out of their neighborhoods. The status quo has given us 12 years of unaffordable housing, longer commutes, inaction on climate change, and worsening gun violence in our communities. We need bold solutions implemented with transparency and accountability, and I have the private and public sector experience to get things done.

Endorsements: State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti and other elected leaders, ATU 587, IUPAT DC 5, UAW 4121 and local Democratic Party organizations.

# **Kathy Lambert**

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**Education:** University of Washington, BA Business Education; Teacher Certification; College of Marin, AA; Public Policy Certification

**Occupation:** King County Councilmember, former State Representative, former elementary school teacher

**Statement:** Kathy has a proven record of serving the people and businesses of District 3, our county's largest district. She has the experience needed to continue providing these important local and regional services.

She is dedicated to both law enforcement and improving community relationships. This is vital as our Sheriff's office transitions to an appointed position. Our police officers must have the resources and training they need to *serve and protect our communities*.

To help with COVID recovery, Kathy supported the distribution of \$1.1 billion in federal grants to our small businesses and communities, as well as providing our neighbors with supplies to help fight the pandemic.

Kathy sponsored and helped establish the Department of Local Services, providing unincorporated areas of our district with similar resources as those living in cities. Her experience with law and justice issues has guided Kathy in developing programs that *reduce recidivism* and *help people get their lives back on track*. She has established multiple programs to help youth in crisis, such as FIRS, TRACE, and Safe Place. Her leadership with the Community Court Program began as a pilot in our district and *its success has led to adoption throughout the county.* 

Her financial expertise helps our county maintain its AAA credit rating, saving taxpayer money. Kathy serves on the Flood Control District that develops plans and builds projects to reduce flooding and deliver habitat restoration. She has also led the update of King County's emergency preparedness plans. Kathy has the experience and dedication we need representing all of us on the King County Council. Please vote for Kathy Lambert! Endorsed: The Seattle Times, Puget Sound Police Managers Association, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 587, Affordable Housing Council, Eastside Business Alliance, State Representative JT Wilcox, Former Attorney General Rob McKenna, Former Councilmember Larry Gossett, and many more.

# Sarah Perry

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**Education:** Attended Seattle University, Ohio State studied transformational leadership, political science

**Occupation:** Small business owner, nonprofit executive, consultant; Not a career politician.

Statement: After 20 years of the same representation, it's time for new leadership. Sarah Perry is the regional leader we need to address our toughest challenges with urgency, transparency, and accountability. She will collaborate for meaningful progress on homelessness, transit and the environment, will remove barriers for recovering small businesses, and help displaced workers in a changing economy.

Sarah brings a demonstrated record of effective, hands-on local leadership building transitional housing to serve Eastside families, investing in community nonprofits that improve and enrich our lives, and advocating for survivors of domestic violence. She will be a strong voice for safe communities through investments in mental health services, gun violence prevention, and reforms at the Sheriff's Office that protect the safety of every neighbor.

Endorsed by leading environmental organizations, including Sierra Club and Washington Conservation Voters, Sarah will protect open spaces, forests, rivers and watersheds, and safeguard our rural communities and local farms.

With our communities on the front lines of the worst fire season in the climate crisis, Sarah will demand action to protect our health and future. That's why she's endorsed by our Eastside & Redmond Firefighters.

A transit champion, Sarah will expand transit alternatives and connections, including shuttles to Redmond's new Light Rail and Metro bus service on the I-90 corridor. She will also address urgent upgrade and maintenance needs of our rural roads and bridges - a leadership failure endangering our safety. Earned Endorsements: Congresswomen Kim Schrier & Suzan DelBene; Governor Jay Inslee; Attorney General Bob Ferguson; Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz; County Executive Dow Constantine; County Councilmember Claudia Balducci; State Senators Dhingra & Kuderer; State Representatives Goodman, Thai & Callan; Joe Cohen; Nurses (SEIU 1199NW), Home Care Workers (SEIU 775); MLK Labor; Emily's List; Planned Parenthood; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; 5th, 41st & 45th District Democrats; & more!

#### **Shukri Olow**

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**Education:** Seattle University: Ed.D (Educational Leadership and Organizational Learning); MPA, B.A. Public Affairs

**Occupation:** Youth Development Lead, Best Starts for Kids, King County

Statement: Our diverse South King County communities deserve authentic representation on King County Council. As an immigrant, former refugee, and product of Kent public housing, *I am of this community*. I have lived the challenges that so many members of our community face, and felt the beauty of this community that supported me when I needed it most. For 14 years, I have served the same community that supported me - connecting families to life changing resources like public housing, affordable childcare, education, and healthcare.

Our neighbors have spoken. It's time for new leadership with lived experience.

Our mission is beyond politics. Together, we will create an environment where every corner of our district can thrive. Our community-created priorities reflect this: \*Building affordable housing as a human right, and increasing tenant protections to prevent housing instability and displacement that disproportionately burdens households of color and low-income families; \*Bending the legal system toward justice by investing in alternatives to incarceration through a public health response to social safety; \*Investing in public health and human services to provide mental health and trauma-informed care to our communities reeling from the COVID-19 crisis; \*Supporting small businesses overlooked by federal and local pandemic assistance to fully recover from the economic downturn.

If elected, it will not just be my voice on the King County Council. *It will be yours.* It will be the voices of all residents looking to be heard and valued by our democracy.

Endorsed by King County Democrats, Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund, SEIU 775, 925, & 1199NW, OneAmerica Votes, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, The Urbanist, Transit Riders Union; Elected leaders, including State Representatives Debra Entenman, David Hackney, Jamila Taylor and Kirsten Harris-Talley, Burien Deputy Mayor Krystal Marx, Tukwila City Councilmember Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson, Highline School Board Director Fa'izah Bradford, and many more.

# **Dave Upthegrove**

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**Education:** BA in Environmental Conservation, University of Colorado, Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy, University of Idaho

**Occupation:** Current King County Councilmember, former 33rd District State Representative

**Statement:** Endorsed by more than 100 leaders from communities of color in South King County, I work hard as your King County Councilmember to treat everyone in our community with respect.

The first COVID death in the nation was in King County, and our county public health department was the front line of defense. I am proud that by following the science and supporting our public health professionals, we have the lowest COVID rate of any major urban county in the continental United States.

As we emerge from this pandemic, our region faces serious challenges. We need to get homeless individuals off the street and into housing with services. We need to prioritize public safety and our first responders while improving accountability, transparency, and justice for all. We all deserve to feel safe in our community. We need to support local small businesses to help boost our economy and create jobs and economic opportunity for all.

The solutions to homelessness, public safety and our economy aren't going to come from Seattle. They will come from those of us here in South King County working together to solve problems. These are serious times, and I will use my experience and proven leadership to fight for our community and deliver results. Nobody will work harder for South King County. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed: King County Democrats, King County Labor Council, Sierra Club, Teachers (WEA), Nurses (SEIU 1199), Firefighters (IAFF), Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Congressman Adam Smith, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Senators Karen Keiser and Bob Hasegawa, Representatives David Hackney, Tina Orwall, Pat Sullivan, Sharon Tomiko-Santos, and Joe Fitzgibbon, Renton Mayor Armando Pavone, Renton City Council President Ruth Perez, Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, Kent Councilmembers Satwinder Kaur and Brenda Fincher, and many other trusted local leaders.

#### Pete von Reichbauer

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**Education:** Clover Park High School; University of Alabama, BA; US Army, Advanced Leadership Courses.

Occupation: King County Councilmember

**Statement:** *Together We Can.* Whether it's building more recreational centers and sports facilities for our seniors and youth, working to improve transportation modes for South King County commuters or supporting public safety in our neighborhoods, Pete von Reichbauer is listening to, and fighting for, us.

Pete served on the founding boards of St. Francis Hospital and the Auburn/Federal Way Boys and Girls Club, and has been honored by FUSION (which provides transitional housing for families) as well as the Korean community and the Auburn Food Bank, for his commitment to helping others. Recognizing the unspoken needs that exist in our community, he has supported mental health programs for English and non-English speaking residents, and started a program to donate retired King County vans to non-profits so they can transport people who need services.

From preserving the Hylebos Waterway and Bingaman Pond, to reopening Redondo Road and providing our South King County youth with softball and baseball fields, Pete has worked tirelessly to improve our community. Instrumental in siting the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center and sustaining it as a world class facility for daily swimmers as well as NCAA athletes, Pete has also worked to improve the ways we commute by supporting the Sounder train service in Auburn and light rail in Federal Way.

The Seattle/King County Municipal League selected Pete as the Public Official of the Year because of his leadership in making government more responsive. In addition, Pete has been endorsed by firefighters (IAFF Local 2024), labor, and job-producing businesses across King County.

Because of his record of working to solve problems, Pete has been endorsed by the mayors of Algona, Auburn, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Maple Valley, Renton and Pacific as well as former County Executive Ron Sims.

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**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, Washington State University.

**Occupation:** Business Owner of Four Horsemen Brewery and Four Horsemen Concessions

**Statement:** We need government to go back to being servants of the people. The words career and politician should never go hand in hand, but unfortunately it is now all too common, continually reinforced by greed and need to excessively control.

King County has become an extremely oppressive entity over its citizens, and it needs to stop. As residents, workers and business owners of this county, we should feel respected, supported, encouraged and appreciated, but based on how this county is run, we are at the complete opposite side of where we should be. I want to do my part to get us back to where we need to be.

I have lived in King County since 1989, growing up in a rural unincorporated area, where we developed an appreciation for the outdoors and rural life. Prior to becoming a business owner, I had worked largely in customer service positions. During my customer service years, I became a lead customer service agent where I developed and learned valuable leadership skills, and where I also became a Union steward for a local union lodge.

As a small business owner and resident located in unincorporated King County, I personally know all too well the unreasonable and ever progressing struggles of what it is like to live in the rural area, having to fight tooth and nail against the county just to be able to exist.

Our elected leaders do not seem to understand the wants and needs of those that live in the unincorporated areas, or maybe they don't care. Either way, I need to do my part and be a servant to our residents and try to undo and fix the ever-cascading waterfall of mistakes that continue to come from current King County politicians and policies they have created.

# Reagan Dunn

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**Education:** University of Washington School of Law, Order of Barristers; Arizona State University, Magna Cum Laude

**Occupation:** County Councilmember; Former Federal Prosecutor; National Coordinator, Project Safe Neighborhoods

**Statement:** I am troubled by the dramatic increase in crime and homelessness in King County, and I believe we can do better. I am one of the few voices fighting to give law enforcement the tools they need to do their jobs, pushing to fund the criminal justice system and keep it accountable, and working with communities to remove dangerous homeless encampments while connecting those who live in them with holistic services.

I am also the only member of the County Council with real crime fighting experience, having spent years working for the Department of Justice. I was appointed by a U.S. President and served as a Federal Prosecutor with *Top Secret* clearance. I also worked in the Terrorism and Violent Crime Unit of the U.S. Attorney's office, and led the Justice Department's national initiative to fight gun violence. This background is important as the County Council now has oversight of the Sheriff's Office. King County needs a Councilmember who understands how to keep our neighborhoods safe

I am honored that *The Seattle Times*, all eight mayors in our district, and our police and firefighters have endorsed me, because they know this experience is needed. "Dunn's independence, effectiveness and experience will be even more valuable as the county redoubles its efforts to fight homelessness, and increase transparency and eliminate inequities in law enforcement and criminal justice...Dunn continues to be the best choice" (Seattle Times, July 16, 2021).

I promise to continue to work in a bipartisan manner to fight crime, reduce homelessness, protect the environment, recover from the pandemic, keep your taxes low, and continue to help those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction.

I am honored to be your advocate on the King County Council, I work for you, and I appreciate your vote.

# Kim-Khanh Van

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**Education:** BAs, Sociology and Law, Societies, & Justice, University of Washington; ID, University of Dayton

**Occupation:** Renton City Councilmember, Small Business Owner, and Attorney

**Statement:** As a refugee from Vietnam, my family came here seeking a better future. Working multiple jobs, and the first in my family to graduate college, I value hard work, the importance of opportunity, and strength of community.

Our district deserves leadership committed to these same principles, a County Councilmember who addresses unique challenges facing our suburban, unincorporated, and rural communities. Unfortunately, after 16 years of the same, our district is missing representation in touch with local priorities and willing to embrace opportunities for regional progress.

I'm the only candidate for this position with a proven track record as an elected official and small business owner. I've expanded access to apprenticeships and career pathways on the Renton Technical College Foundation Board; advocated for seniors and Veterans through Sound Cities Senior, Aging and Disability Council. I volunteer as a military JAG and support Veterans through the VFW and Wounded Warrior Project. I've worked towards an inclusive region for all on the King County Coalition Against Hate and Bias. I'm also a mom and PTA President.

With your vote, I'll build on my record of leadership on the Renton City Council to coordinate regional action on homelessness and affordable housing, make overdue transit and transportation improvements, ensure fiscal responsibility, stand up for struggling local businesses, and step up safeguards protecting our climate and quality of life. As we rebuild trust in our Sheriff's Office, I will demand needed public safety improvements, support for victims, and hire officers who reflect our communities, as I have in Renton. Together, we can recover, grow, and move our region forward.

Endorsed: Washington Conservation Voters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; SEIU 1199NW healthcare workers; Executive Constantine; Treasurer Pellicciotti; Senators Das, Wellman, and Kauffman (fmr.); Representatives Bergquist, Thai, Entenman, Santos, and Maxwell (fmr.); Councilmembers; School Board Members; more!

#### Commissioner Position No. 1

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**Education:** MBA Accounting, University of Michigan; BS Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Washington & Lee University

**Occupation:** Executive Recruiter, CLEAR-Consulting.Biz; Former Alaska Airlines Manager of Finance

**Statement:** King County residents founded the Port of Seattle in 1911 and it is still supported by your taxes today. I plan to lead with bold actions and big ideas like designating a portion of Port profits to eliminating Port-related pollution while mitigating environmental injustices in the Port's neighboring communities. This ensures that the Port adds to the health and quality of life in our region.

CLEAR-Consulting.Biz, my executive search firm, helps Puget Sound social profits diversify their leadership teams and as a Port Commissioner, I'll use my career skills to bring leaders together from neighboring counties and state levels to create more Green projects, invest in infrastructure that connects our regions, and do more business with diverse, environmentally friendly companies. I bring experience managing maintenance contracts for engine repairs, planning new routes, controlling costs, and building airline partnerships at Alaska Airlines, Northwest Airlines, and Continental Airlines. My past work as a healthcare strategy consultant for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and as an environmental scientist assessing commercial properties for environmental hazards means I would be the only Port Commissioner to bring institutional knowledge on day one from aviation, healthcare, and the environmental sectors.

SeaTac International Airport represents 70% - 80% of all Port of Seattle operations and is its greatest asset. Removing pollution from the supply chain of air travel is imperative if we want to continue to enjoy convenient international and domestic air service. We must also provide good union living wage jobs for our workers in the airport, fishing, and shipping industries.

I am proudly endorsed by the 34th Legislative District Democrats (Burien, Vashon Island, West Seattle, White Center).

Learn more about my campaign at www.NormanSiglerForPort.com and thank you for your vote!

# **Ryan Calkins**

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**Occupation:** Small business consultant; Nonprofit professional supporting women and minority-owned businesses

**Statement:** As your Port Commissioner, it's my honor to create living wage careers, support workers and small businesses, and advance the Port's actions to defeat climate change. I'm running for re-election to continue these efforts to build a Port aligned with our communities' forward-thinking priorities and values.

Recovering from COVID, the Port must serve as an engine for job creation. That's why I've fought to keep projects on schedule despite the pandemic, driving job growth and improving infrastructure that supports local businesses. Leveraging relationships with state and federal partners, I'm pushing for critical new projects, so our airport and seaport remain world class, competitive with the rest of the nation – and the world.

Drawing on my experience as a small business owner, we're strengthening and creating new career and entrepreneurial pathways. Apprenticeships, workforce training, Maritime High School, and business development are cornerstones for continued growth. Coupled with equity-driven programs for underrepresented communities, we're ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive and prosper.

I first ran for this office to accelerate our actions to address climate change. I'm proud to have led efforts to make our Port the nation's most environmentally sustainable. We'll continue our truly innovative approach in sustainable aviation fuels and complete decarbonization of the Seattle central waterfront, while driving more bold action to meet the scale of the climate crisis. The Port can serve as a global hub of the green economy, creating new industries and employment.

My endorsements show my proven commitment to working with others to achieve results. King County Democrats; National Organization for Women; Sierra Club; Washington Conservation Voters; MLK Labor and unions representing firefighters, nurses, essential workers; Congressmembers Jayapal and Smith; Attorney General Ferguson; Treasurer Pellicciotti; Executive Constantine; over 20 King County legislators; local elected officials; and many more!

#### Commissioner Position No. 3

# Stephanie Bowman

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**Education:** Masters of Business Administration, Seattle University; Bachelor of Science, University of Idaho

**Occupation:** Executive Director, Washington ABC, a non-profit economic empowerment agency

**Statement:** Voters have a clear choice this election about our Port and region's future.

The Port is critical to our economy. Thousands of middle-class jobs and small businesses depend on the essential services provided by our international airport and seaport. We need *experienced*, *collaborative Commissioners* focused on keeping the Port efficient, competitive and accountable.

I've dedicated my service on the Commission to ensuring our public port *creates and supports quality jobs countywide*, while mitigating its impacts on disproportionately affected communities and the environment.

My work has resulted in: *keeping cargo and jobs in our region* by creating a historic partnership with the Port of Tacoma; *new opportunities for small, locally-owned and diverse businesses* to operate at Sea-Tac; *expanding apprenticeships and workforce training* in Portrelated industries, and *unprecedented investments to reduce harmful impacts on our air, water and quality of life* by cleaning up stormwater, port trucks and electrifying port operations.

Some seek the Port Commission as a platform for political activism. By contrast, I have a track record of turning King County's values into actions: making the Port a national leader in addressing climate impacts affecting us all, focusing on carbon reduction, sequestration and energy efficiency; creating green jobs of the future by supporting innovative local businesses, and using the Port's resources to lift up communities and residents throughout King County. Let's keep the Port working for all of us. Commissioners should represent all residents, not a specific interest group or a political agenda. I'm proud to have the support of local leaders who understand the Port's essential role: Governors Chris Gregoire and Gary Locke; the Maritime Unions and King County Building Trades; Seattle Firefighters, airport workers, environmental leaders, and elected officials state and countywide. I'd be honored to continue bringing my values, knowledge, and experience to work on your behalf.

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**Education:** University of Washington: BA, MA Policy Studies; Harvard Business School Certificate in Global Business

**Occupation:** Policy Advisor: County Executive; Former Deputy District Director: Congresswoman Jayapal

Statement: As we recover from COVID-19, we must rethink our Port's policies and promote transparency, accountability, and public participation. My father was a trucker and my mother was a Sea-Tac airport worker, and I know firsthand how important it is that working families are protected. At the King County Executive Office, I advise on the County's \$12 billion budget and manage initiatives that invest millions in small businesses, community organizations, and COVID-19 response. I have served on multiple nonprofit boards and as a regional Organizing Director for President Biden's campaign. I have the skills, relationships, and expertise in economic development to achieve real results for communities in and around the Port.

Economic Recovery: I will work to establish re-entry programs for COVID-19-impacted workers, and establish the first Small Business Recovery Taskforce. I will focus on making the Port more competitive by streamlining our operations at our waterfront, improving freight mobility, and investing in high-speed rail, creating 24,000 jobs.

*Environmental Action*: I will prioritize habitat restoration, the reduction of toxic pollution, and will work to expand the Port's role in fighting our climate crisis. I am also committed to Port electrification and a just transition.

Airport Communities: The Port of Seattle's largest revenue stream is Sea-Tac Airport, yet none of the five Port Commissioners live in South King County. As a SeaTac resident, I am prepared to be a strong voice for cleaner aviation fuels, stronger sound insulation programs, and tackling ultrafine particle pollution with local leaders.

I am the only candidate endorsed by all nineteen King County Democratic Party organizations. Sole endorsements: Congresswoman Jayapal, Congressman Smith, King County Executive Constantine, Attorney General Ferguson, Commissioner of Public Lands Franz, Aerospace Machinists, UFCW, all SEIU locals, Teamsters Joint Council 28, Washington Conservation Voters, 50 Democratic legislators, and 300+ organizations and business leaders.

#### Commissioner Position No. 4

#### Peter Steinbrueck

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**Education:** Loeb Fellow, Harvard University; MA, Architecture, University of Washington; BA, Government, Bowdoin College

**Occupation:** Seattle Port Commissioner; Architect; Sustainability Strategist; Former Seattle City Councilmember

Statement: I learned early in life indelible civic leadership lessons and community values at the side of my father, Victor Steinbrueck, in his battle to save Pike Place Market. Through my years of public service, I've continued our family legacy, and as Port Commissioner I've worked hard to move our Port and the region forward with steady leadership and unswerving commitment to human values and transparency.

As Port Commissioner, I've worked to create: thousands of family-wage construction and dock jobs; critical oversight of billions in public works projects; a \$10 million South King County Community Impact Fund; a comprehensive carbon reduction plan for Sea-Tac Airport; a carbon-less and fully electrified Seaport by 2030; an extensive assessment of Port policing practices and policing reforms with a passion for civil rights and social justice; and accountable, open, and transparent government.

I've worked hard to improve environmental conditions at Sea-Tac Airport—reducing noise, improving air quality, increasing access for people with disabilities, raising flight kitchen workers' pay, and supporting taxicab drivers.

We Can Build The Port Of The Future Together: to be the region's driver for equitable middle-income wage jobs, the environmental leader among ports globally and ending systemic racism, all while demonstrating sound financial management, greater taxpayer accountability, transparency, and open government.

Endorsed: Ron Sims; Gael Tarleton; Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus; State Representatives Roger Goodman, Javier Valdez, and Frank Chopp; Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee; Bellevue Mayor Lynne Robinson; Joan McBride; Bruce Harrell; Tomio Moriguchi; Nick Licata; SeaTac City Councilmember Pete Kwon; Federal Way Mayor Jim Farrell; Francisco Irigon; Sharon Lee; Civic rights Leader Lem Howell; Earth Day Founder Denis Hayes; King County Building and Construction Trades; 32nd LD Democrats; Metropolitan Democratic Club; Port of Seattle Fire Fighters; Seattle Fire Fighters; Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 32; Eastside Business Alliance... and many more!

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**Statement:** As a lifelong resident of the Beacon Hill neighborhood, I've seen our Port's impact on communities. Leading a state agency, I witnessed how once again, when crises struck, working families were hit hardest. Disparities have deepened and our Port is one of the top polluters of carbon emissions in the state. It's fallen short of answering the challenges of our time. As a mom, I worry for the future.

Our Port is a connector - the gateway to the world and economic heartbeat of our region. It's uniquely positioned to be a model in bringing together stakeholders in industry, business, labor and community to build our economy back better while effectively reducing pollution. Growing our economy and advancing our environmental goals go hand-in-hand, but we need new leadership to get it done.

As Commissioner, I'll prioritize sustainably growing our maritime and aviation economies by transitioning off fossil fuels and promoting projects like electric terminals, off-shore wind, and solar panels to modernize our Port. Investing in infrastructure like high speed rail and better roads will promote international trade and improve the flow of goods and passengers throughout the region. These projects create family-wage jobs for workers and opportunities for small businesses. We can improve the quality of life for residents and ensure our Port operates in a safe, efficient manner without long, exhausting wait lines.

Meeting the needs of this moment requires new leadership with a bold vision, plan to act, and unwavering commitment to our goals. I'm running to ensure the rising tide of recovery lifts all ships.

Endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters, MLK County Labor Council, Ironworkers Local 86, NW Carpenters, business leaders, every legislative Democratic organization in King County, and over 50 electeds including Gov. Jay Inslee, Lt. Gov. Denny Heck, Congressman Adam Smith & Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal.



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#### Council Position No. 4

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**Statement:** In 2005 I retired from the United States Coast Guard after completing 12 years active service and 9 years reserve service. Since then, I have worked in construction equipment production and service, building maintenance, and facilities management.

In 2001 my family and I moved to Algona. I like the friendly, small town atmosphere of Algona and feel safe in our community. In 2017 I became a member of the Planning Commission and have enjoyed working with that team. I have learned a great deal about Algona and city government. As the region grows our central location makes our town a prime location for families and businesses. I want to keep our small town feel and sense of community while increasing opportunities for our residents and businesses. I look forward to serving our community in this role and want to help guide the direction of Algona with support from our residents.

# Mayor

# **Nancy Backus**

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**Education:** A.A. Green River College, B.S. Accounting, City University, Graduate, Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound

**Occupation:** Auburn Mayor 2014-present; Finance leadership at The Boeing Company

**Statement:** As your Mayor I am deeply proud of the great things we have accomplished during challenging times, working together to rebuild our community. Auburn needs an experienced Mayor with a *strong* vision for its future and the tenacity to lead as our city continues to rebuild and grow. I am that leader!

Your Mayor should work to ensure your needs are met and your voice is heard. That's why I serve on numerous regional boards and organizations, representing *you* and advocating for what is best for Auburn.

As our city continues to grow, we *must* continue the decisions that keep Auburn moving in the right direction. I have made each decision I've faced carefully, with compassion, accountability and community in mind. Our city deserves continued strong leadership and fiscal expertise to keep us on this path. I'm asking for your vote because *together* we'll continue Auburn's progress and success.

#### Council Position No. 2

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**Occupation:** Communications, Supply Sergeant, Correctional Officer, Company co-owner and Accountant

**Statement:** My major concerns are public safety, security in our shopping areas, local neighborhoods, and at schools. Police concerns, elderly and mental health care, drugs, homelessness and crime.

We need a raise in incomes, good paying and starter jobs for our youth throughout Auburn, to fill the empty businesses, create affordable housing for young families without destroying current neighborhoods, and to make it cost-effective for businesses to relocate to Auburn.

On the city council, I will be a team player accomplishing the goals of the people of Auburn. Follow a budget that supports community growth. Reconcile laws to allow businesses to remodel or expand. I am a single parent and homeowner who has for the past 15+ years lived, worked and raised my children in this community. It is time to serve my country again. I will establish relationships to move this city forward and accomplish our mutual goals.

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**Education:** BA Journalism, Michigan State University. Project management certification (PMP). Small Business Development, Lansing Community College.

**Occupation:** Senior Solution Architect and IT Consultant, Covestic; Former newspaper reporter.

**Statement:** Auburn is poised for transformation as increased development and an influx of residents begin to change the face of the community. As we reset post-pandemic, we need pragmatic leaders who can bring stability and accountability, along with a strategic mindset.

I will advocate for Auburn to ensure our community thrives and to make sure nobody gets left behind. I will focus on smart growth to increase affordable housing, as well as work to reduce traffic congestion, improve commutes, and reduce our carbon footprint. I also will work to house the homeless, to increase access to treatment and services, and improve safety and security for everyone in our neighborhoods.

Endorsements: King County Democrats/Young Democrats, 30th, 31st and 47th Democratic Legislative Districts, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus and Councilmembers Bob Baggett, Larry Brown, James Jeyaraj and Chris Stearns.

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**Education:** Walla Walla High School/Walla Walla College with an Early Education and Para-Education Degree

Occupation: Auburn Council Member

**Statement:** I am running for a third term, simply, I love the people and this city. Serving as your councilwomen for the past seven years has been a learning experience while building those partnerships.

We were presented with challenges unforeseen in our lifetime due to the COVID Pandemic, I am committed to continue working to ensure my commitment to server everyone, especially while supporting public safety, economic growth, roads, parks, racial equity, social justice, and affordable housing. I am dedicated to making the city a place where our students can learn and be prepared for their future, while keeping our economy strong by supporting our businesses, educational opportunities, so our graduates can stay in their hometown to pursue their careers and earn a family wage job.

You can count on me to be an independent servant leader who will listen, with compassion. I would be honor to have your *Vote!* 

#### **Hanan Amer**

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Education: B.S. in Chemistry, Benghazi University - Libya

Occupation: Chemist at Aerospace Company

Statement: I'm running for Auburn City Council because I want to create an environment where everyone feels empowered to speak up and engage. The demographics of Auburn are changing, and every person should feel like they belong the moment they move to our city. My passion is helping others, and I want to find a solution to homelessness that works for all. I will continue supporting small businesses and will work with business leaders to support growth of the new and existing local economy.

I was born in Oklahoma and raised in Libya. In 2008 I moved to Auburn and became engaged with the community through volunteering at the White River Museum and Auburn Library. Since 2010, I've been an active volunteer with the Auburn Police Department.

Vote Amer for a vibrant and inclusive Auburn! Together, let's make Auburn better.

#### Council Position No. 6

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No statement submitted.

## Mayor

## **Carol Benson**

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Occupation: Full Time Mayor, retired Chief Financial Officer

**Statement:** As Mayor and a local resident for 42 years, I have worked hard to protect the quality of our community. My vision is slow growing development that takes into consideration our roads, transportation, schools and protection of the environment.

Under my leadership I have increased our general fund balance and presented a sustainable budget every year. With the help of the MPD's we have replaced some critical infrastructure on Roberts Drive that increased fire flow to the area residents. The city has been awarded \$2.2M grant to replace three culverts in Covington Creek with a bridge with guardrails and sidewalks. We completed the pedestrian walkway over Rock Creek, which connected the Historic District of Black Diamond to Ten Trails. A site plan for a new Fire Station on Lawson Hills has been approved.

I want to make our city the best it can be; together we can make a difference.

#### Council Position No. 2

## Glen Yadon

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Occupation: Owner: Diamond Signing Services

**Statement:** Black Diamond is a special place, and it deserves special attention. That is why I am running for City Council.

We do not have to give up our small-town charm and personality in order to welcome new neighbors. With help and input from every sector we can grow and keep our history and character. Lessons from the long-term residents and excitement from the new residents can come together to form a team that will keep our town the best place to live.

Black Diamond is named for the coal that was produced here. There is however a second type of Black Diamond -the gem. One description puts it this way, "natural black diamonds get their color during the creation process with no external interference." That sounds like us. Join me and let us work together. I respectfully request your vote for City Council Position #2

## **Trish Stallard**

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**Education:** Masters Degree in School Administration; Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Occupation: School Principal

Statement: As a public school leader for 15 years, I have had the opportunity to support multiple communities through transformations. My experience has taught me how to develop relationships and leverage the strengths of all stakeholders to achieve common goals. As Black Diamond is experiencing growth, the City Council must be equipped with leaders who have the ability to establish a vision, recognize the needs of the residents from multiple perspectives, and work collaboratively with *all* stakeholders to ensure that our community thrives. As your council member, I will prioritize smart growth, youth development and inclusivity with every important decision I make. Recognizing that our community is at a pivotal moment in its history, and that I have skills that would benefit the community as it goes through this transformation, I am running for Black Diamond City Council, Seat 2.

Endorsed by King County Democrats and 5th LD Democrats

#### **Therron Smith**

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Education: Bachelor's in History & Political Science, Shorter College

Occupation: Sales Manager, Accu-Tech Corporation

Statement: Black Diamond is a beautiful city with tremendous opportunities before it. I would like to cultivate those opportunities through neighborly conversations. Everyone who lives, works, and owns a business in Black Diamond wants the best future for our city. But recent growth has put a strain on our city's neighborhoods, roads, businesses, school, police and fire services. My leadership background makes me the best candidate to bring people together to voice their concerns and find reasonable solutions to our problems. I envision a city where families and businesses can thrive.

My wife and I chose Black Diamond as a place to raise our family and grow our careers because of its forward-thinking and family-friendly charm. My wife loves teaching first grade at Black Diamond Elementary and our girls are so happy to be at school with her every day.

Endorsed by King County Democrats and 5th LD Democrats

# **Corey Bailey**

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**Education:** BA - Geography and Urban Planning; MS - Sustainable Development

**Occupation:** Regional Environmental Manager for Schnitzer Steel, a local recycling company

**Statement:** Black Diamond is attracting more people who want to join our way of life. The Ten Trails development is inevitable and well underway. We are already feeling the *growing pains* of a city not ready for this level of expansion. Our *public services* must keep pace with these changes. Funding for *fire* and *police* as well as city infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, parks) must increase. It is also vital that we protect our environment.

While most of us agree of these topics, there will come a time when the city council votes on topics like banning *fireworks*, allowing *cannabis stores*, decriminalizing *safe injection sites*, *defunding police* and attracting *homeless camps*? When that time comes, we need to have the right person on the city council.

Corey Bailey will always put personal opinions and party affiliation aside and vote to *protect our city*, our residents, and our *Black Diamond way of life*.

#### Council Position No. 4

### Leih Mulvihill

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Technical Business Management with a minor in Graphics Deisgn, Devry University

**Occupation:** Retired, part-time freelance Graphic Designer, specializing in printed collateral

**Statement:** When I moved to Black Diamond almost 30 years ago, I knew I had finally found my Home Town. I've raised my family here, owned and operated a business here, and have been actively supporting Black Diamond in any way I could.

I was a Director for the MVBD Chamber for seven years. I founded the BD Merchants Partnership and Miner's Day in 2003, served on the Planning Commission for four years, and have experience on the City Council. I've served as the Executive Director and Emcee of BD Labor Days for 14 years. And I continue to serve the BD Historical Society as Editor since 2012.

I like to think of myself as a consensus builder. I have worked to protect its character while securing a future of prosperity. I'm a cheerleader, and I'm cheering for Black Diamond as I continue my work to preserve our "Home Town" feel.

# Bernie O'Donnell

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**Education:** Bachelor, Architecture, University of Washington **Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Project Management Services Company

**Statement:** Growth in our area risks pedestrian safety, increased traffic congestion, and infrastructure and environmental impacts if we do not manage growth as agreed upon. The City of Black Diamond must make informed, timely decisions establishing policy that ensures public safety and quality of life for our residents.

We must invest in our first responders, public facilities and utility infrastructure now to ensure public safety and services for our residents, local businesses, and visitors. The Council must listen and communicate with residents, be transparent, and hold developers accountable to pay their fair share of growth.

I'm committed to listening, learning, speaking up, being the voice, making informed decisions, and providing the City Council leadership needed to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy. Black Diamond has been home to me and my family for 14 years. I'm committed to doing the hard work it takes and ask for your vote.

#### Council Position No. 7

# **Debbie Page**

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**Education:** Washington State University, BA Communications **Occupation:** Self Employed Small Business Consultant to Women Business Owners

Statement: As a recently appointed and current sitting council member, I will continue to serve all Black Diamond residents, providing strong guidance and leadership on all decisions facing our city. I am invested in this community and am quickly gaining an understanding of the critical issues we face related to growth, traffic, police and fire services, infrastructure and supporting the development of current and future businesses.

With 25 years of business and leadership experience I will listen to your ideas and concerns, and welcome productive discussions to create a financially sound and sustainable city.

Black Diamond is at a critical moment in history. Responsible growth and preservation of the city's long history and treasured green spaces can be done together. Community Involvement: Black Diamond Labor Days Committee, Black Diamond Historical Society, Maple Valley Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce, East King Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition Respectfully, I ask for your vote.

# Jennifer Harjehausen

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**Education:** Degrees in Marine Biology and Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology with Honors

Occupation: Director, Data and Project Management; City Councilmember Statement: I have been a resident and community volunteer for close to 20 years, was recognized as your City's 2018 Citizen of the Year, and have served as your Councilmember since April 2019. As we grow, I will continue to prioritize attention to government transparency, traffic and public safety, and increased opportunities and access to mental health services, while fighting against the tax burden to Covington residents.

I have served on various committees for Kent School District, as Chair of the City's Parks & Recreation Priority Advisory Committee, and on the City's Arts Commission and the City's Planning Commission. I have served in many leadership positions on the boards of local PTAs and other community non-profits.

As your Councilmember, I promise to work hard to provide you the community you desire and deserve. I ask for your vote. *Endorsed by community leaders, Seattle King County Realtors, and Kent Firefighters Local* 1747

#### Council Position No. 4

# Joseph T. Cimaomo, Jr.

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**Education:** AA from Highline College **Occupation:** Operations Coordinator

Statement: It has been an honor to serve you on the Covington City Council. Covington has grown during my time on the council, and we are continuing to grow. With this growth comes new and exciting challenges. As your Councilmember, I'll continue to push for more police, more parks, and better roads. I'll also continue supporting policies that keep our neighborhoods safe and our taxes low.

I've worked hard to ensure the council stays focused on the city, ensuring that we put the needs of the residents first and make informed decisions to keep our city growing responsibly. In the coming years we will experience new roads, and developments, along with new residents. By listening to our residents' ideas and concerns, I'll continue working to keep our city safe and maintain our fiscal responsibility. I am asking for your vote to continue with our goal of Building a Better Covington.

## Elizabeth Porter

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Finance- Western Washington University **Occupation:** Career in Retail Management and Retail Operations; Project Manager

Statement: My name is Elizabeth (Beth) Porter, and I am running for Covington City Council Position 6. A Covington resident since 2004, I served three years on Covington's Planning Commission before being appointed to City Council in August 2020. As Councilmember, I will continue advocating for preservation of our natural spaces, traffic and safety solutions, and creating a vibrant community. I will *always* champion to give Covington residents final ratification power (by ballot) of major capital projects such as a new Aquatics/Recreation center and City Hall. I will represent *you* as our city navigates regional issues and our own growth.

My guiding principles are simple: *Represent* constituents. *Collaborate* with council and staff. *Inspire* community involvement. It won't always be easy, but I believe in finding *balance*, having *respect* even when disagreeing, and being *accessible* to Covington residents.

If you agree with me, I respectfully ask for your vote. Together...We Are Covington!

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# **Harry Steinmetz**

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**Education:** J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law; B.A. from San Diego State University

**Occupation:** Administrative Law Judge; Private Attorney; Former Senior Health Care Advocate

**Statement:** I've lived here in Des Moines for 24 years. This is where my wife, Kristin, and I raised our two boys. I'm running for Council to give back to our community and help build a vibrant city for all families.

I will prioritize improving development downtown and the marina, creating sustainable budgeting and to improving transparency and civility on the council. Building our infrastructure, including more parking, will help attract visitors to grow our city to be a great place to raise a family.

With an extensive legal background as an Administrative Law Judge, private attorney, and City and County Prosecutor, I have the skills and experience to responsibly manage the city's budget and will ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and vibrant. Most importantly, I look forward to hearing from you – please reach out with your concerns and ideas for our city. I humbly ask for your vote.

#### Council Position No. 3

# Gene Achziger

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**Education:** BA Communications, Washington State University; AAS Graphic Design, Highline College; AA General, Tacoma Community College

**Occupation:** Retired journalist, Seattle P-I; adjunct professor, Highline College; graphic designer

**Statement:** We will succeed when we have a City Council that is unafraid of *listening* to the people. True transparency requires communication and cooperation.

Seeking answers has been my career.

What will we do about the airport pollution that causes our kids to test a full year behind their peers; and shortens our lives as much as 10 years? How are we going to reduce property crime and daily assaults on our quality of life? How can we all get involved? Through 45 years of community activism, I've learned that working together is essential. It's how I helped lead the efforts to build Wooton Park, annex Woodmont/ Redondo to the city, and save the Mount Rainier and Tukwila pools. As president of the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, we've improved the lives of disadvantaged kids and seniors. I want to bring that spirit to *all* our citizens. I humbly ask for your vote.

# Priscilla Vargas

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**Education:** Sonoma State University, BA Environmental Studies and Planning

Occupation: ADA Compliance Officer, Sacramento Regional Transit District Statement: I have lived in Washington State for eight years, including six years in Des Moines. I am running for office to further improve the safety and quality of life of the residents of the city. If elected, my top priorities include public safety enhancements, job creation paying livable wages, economic revitalization of downtown businesses and surrounding neighborhoods along with the development of the Marina.

I have worked in the public and private transportation sectors for over 31 years in leadership roles working with community members, advocacy groups, and political leaders. I have specialized in equal access and mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities. I possess the necessary experience and skill sets to provide a strong voice for our community.

I will bring transparency, consensus building and collaboration to the council deliberations. With your vote I truly believe I can make a difference for the future of Des Moines.

## Traci Buxton

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Education: Northwest University, BA Behavioral Science, Magna Cum Laude

**Occupation:** Des Moines Councilmember, Property Management. Former: Contractor, Mental Health Professional

**Statement:** Des Moines is an incredible place to live, work, and play. As your Councilmember, I have advocated for safe and diverse neighborhoods, sustainable practices, and a thriving business community with a destination waterfront.

As your representative, I have promoted our progress on many fronts, like our Green Cities Partnership and Urban Forestry Fund, and championed Des Moines' regional leadership in public safety; strengthening our force, while implementing body cameras, a Mental Health Response Team, and DUI Court. Active and personal support of our core business district, and our waterfront and marina redevelopment, has been key in moving our city forward.

My endorsements reflect the wide diversity of our community and region, and include our police, local and regional elected officials, unions, our businesses and restaurants, and a myriad of incredible citizens. It would be a privilege to continue to serve you in upholding our quality of life.

#### Tad Doviak

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**Education:** University of Washington, Seattle, Social Welfare; University of Washington, Tacoma, Master of Cybersecurity and Leadership

Occupation: Information Technology

Statement: I am a husband and father who wants to ensure Des Moines' future is secure for our family and the generations to come. This is why I am running for City Council. Public safety is a priority; I will endeavor to protect our community. As a member of the Des Moines Police Foundation Board of Directors and a block watch captain I have learned communication is essential in building safe, economically vibrant, and healthy communities.

For the past ten years I have been asked to run for City Council by community members, in each instance declining. This year I have chosen to take on the challenge; addressing the problems we face requires strong leaders who are willing to form partnerships between neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities to find solutions. Des Moines has been our home for over 15 years. I respectfully ask for your vote to serve our great community.

#### Council Position No. 7

# **Matt Mahoney**

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**Education:** WSU, University of Maryland AA, US Army **Occupation:** Buyer, Nordstrom - Deputy Mayor Des Moines

**Statement:** If you are looking for someone with honor and integrity, active in the Des Moines community, loves his city and has the life experiences required to serve on your City Council, then I would be honored to have your vote again.

Everyone knows we need a healthy business environment, a revitalized downtown, improved public safety and an enhanced waterfront. This requires leaders who hear issues, weigh opinions, and make sound, informed decisions for a sustainable future.

As your Current Des Moines Deputy Mayor, a Veteran, Former Fire Commissioner, and active volunteer, I know what it means to serve. Husband, father, and grandfather dedicated to family, friends, and neighbors. Successful businessman and motivator. A communicator who connects businesses and people, listens, and works for "all" residents. Supported by Community Leaders, Police Guild, Councilmembers and Residents who understand this city must move forward. I listen, learn, and am accountable. Vote Matt Mahoney.

## Soleil Lewis

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**Education:** Bachelor in Political Science, University of Washington **Occupation:** Preschool Special Education Teacher, Bellevue School District

**Statement:** As a lifelong resident of Des Moines, I understand the things we all want for our unique and beautiful waterfront community. My work as a teacher and community advocate has prepared me for public service.

I've dedicated my career to helping students in South King County receive the resources and tools they need to be successful students. In my spare time, I give back to our community by volunteering with ESL students who live in South King county. I will provide complete transparency and accountability in all aspects of our city government and will be accountable to you, the voters. I want to prioritize creating job and career opportunities for our students and young adults so they can thrive in our economy.

I am endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, State Representative Jesse Johnson, Des Moines City Council Anthony Martinelli, and Tukwila Councilmember Cynthia Delostrinos.



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#### Mayor

# Jan Molinaro

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**Education:** Master of Business Administration, Pepperdine University; Bachelor of Science in Business Management, University of Minnesota **Occupation:** 39 years in Operations Management in multiple fields **Statement:** In my 2nd term I will continue to strive to administer the duties of this office with all citizens in mind.

My experience and background provided me the opportunity to develop an even stronger partnership between organizations, businesses, city staff and councilmembers to assist in guiding Enumclaw to be more vibrant. I increased budget reserves which allowed our city to successfully endure the pandemic. We again efficiently managed a \$55 million budget. My vision is to keep Enumclaw a desirable place to live with its small-town charm, while fostering a thriving business environment. Other priorities public safety, continuing to improve streets, parks, supporting seniors and youth. Understanding educational opportunities led me to engage our schools with programs that allow students to participate in city activities, projects.

In asking for your vote, I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor in this great community we all call home, Enumclaw.

# Corrie Koopman Frazier

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**Education:** BA in Business Management, Northwest University; Graduate Certificate in Accounting, University of WA

Occupation: Senior Tax Accountant, IRS Enrolled Agent

**Statement:** Enumclaw has been my hometown for the past 35 years. I grew up on a dairy farm, graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1999 and currently work for a CPA firm in Auburn.

As a constituent and member of this community for many years, I desire to be part of the local decision-making process to ensure our community will grow and prosper, while still maintaining the charm and character Enumclaw is known for. I want to support and develop opportunities for new and existing businesses in our community, promote responsible fiscal decisions that affect members of our community positively, and advocate for the safety and support of our community and schools.

I was appointed to my current position of Councilmember early in 2021 to fill a vacancy and hope the community will support me in fulfilling my duties for the next four years.

#### Council Position No. 3

# **Bobby Martinez**

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**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

Statement: My name is Bobby Martinez. My family moved to Enumclaw when I was 12 years old. Most of my family live in Enumclaw and have been heavily involved in our community. As a local business owner, husband, and parent of a beautiful 4-year-old daughter, I am interested in serving that community. I feel a duty to give back in any way I can to the town that has given my family so much and want to make sure it continues to mean as much for future generations as it has to me.

# Thomas M. Sauvageau

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**Education:** Masters in Business Administration and Accounting **Occupation:** President/CEO Sauvageau CFO, LLC, President/CEO ERTC, LLC

Statement: I have lived in Enumclaw with my 3 children and grandparents since 2016 and love this town. In that time, I've enjoyed being an active member of the community including Treasurer for the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer for the Enumclaw Schools Foundation, Treasurer for the Sunrise Elementary PTA, and founder of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program at Sunrise Elementary. Currently I own/partner in 3 local businesses in the community: Bordeaux Wine Bar, LLC, Sauvageau CFO, LLC, and ERTC, LLC. My background in finance and small business ownership has given a significant insight into a wide range of important obstacles the community of Enumclaw faces.

I believe this background, coupled with my desire to help make Enumclaw a better place to live, work and play while not losing the nostalgia that many of us have come to love about this wonderful town makes me the best candidate for this position.

#### Council Position No. 7

## **Chris Gruner**

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**Education:** BS in Political Science, United States Air Force Academy; MBA, Trident University International

Occupation: Pilot, Alaska Airlines; Air Force veteran

**Statement:** I set my roots down in Enumclaw with my family after eleven years as an Air Force fighter pilot. I now work as an airline pilot and serve as a union negotiator. I strive to serve others with integrity and compassion, and will carry those traits forward as I represent you on the City Council.

Community: Enumclaw's local small businesses are the heart of our community; I will focus on low taxes, limiting regulation, and improvements to downtown. Safety: I fully support our Enumclaw police officers and the daily sacrifices they make to keep our town safe. Opportunity: I will prioritize supporting and coordinating private mental health and substance abuse resources to give all Enumclaw residents an opportunity to succeed.

Enumclaw is a close-knit, caring community. As your representative on the City Council, I will commit fully to hearing your concerns and being your voice.



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## Mayor

# Jim Ferrell

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

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

**Statement:** Leading Federal Way through the pandemic, we succeeded as a community by promoting local small businesses, following public health recommendations, and delivering services to those most in need. Now, we are uniting around economic recovery that restores our city's path to prosperity for all.

As your Mayor, my priorities include: Investing in working families; protecting our environment; and providing strong public safety and reducing crime while creating a more equitable and just community. Working regionally, we're making progress on homelessness, urgently moving people into shelter and housing. With Light Rail on its way to Federal Way, we're also enhancing parks, and taking bold action to develop our downtown.

Endorsed by: Congressman Adam Smith; Seven regional mayors; Five Federal Way Councilmembers; Washington Conservation Voters; Teamsters JC 28; King County Democrats; labor unions representing thousands of workers including firefighters, local police guild and essential workers. Together, let's keep Federal Way moving forward!

#### Mark Greene

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**Education:** Inver Hills College Graduate, Minnesota (Legal Asst. Program); U.S. Marine Corps Administrative Clerk School, California.

**Occupation:** Independent Legal Assistant; Hobbyist Blogger/Playwright/Poet; Volunteer Politician/Statesman.

Statement: F.W. unfortunately hired what looks like a "Critical Race Theorist" to meddle in F.W. government, but doing nothing to give school kids freedom from masks/vaccines if kids & parents so choose. If we vote right, government will learn its place, meaning they can advise on issues, but absent criminality, cannot vacate basic freedoms. Don't fret over climate change, God spelled out His plan for Earth in Scripture, but instructed us to be stewards of Earth, we can do this without being doomsayers

I strongly support our Police Force, and that means, among other things, not hindering them with kangaroo review boards, or unrealistic laws, e.g., 2021 state law.

Youth Base: With your open-mindedness, I need you to win. Please understand that with my mayoralty, you'll be well represented. Elderly Base: Please realize that I'll protect your interests and stand tall for our nation, city & citizens. I need your vote.

#### **Erica Norton**

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Education: BA, Cultural Anthropology, WSU. Ronald McNair Scholar

Occupation: Construction Contractor

**Statement:** I've seen drastic increases in crime and homelessness. Our police force is experiencing a lack of support. We're losing small businesses, devastating our jobs and infrastructure. It is time for someone to take a stand for our community. I will bring honesty and integrity to our City Council.

I've owned a successful small business for 11 years. I started and ran a non-profit for senior citizens. I held elected positions in recovery organizations, unifying large groups of people. I chaired the Federal Way Homelessness Coalition, a citizen-run group focused on ending the homelessness crisis in our city.

I will do the necessary work and cooperate in the process of rebuilding our city. We will lower homelessness and crime, support our amazing police force, and attract businesses to our city. Solid leadership and ethics are necessary. I will respect the wishes of the citizens of Federal Way. Vote for Erica Norton.

# **Gregory Baruso**

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**Education:** AA Liberal Arts, SCCC, AA Fire Officer, Bellevue College **Occupation:** City of Federal Way Council Pos. #2, 35-year firefighter **Statement:** Greg Baruso has a strong record of accomplishment on the City Council. He's working hard and providing a voice of common sense to issues facing our city.

Greg's accomplishments include serving as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, supporting COVID-19 recovery, balancing the city's budget, and sponsorship of initiatives to end racial discrimination and foster greater communication.

Moving forward, Greg will focus on helping people and businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19, smart land use planning, and providing the highest level of public safety service for our community. Greg has a long history of community involvement. He served for 12 years on the city's Diversity Commission, directed both the MLK Food Drive and the Flavor of Federal Way and is the current President of the Citizens for Federal Way Public Schools. Greg's commitment to community and experience on the council makes him the right choice for us.

#### Council Position No. 4

#### **Daniel Miller**

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**Education:** Bachelors of Arts Degree in Business Administration/Marketing Western Washington University

**Occupation:** Delivery Driver and Business Manager Family Limited Partnership

**Statement:** *Police* I'm running for city council becuase Federal Way needs to have a strong police department. Any efforts to defund the police are wrong and only undermine law enforcement's ability to do their job. Police should be defended, not defunded. This is an essential function of city government.

Public Safety Homelessness, unwanted county administered needle exchange programs are what pose a risk to the safety of all residents. People need to feel that their community is a safe and secure environment to live, work, and raise a family. Only when residents have peace of mind that their city is a safe place to live will we experience greater...

*Prosperity.* A healthy environment that promotes business and residents feel safe leads to prosperity in all forms. If that happens Federal Way will thrive economically. If not, businesses will leave altogether choosing to locate elsewhere. Please vote for Daniel Miller position 4.

# **Hoang Tran**

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Administrator, Economic Services Administration, Community Service Office (CSO)

Statement: I am running for re-election to continue the progress we've made these last four years. Public safety has been and still is my top priority. The key to success will be ensuring police reform is implemented effectively and equitably. I will continue to partner with other councilmembers, the mayor, the business community and residents so that as we begin to recover from the pandemic, we build a local economy that works for everyone. I'm eager to finish the work we started to bring fiscal accountability to the budget, racial equity, social justice and build affordable housing.

At the age of 18, I fled Vietnam to avoid religious and political persecution. I became a United States citizen and have built a life here as a husband, father and public servant. It's been an honor to be your voice on the council. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving you.

# Jack Walsh

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Education: B.A. in Communications, Brigham Young University Occupation: Owner, Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, Community Volunteer Statement: Federal Way has been my home for 36 years. My wife and I raised our five children in this beautiful and diverse community and have operated a successful business here for the last ten years. However our city is now deteriorating. Homelessness, shootings, violence, property crimes and fear are invading our city. This must stop! The homelessness crisis must be addressed for what it is: primarily an addiction and mental health crisis. Rather than enabling these homeless to continue their addictions, we must enforce drug, shoplifting and other laws. At the same time compassionate addiction recovery and mental health resources must be provided to help them return to being contributing members of society. The police must be supported, not defunded or face arbitrary restrictions that endanger our community. It is not too late! We can and will make a change. Your vote for Jack Walsh is the first step.

#### Leandra Craft

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**Education:** J.D. Seattle University School of Law; B.S. Political Science, Santa Clara University

**Occupation:** Federal Way City Councilmember; King County Deputy Prosecutor

Statement: I was raised in Federal Way and am now raising my own family here. Together, we can build a vibrant, safe, and healthy Federal Way now, and for future generations. To do so, we need housing options for every income level so that our city remains affordable for longtime neighbors and families new to the area. We need to leverage federal and state funding to ensure our city's COVID recovery lifts up our small businesses and our local economy, including job training programs for our youth, apprenticeships, and family wage jobs. And we have to work collaboratively to protect and promote the safety of every neighbor -- I'll use my experience as a prosecutor to do just that. ENDORSED: Congressman Smith; AG Ferguson; Treasurer Pellicciotti, State Reps. Taylor and Johnson; Former Mayor Burbidge; South King Co. Firefighters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; MLK Labor; Conservation Voters; local Democrats; and more!

#### Council Position No. 6

# **Jack Dovey**

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**Education:** Bachelors of Science Degree - Geography from Oregon State University

**Occupation:** Business Owner of a Manufacturing Company

Statement: As a former Mayor and Council member, I continue to remain active as a community volunteer. As the President of the Federal Way Care Giving Network, I worked to help keep families in their homes and provide meals for them. I volunteered with Communities and Schools as a mentor for eight years to help a young man graduate from high school and join the military.

While on the council, I helped start the Police Department, build Celebration Park, and City Hall. I served on all committees and as Federal Way's Mayor. If elected, I will donate all my council salary to Federal Way 501C charities.

I support a strong Police Department and fighting crime in our neighborhoods. I am endorsed by the Federal Way Police Officers Guild. Our hard working families need to feel safe where they live. Vote for a proven leader; Jack Dovey for City Council Position 6.

#### Renae Seam

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**Education:** University of Washington B.A. Political Science, M.S. Business and Data Analytics; FWPS Graduate

Occupation: Financial and Risk Management Analytics; Board Member, Communities in Schools

**Statement:** As we recover from the pandemic, we have an opportunity to rethink how we plan for our future with fresh ideas, modern business skills, and bold vision. As a lifelong Federal Way resident and daughter of immigrant small business owners, I know the struggles working families face. You can trust me to put people first and fight for safety and inclusivity for marginalized communities.

These values have driven me to work on nonprofit boards to push for education equity within our schools and toward a career of helping working families find financial stability during COVID. I'll use my expertise to build youth pipeline programs to retain local talent in our workforce, promote transparency in government, create strategic plans to address homelessness, and build a climate-resilient economy, all with a focus on financial responsibility.

Endorsements: Congressman Adam Smith, Mayor Jim Ferrell, Senator Claire Wilson, Representative Jamila Taylor, King County Democrats.

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

#### Rebecca Robertson

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

Occupation: Judge, Federal Way Municipal Court

**Statement:** I have been honored to serve you as a Judge in Federal Way for almost 12 years. Helping to improve public safety, protecting individual rights and liberties, and making the community a better place are the best parts of this job.

During the last 12 years I have been actively involved in the statewide judiciary, serving as President of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association, Co-Chair of the Trial Court Security Committee, Chair of the Board for Judicial Administration's Policy and Planning Committee, and on the Taskforce on Public Defender Standards. These organizations seek to improve the justice system locally and statewide. I have also taught Municipal Court Budgeting and Judicial Independence to judges, attorneys, administrators, and other elected officials.

I hope to continue this important work in the future. Thank you for your vote.

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

#### **Dave Larson**

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**Education:** Juris Doctor, Seattle University School of Law; BA, University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Judge

Statement: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you for 13 years as a judge in Federal Way, a community that has been my home for 54 years. I am grateful that you have given me this opportunity and I take my role as a steward of justice very seriously. I look forward to four more years serving you as a judge in one of the best municipal courts in the State of Washington. We will continue to work together to make our court a model for other courts across this state. Thank you for your vote.

### Mayor

#### Dawn M. Bennett

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**Education:** Graduated from Mercer Island High School, AA in Business Information Technology, BA in Hospitality Management

**Occupation:** Coordinator, City of Seattle. Executive Director, Multicultural Education Rights Alliance.

Statement: Kent is a changing city at the heart of a rapidly evolving region. We need leadership that embraces change and ensures Kent is leading the trends, not following. I have devoted my life to advocating for change. I've advocated for young people, for people of color, and for our public education system. I've founded and led nonprofits and worked as an education leader in Kent and Seattle School Districts. I know what Kent residents need to be able to thrive.

As mayor, I will build back our city after COVID19 and support the renewed civil rights movement. I will create more affordable housing and refocus our city budget so we can all afford to live here. I will ensure accountability and community oversight for our police department. And I will create unionized jobs to modernize our infrastructure. Everyone deserves a shot at a stable, family-wage job.

As a proud 23-year resident of this city I love, I want to build a stronger Kent for all of us. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements: King County Democratic Party, MLK Labor Council, Senators Mona Das, Joe Nguyen, Rebecca Saldaña, and Claire Wilson, Representative Debra Entenman, County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay.

# Dana Ralph

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science Business Management, Master of Science Management/Leadership and MBA - Western Governors University

Occupation: Mayor, City of Kent

Statement: Serving as your mayor has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. When I ran, I promised you I would fight for you and deliver results. I am proud of what we have accomplished. Our work isn't over. I've consistently stood up for Kent - challenging the state, the county, and other interests. I've demanded they put Kent families and businesses first. Through those fights, we have brought investments to Kent's infrastructure, protected local businesses, created thousands of jobs for residents, and secured millions of dollars to help families/businesses navigate through Covid-19.

I'll continue to improve our quality of life by prioritizing innovative investments in *public safety personnel and tools, cleaning up public spaces, homeless camp cleanups, traffic reduction, equity and inclusion, communication/transparency, housing, transit, parks/youth programs, and strengthening our economy.* 

I've demonstrated I have what it takes to keep us moving forward. Experience matters – now isn't the time to gamble on untested leaders. We're at a critical crossroads for our community and our work isn't over. I would be honored to have your vote and continue serving as your mayor.

Supported by Kent firefighters, Kent police officers, labor unions and elected officials from across the region.

#### Satwinder Kaur

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**Education:** MBA in Technology Management, University of Washington, BABS in Supply chain mgmt, Kentridge Grad

Occupation: Kent City Councilmember, Information Technology

Statement: I am privileged to represent you as your councilmember. I have listened to you and voted to support lower taxes, improve infrastructure and address housing needs. When COVID-19 hit, I was out supporting our community, whether that be delivering food, providing daily supplies or advocating for more funding and resources for South King County.

I believe in being a good steward of our taxes. I advocated for our local small businesses and non-profit for American Rescue Plan funding. I believe that this funding should be directly sent back to our communities to help recover from the past year and half.

I serve Kent as chair of Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council, member of King County Growth Management Planning Council and Domestic Violence Regional Task Force. I also serve on several committees with the Association of Washington Cities.

My priorities will always be to represent you and to be your voice as a servant leader. It would be an honor to continue to serve you. Thank you for your vote.

#### **Cliff Cawthon**

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**Education:** Masters degree in Human Rights, Political Science. Bachelor's degree in Political Science, minor in Philosophy.

**Occupation:** Professor of Political Science. Housing Coalition Strategy Manager, Sightline Institute.

Statement: For years, I have organized with faith leaders, unions, youth, community leaders, and Kent residents so that our government protects renters, workers, and balances our tax code for working families. I've also seen some in our city government fail to meet the needs of Kent's residents and even promote costly policies that directly ignore our needs and values. I decided to run for Kent City Council to bring the change that we need.

As East Hill homeowners, my wife and I know the issues facing our community. As an experienced policy advocate, I have the experience and relationships needed to legislate effectively. We need more housing for our families as well as renter protections. We need equitable city planning that ensures quality parks, roads, and services for all. And we need a police department committed to accountability and a public safety plan that keeps us *all* safe.

My proven record of delivering community wins has earned me endorsements from the King County Democrats, Working Families Party, MLK Labor Council, Congressman Adam Smith, Senator Mona Das, Representative Debra Entenman, Kent City Councilmembers Satwinder Kaur and Marli Larimer, UFCW Local 21 and numerous other leaders and elected officials. I appreciate your vote!

#### **Toni Troutner**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University **Occupation:** Small business owner, Market Research Analyst

Statement: As your *City Council President* during these last four years, every decision I have made has been to *support Kent families* and strengthen our city. From ensuring our small businesses and community groups received emergency relief, to leading the council to make investments in our *infrastructure*, *public safety*, *parks and human services programs*—I'm completely committed to making our city thrive.

I'm devoted to making Kent a great place to live and work for everyone, which is why I have taken several votes to maintain and expand our selection of housing and transit options. I will also continue to be a strong advocate for policies that advance racial equity and inclusion.

While representing Kent around the region, I have ensured that we receive our fair share of funding while building partnerships to bolster our economy and attract new investments, businesses and industries.

I have the experience, knowledge, and track record to keep our community moving in the right direction. I'm proud to be endorsed by Kent firefighters, police officers, my colleagues, and regional leaders. I would be honored to have your vote in this election so that I can continue working for you.

#### **Brenda Fincher**

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**Education:** Associate of Arts Degree, Riverside Community College; Scripture and Leadership Training Certificate, Seattle University

**Occupation:** Kent City Council Member; Parish Administrator, Holy Spirit Parish

**Statement:** I'm working to make sure every Kent resident is safe, healthy and has the opportunity to thrive.

As your councilmember, I've led the passage of renter protections, secured significant funding for mental health counseling for Kent youth, and made accessibility improvements to our city council meetings. I've continued to work with our community and police department to improve trust, training and accountability. I've also worked to proactively manage Kent's growth and responsibly manage our budget to jumpstart our recovery and keep Kent affordable.

I'm the only candidate in this race who has consistently shown up for votes and voters. I'm accessible and accountable to everyone. You've seen me in our neighborhoods, events and meetings almost every day - and not just in election years.

Diversity - in all forms - strengthens us. Every Kent resident should feel welcome and respected. I unite people and get results. I'm supported by leaders in both parties, my fellow councilmembers, our entire legislative delegation, community leaders, business owners and faith leaders. It's an honor to continue to serve you. I ask for your vote.

# **Larry Hussey**

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**Education:** Washington State University Cougars, BA in English with coursework in journalism and public relations

Occupation: Day Trader, Temp Worker

Statement: I am the Man Who Quieted Kent. I happened to be lucky enough to help with the transition from Burlington Northern to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for noise complaints. I believe I was the first person to call the FRA to file a noise report about Kent Station. I also worked with the state Attorney General's Office (AGO) to transition aircraft noise regulation from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to local airports. I was disappointed to find out that the FAA did not even know Kent is a quiet area for aircraft. Now Kent is as quiet as it is supposed to be.

As a consumer advocate, I have started the Capital One Hard Inquiry Scandal. This is the scandal in which the company puts hard inquiries on people's credit even though soft inquiries are designed for credit card companies to use. I have also warned people about egress windows. If you live in a first-floor apartment, you may have an egress window that lets strangers in to your home.

I am pro-choice, pro-NRA, pro-gambling, pro-hookah, pro-police, pro-Medicare, pro-development, pro-bicycle, pro-walking, and pro-environment. I would like our colleges to have a Customer Service major or emphasis, as well.

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

#### Michael R. Frans

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

Occupation: Presiding Judge, Kent Municipal Court

**Statement:** It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the City of Kent as Municipal Court Judge over the last three years. After nearly 20 years in private practice as a trial lawyer, and two years as a pro tem judge in King County District Court, I was appointed to the position of Court Commissioner in the City of Kent in 2018. I then assumed the role of sitting judge in January 2019 and took over as presiding judge later that year.

In 2018, just prior to appointment, I was given the highest judical rating of "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar Association. In 2020, I was given the "Exceptionally Well Qualified" rating by the Loren Miller Bar Association; the Latina/o Bar Association; the QLAW Association; the Washington Women Lawyers Bar Association; the Cardozo Society of Washington; and the Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee.

I strive to have a positive impact in this community every day I take the bench. I work hard to ensure that all individuals coming before the Court are treated with dignity and respect. I look forward to serving this community in the years to come. I respectfully ask for your vote.

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

# **Anthony David Gipe**

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Education: University of Washington School of Law

Occupation: Judge

**Statement:** Anthony Gipe is an experienced judge with eight years experience (full time and as a *pro tem* judge) and 20 years as an accomplished trial attorney.

Anthony has dedicated his career to serving others and to justice for all. Anthony has worked on legal issues for the disabled, homeless children, immigrant families, and other civil rights issues. Anthony is a Past President of the Washington State Bar Association, leading over 35,000 attorneys in the state, and he helped found three minority bar associations.

Anthony is currently a member of the State Supreme Court's Minority & Justice Commission, and is a board member of the Artists Trust, which supports artists in Washington state.

Anthony has been rated as "Exceptionally Well Qualified" to be a trial judge by numerous bar associations, including the Joint Asian Bar Association, Qlaw, Latino/a Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers, Loren Miller Bar Association, and the King County Bar Association. Anthony was raised in southwest Washington. Before becoming and attorney, Anthony was a Navy veteran, serving as an interpreter and intelligence analyst, and he served in the Gulf War.

#### Linda Olson

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**Education:** Northwest University, AA in Business

**Occupation:** Regional Purchasing & Telecommunications Manager, WSDOT (retired)

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve as your representative on City Council the past four years. In that time we've opened a new ball park, an inclusive playground for kids with all abilities, a skate park and a place for our dogs to play off leash. In addition, we've reduced congestion on Kent-Kangley with turn pockets into Cherokee Bay and added lanes on SR 169. Our city remained stable through the pandemic and provided thousands of dollars of support to small businesses.

There is much more to be done. I will continue to work with WSDOT to improve SR 169 through Maple Valley and to expand Highway 18. As a member of the Legacy Site Committee I will help to find the least intrusive ways to develop this city gem. I will work with our community organizations to provide services to our citizens.

Thank you for your support.

#### Council Position No. 4

#### Victoria Schroff

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**Education:** College of The Sequoias and Arizona School of Massage

**Occupation:** Licensed Massage Therapist, Small Business Owner/ Operator

Statement: As twelve year residents of Maple Valley, my family and I love this place that we call home. We have benefited from its schools, outdoor recreation, businesses, and sense of community and my gratitude demands that I give back. I am currently volunteering on The Planning Commission and am seeking the chance to serve on City Council

I spend the majority of my week locally and my flexible schedule assures that I will be here for you with time to devote to important issues such as responsible growth, tree retention, transportation and our economy. Everyone deserves a voice and every Council vote effects somebody on a personal level. I promise to keep an open mind, listen to every side and to remember that, while it is impossible to make everybody happy with every decision, it is Council's job to make Maple Valley feel like home to

#### **Dana Parnello**

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**Education:** BS: Environmental Policy Analysis & Planning, UC Davis and Masters Degree: Recreation Administration, UNC-Greeley

Occupation: https://www.linkedin.com/in/danaparnello

**Statement:** Population increases faster in communities like Maple Valley. Quiet neighborhoods, plentiful events, great trails, parks, schools, access to remote wilderness and major employers; we're becoming a hotspot. Some say we're growing up, some say we're outgrowing why they live here. Growth happens.

We can make growth happen with intention or let it happen and become any town USA. Do we want a defined identity - a true Town Center with public gathering spaces, activities like a Spray/Splash park, a Ropes Course, maybe a year-round market (supporting local business startups, farmers, artisans) with active forest maintained on the Legacy Site, maybe even a Community Clubhouse (that also suits golfers & putt putt golf) and is suitable for hosting leadership retreats or small corporate events?

We are in the best position in the city's history to bring great ideas to fruition. Share more of your ideas and let's make them happen together!

#### Mayor

# Shanna Styron Sherrell

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Education: Associate of Arts, Green River College

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner since 1999, Photographer, Office Manager and Bookkeeper

Statement: Since elected, I've restored transparency, functionality, and fairness back into City Hall. I've stayed true to my commitment to focus on our safety in regards to our Police Department, sidewalks and roadways. While keeping our community values at the forefront, I've enhanced community outreach and engagement, made park improvements, and worked to enrich our city to attract economic development.

We navigated some of the greatest challenges of our lifetime, while still accomplishing the mission we set out on. I'm proud of the work that has been accomplished in my first term as Mayor. The work is not over. We need to continue to review and revise code to match the vision of our community, increase investments in parks and infrastructure, hire and retain qualified employees, and continue to be good stewards of tax dollars.

It's been an honor to serve as your Mayor. I'm asking for your vote once again.

#### **Barb Buck**

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**Education:** Graduated Fife High; Associate of Arts, Highline CC; Bachelor's in Business Management, University of Phoenix

**Occupation:** Managing and strategic planning as a Field Merchandiser for Kroger/QFC

**Statement:** Living in Milton, I have quietly watched and listened. We need a leader in city hall that can build and retain a team. In business, I'm a proven leader and problem solver with extensive management experience in executing strategic vision and direction to achieve financial/budgetary goals.

As your mayor, I will work to maintain the hometown feeling of Milton while managing growth and development opportunities for the future. I will engage the entire city in a study to better understand and manage the influx of traffic on our streets. I believe our seniors deserve to be treasured and valued.

Growing up in Milton and maintaining a lifelong connection to this community, it would be an honor to serve as your mayor. I am asking for your vote. It's not about politics, but what is best for the City of Milton. The biggest endorsement I seek in this election is yours.

#### **Council Position No. 1**

#### Steve Whitaker

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**Education:** City University – MBA (Marketing) Washington State

University - BA Communications

Occupation: Business Consultant (Business Writing)

**Statement:** Our family has lived in Milton for over 15 years. I believe in the citizens of Milton, and I want to continue my active role on city council and in the community.

My experience includes: Current member of the city council; Active member, and member of church executive board; MBA degree in marketing; Small business owner; 1st degree black belt and instructor at Karate Edge in Edgewood

I also have served on the executive board for the Milton Fife Edgewood Chamber of Commerce. I wish to ensure that our community continues to prosper, grow, and be a vibrant place to live. One of my top priorities is that the city ensures that Milton's power, water, and storm utilities continue to be cost-effective and self-sustaining assets to all the city's residents. I would appreciate your continued support and your vote for Position #1. Let us move into the future together.

# Beth Jersey

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Education: Fife High School, Highline Community College

**Occupation:** Paraeducator

**Statement:** Milton is a small town with a big heart. We take care of each other and work together to solve our problems. But we are growing and with that comes challenges and opportunities. I want to help shepherd Milton's growth in a way that preserves the best of the small-town we all love.

Traffic has gotten out of hand. Simply going for a walk can be treacherous. Driving down to the valley feels like sitting in Seattle traffic. And it's only going to get worse unless Council acts now.

Milton's future is bright, but only if we have a Council willing to listen to citizens' needs and to take the time and effort to shape the growth. I want to be your voice on the City Council. Together, we can ensure that the Milton we love today is here for our children and grandchildren to enjoy for decades to come.

# Susan J.F. Johnson

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**Education:** B.S., Public Administration, Indiana University, IN, 1978. M.Ed, Counseling, George Mason University, VA 1989.

Occupation: Milton Council 2015-Present. Retired, PLU, 2004-2017.

**Statement:** My voting positions are guided by research on an issue, legal ramifications, citizen comments, WA RCWs, and the Milton Municipal Code. In our current political climate, social media dialogue often skews information. I encourage citizens to contact the mayor/council members, attend council meetings, use the website and consider joining a city committee.

Issues I pushed: stop semi-trucks on our city streets; speeding prevention mechanisms; no needle exchange programs in Milton; fiscal responsibility; and crime prevention/community watch groups. HWY 99 corridor is a nightmare. Our pressure on WSDOT to end the unsafe driving conditions resulting in deaths is essential for our citizens.

Milton has grown up and we must monitor influences from outside our area, so we can keep a small town feel that has served us so well. Become part of the solution and get involved. I strive to serve you with the best intentions for the City of Milton.

#### **Bruce White**

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Education: BS Computer Science, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR.

**Occupation:** Computer and Database Programmer, Web Systems Development; eCommerce Business Owner.

**Statement:** Your government must work more effectively. Bruce White is independent, thoughtful, innovative, and as a Councilmember, will represent you with energy and integrity.

*Growth*: Bruce White will promote policies for cautious, intelligent management of growth. As we've seen, when growth outpaces infrastructure, livability declines. Our city's growth and public spending capacity must be linked to each other, balanced and realistically limited.

Taxes: Bruce White is committed to fiscal responsibility. You already pay enough in taxes. He will represent you and be tough against special interests. Public Safety: Bruce White believes a community thrives when the citizens feel safe. He is therefore a very strong proponent of supporting our local law enforcement. "I'd be honored by your vote."

#### Council Position No. 3

#### **Steve Peretti**

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**Education:** BA Business Management magna cum laude Northwest University

**Occupation:** General Contractor, Retired School and Municipal Administration

Statement: Working Together Today to Support Tomorrow. I will continue to work hard for you as your returning representative. As a servant leader with over 30 years of public and private sector experience, I will strife to make sure your issues and concerns have been heard. Priorities include: Managed Growth. The City of Milton has the rare opportunity to provide a small community feel for its resident's while being surrounded by fast growing areas such as Federal Way, Fife, Puyallup, and Edgewood. Greater attention to growth management must be the priority regarding the impact on the community. Public Safety. I will work to improve neighborhood safety and balanced police presence. Roads and Public Works Infrastructure. I will always look at adjusting fiscal budgets to best serve our city's needs within our financial means. Your vote is greatly appreciated.

# **Heather Popp**

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**Education:** I graduated from Mills College with a BA in economics in 1997. **Occupation:** I have worked in employee benefits administration and office management.

**Statement:** I moved to Milton in 2004 because I appreciated the smalltown feel. Milton is a close-knit and vibrant community. Whether we are lifelong residents or newly arrived, we all know we have found something special here.

I have regularly attended Milton City Council meetings and understand the issues facing the city. Over the years I've watched the Council grapple with issues around growth, roads and an aging electrical grid. We must balance fiscal restraint with the needs of our community. We need to protect our seniors and others on fixed incomes from tax and fee increases while maintaining a high level of service. We must monitor growth to ensure that it meets the needs of current residents while welcoming new citizens. Traffic and pedestrian safety, along with increasing crime are top priorities that must be addressed with common-sense approaches.

I would be honored if you entrust me with your vote.

#### Tim Ceder

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**Education:** Bachelor's in English, University of Washington; Juris Doctorate, University of Oregon School of Law.

**Occupation:** Assistant Attorney General, Washington Attorney General's Office

**Statement:** I am a lifelong Milton resident and a practicing attorney for the state. Previously, I worked as a woodworker and served ten years on active duty in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

Since being appointed to Council this year, I have advocated locally and regionally for Milton's interests. I have been involved in budget policy, contract approvals, and code revisions. My record proves that I approach every decision fully informed to appropriately spend funds and prepare Milton for the future.

As we confront growth around us, we must make deliberate decisions that preserve Milton's small-town charm while remaining a welcoming community. As your representative, I will increase pedestrian safety, secure continued clean water access, reduce the impact of cut-through traffic, and enhance our parks. I will listen to each neighborhood's needs to find solutions that work for all of Milton. I would be honored to have your vote.

#### Council Position No. 5

#### **Todd Morton**

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**Education:** Tahoma High School

Occupation: Sales Executive for Comcast

**Statement:** My wife and I have lived in Milton for 21 years raising our 3 children. We moved to Milton for the small town feel, strong sense of community and excellent schools and want to keep it that way.

I support strong Public Safety, parks, community events and fiscal responsibility. I have worked hard to help maintain a balanced budget and find ways to save money that the city and citizens can live with, without impacting their everyday lives. As a council we have made some hard decisions to help the city run more efficiently and will continue to do so in these trying times.

Working hard for the citizens of Milton to spend tax dollars wisely is a top priority for me. I will continue to look for ways to reduce government spending without sacrificing public safety or other essential services. Vote to re-elect Todd Morton

#### **Dave Strader**

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**Education:** AA in Business, Graduate of the US Coast Guard Chief's Academy.

Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard

Statement: I've lived in Milton for 28 years, and I know that still makes me a "newcomer":) -- most of my neighbors have grown up in Milton – but it is with their encouragement that I am running for city council. Milton struggles with the same issues again and again: effective leadership, future development, and appropriate infill development in existing neighborhoods. We all enjoy the small-town feel and look of Milton, and I believe Milton needs to focus on a cohesive strategic plan as our best chance at keeping it. We need to be proactive rather than reactive, and everyone should be involved in the process. I would like to see community listening sessions with the public before big issues are discussed at council meetings, so public input is first, not last. I pledge to listen to your concerns -- it would be my honor to serve you.

# Susan J. West

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington; Master's in Public Relations/Political Management, George Washington University

Occupation: Communications Manager, Sr. Business Planner, Amazon

Statement: I am honored to serve as a Normandy Park City Council Member. I was born and raised in Normandy Park and attended Marvista Elementary, Pacific Middle School and Mt. Rainier High School. I care deeply about Normandy Park's economic, financial and environmental health, its community spirit, and its future. I will continue to do what I can to help Normandy Park plan a positive future that preserves what we love about the community, while looking for creative and positive ways to help it flourish. I hope you will join me in volunteering for Normandy Park committees, events, programs and projects. The opportunities are endless! Together, we can help our community stay healthy and strong, while having fun, getting to know our neighbors, and introducing our community to others around the region. Thank you again for the opportunity to be on the Normandy Park City Council. See you around the Park!

#### Council Position No. 4

#### Mike Bishoff

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Education: Bachelor of Science Entomology and Botany

Occupation: Management Consultant

Statement: Hello Normandy Park Neighbors!

My top priority is our city's long-term financial health and my daily focus includes the ongoing budget challenges we face as a small city. With limited income, we need to be constantly vigilant about the balance of revenue along with the high-quality services we expect from our beautiful city on the sound. As a "no-new-tax" advocate, I believe we can produce effective economic development revenue streams to develop and maintain a healthy financial outlook.

My family and I have lived in Normandy Park for twelve years, actively parenting in K-12, starting with Marvista and now Mt. Rainier High School. As a result, I'm invested deeply in our shared city interests. Most notably, our fiscal, environmental, and social needs. I will continue supporting a culture that keeps us healthy and welcomes *all!* I remain dedicated to our community interests and am very grateful for your continued support.

# **Craig Daly**

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**Education:** Highline College (Currently Attending) Criminal Justice Administration

**Occupation:** Currently Unemployed, In School for Criminal Justice Administration

Statement: Hello Citizens of Normandy Park,

My name is Craig Daly. This is my second time running for a city council position.

My aim for a city council position isn't for me to push my agenda through, it is to have the people heard. I took and completed a human resources class because I value these ethics. I look to serve you and make sure you are heard. I believe a strong council starts with listening and building trust. Transparency is something I have always fought for and something we need to bring back. Help us get there again by telling the city council we want a change. I am here to listen and work for you. This is why I am running. Thank you. Craig Daly.

#### **Eric Zimmerman**

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**Education:** Master's degree in Organizational Leadership, Gonzaga University. Bachelor's degree, Seattle Pacific University.

Occupation: Global non-profit community development

**Statement:** I love Normandy Park. Together as families, friends, and neighbors we have built a welcoming, peaceful, and beautiful place to live. As your representative on City Council, I will always serve and listen to you first, and I will help ensure our Council's work and decisions are transparent and beneficial for our community.

As your representative at SeaTac Airport's StART roundtable, I have helped greatly reduce aircraft noise at night and have built airline, airport, and FAA support for Normandy Park community priorities. As your Planning Commissioner I have worked to make good decisions about our city's laws for how we use our land and shared spaces, protecting the distinctiveness of our city. Since 2003 my professional career has focused on helping small communities around the world solve problems and meet their goals. My service is all part of one pursuit: seeing communities succeed. Thank you for your trust.



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# Kerry G. Garberding

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

#### Council Position No. 4

# **Gary Nitschke**

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**Education:** High School Diploma, Two year Musical Instrument Repair Technical Certificate with AA /AS studies

Occupation: Laborer/Jack of All Trades

**Statement:** This City needs a council person that attends the meetings. The city needs a person who is active in our cities growth. I have attended all of the cities regular scheduled council meetings for the past 10 years. I understand the cities legislative process and generally support it's current direction.

I would like to see more opportunity for residents to have jobs in Pacific.

I believe Pacific is a safe place to reside and want to make sure this continues. Children should have safe fun parks to go to. More investment in park activity options are important. City beatification is wise. I've been a resident in Pacific for 20 years. I'm from this area/ Seattle. Pacific is in a great location and has a significant historical background. Please vote for me.

#### Vic Kave

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**Education:** US Army Airborne Ranger, Associate's Fire Command/ Administration, Associate's Arts/Science, Bachelor's in Business (Honors

**Occupation:** Professional Firefighter/EMT/Technical Rescue/Haz/Mat technician; Small Forest Tree Farm Owner

**Statement:** As a combat veteran and current firefighter in our community, I understand the importance of sacrifice for the greater good. I have committed my life to public service and have proven leadership experiences in building successful teams.

As your council member for the past 8 years, I promised to work with the council and mayor to fix our problems and develop plans that make our city an example to be followed rather than a city to be ridiculed. Although it has been slow going, I believe I have succeeded in keeping that promise. I have protected your property rights and fought hard to provide funding for our exhausted infrastructure. I feel that there is still much to do and would be honored if you allowed me to continue the work that still needs to be done.

Please support me for City Council and thank you for your consideration.

## Lawrence Boles, III

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**Education:** Doctorate of Divinity **Occupation:** Pastor, DD

**Statement:** I'm running for Pacific City Council because I believe in the good that public service can do to improve the lives of our residents. I envision a community where everyone has a stable home and access to the resources they need to thrive. Our local governments can help our residents as we get through and recover from the pandemic.

My priorities on the Council are: investing in our public parks, tackling the homelessness crisis and ensuring public safety. I'll work to keep our public parks and playgrounds clean and offer families and communities a safe place to gather and play. We can compassionately address the homelessness crisis by working together and providing those currently experiencing homeless with resources. I'm proud of the work I've done working with law enforcement to reduce gang violence and mentor youth. We need accountability and collaboration with our first responders to keep our communities safe.

#### Council Position No. 7

#### Don W. Thomson

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Education: University of Life and Hard Knocks

Occupation: Retired Mechanic

**Statement:** For the past 6 years as a council member I have worked with council, Mayor, Staff, county, state, and federal laws which are changing often to insure the city is in compliance.

Many decisions have been hard to make, specially during 2020 and on. I was one to support the Mayor in using grants to the city to assist residents and business needing assistance due to COVID.

My goal has always been safety and welfare of children and seniors. I request your vote so I can continue my push to properly fencing all stormwater ponds that hold water year around.

#### **Eric Petersen**

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**Education:** North Kitsap school, Enumclaw High School; South Seattle Community College; WSU;

Occupation: Superintendent Heavy Highway; 31 year Union member;

Statement: At no point in my life did I set out to be a politician, but having lived in this area my entire life, I've taken a hands-on approach to fix the issues in my local community and it has become apparent to me that when issues are brought before our City Council and or Mayor it falls on deaf ears, so I was presented with a hard choice, either accept it or change it, I choose to change it and I hope you put your trust in me so I can do just that by voting for me for City Council.



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#### Council Position No. 1

# **James Alberson**

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**Education:** BS in Computer Technology - Purdue University; MBA with Marketing Concentration - Purdue University

**Occupation:** Current Renton Planning Commissioner; Business Owner and President, Sandler Training

Statement: More than ever, we need leaders with a common-sense approach, strong resolve, and an innate sense of fairness, honesty, and responsibility. As a Renton Planning Commissioner and small business owner, my experience will help me address our community's biggest challenges and deliver results. My priorities are to keep Renton as a prosperous city, a community of opportunity, a safe place to live, and a strong regional player.

We must ensure that Renton's growth positively impacts each individual and family. Coming out of the pandemic, it's paramount that we make commonsense decisions to ensure a strong economic recovery, bring in more strong businesses and high-quality jobs, reduce crime and homelessness, increase affordability, and ensure inclusion and opportunities for all Renton residents.

Endorsements: Mayor Armondo Pavone, Fmr. Mayor Denis Law, Renton Councilmembers Randy Corman, Ruth Perez, and Valerie O'Halloran; Fmr. Councilmembers Don Persson and Marcie Palmer; SEIU 775, and many more.

# Joe Todd

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**Education:** Double Major Business and Computer Information Science; Troy University, 1996 – 2000

Occupation: Deputy Chief Technology Officer King, County, WA Statement: As we recover from the pandemic, we need leaders who will ensure Renton comes back stronger than we were before. An active volunteer in our community, I also bring 20 years of experience as an innovator and business leader with a background in aerospace, software development, and local government.

I will prioritize policies that support our local economy, keep housing affordable and maintain our community, celebrate our beauty and diversity, and maintain safety for all -- especially seniors and other vulnerable populations.

When my wife and I moved here over 20 years ago, we specifically chose Renton because of all the opportunities this city represented to us. I still believe in the opportunity that Renton represents, and with your support, I will work every day to ensure the people of our city have the ability to thrive. Endorsed by Councilmember Ed Prince and many other local leaders and organizations.

#### Carmen Rivera

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**Education:** Master's, University of Liverpool, UK; Bachelor's, Seattle University; Lindbergh High School, Nelsen Middle School

**Occupation:** Educator at Seattle University, Former Caseworker for King County

**Statement:** I am running for City Council because we need decisive leadership to ensure Renton is a place where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

As someone who was born and raised in Renton, and experienced our region's growth and change, I know we need to be proactive in responding to our community's needs. We must address the housing crisis and infrastructure concerns, support our small businesses, and work to ensure everyone feels safe. I will listen to what our community wants, and actively seek input from those I hope to serve.

My partner and I hope to raise a family here. We see so much opportunity, and I want to continue to give back to the city that raised me. With your vote, we can work together to make sure Renton remains a place where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their dreams. Sole endorsement by the King County Democrats.

# Ben Johnson

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**Education:** Bellevue College - Background in Physics and Distributed Computing

Occupation: Small Business Owner – IT Support Zap Clean Energy Fusion Statement: Twenty years ago, our family chose Renton as our hometown to raise our three young boys. I've served on the City of Renton Airport Committee, worked successfully to save our Renton Library, supported the Renton Street Trees initiative, and run a small business through difficult times

I believe in working collaboratively for practical solutions. Together, we can improve public safety to reduce criminal activity; promote job and neighborhood growth that enhances Renton's character; support our parks, trails, and public art; and make sure Renton gets our fair share of State and Sound Transit funding. I'm committed to listening, understanding, and ensuring that everyone feels safe and is free from discrimination based on any aspect of who we are.

Endorsements: Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, Former Renton Mayors Denis Law and Kathy Keolker; current and former Renton Council Members Randy Corman, Don Persson, Valerie O'Halloran, Marcie Palmer, Carol Ann Witschi, and more.

#### Council Position No. 6

#### **Ruth Perez**

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**Education:** Master's Degree in Business Administration, Bachelor's Degree in Communication Science, Advance Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Occupation: Renton City Councilmember and small business owner. Statement: Seven years ago I was honored to be elected to the Renton City Council. As your councilmember, I have worked hard to ensure Renton remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we work to rebuild our economy after the pandemic, I am committed to leading Renton into our next chapter building a collaborative environment. Our city has been blessed with tremendous energy and prosperity but now it faces many challenges requiring strong leadership and commitment to develop smart policy solutions. As a Renton City Councilmember, I will continue prioritizing on issues that truly impact our residents' everyday lives – working to ensure a strong economy, bringing more jobs, reducing crime and homelessness, supporting inclusive polices, tackling our city's transportation and traffic issues, expanding access to housing, and balancing a sustainable municipal budget.

I appreciate your continued support.

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

# Jessica Giner

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), Seattle University; Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: City of Renton Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Judge Giner was appointed by Mayor Pavone and the members of Renton's City Council to serve as Municipal Court Judge in March 2021. With 15 years of balanced legal experience and prior service as a Judge Pro Tem in a dozen courts, Judge Giner is a knowledgeable and equitable decision-maker and has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar Association. She has also received high ratings from six minority bar associations.

A native of South King County, Judge Giner is active with Renton's Rotary and Chamber of Commerce and coaches a high school Mock Trial team.

Endorsed by: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; Aerospace Machinists (IAM 751); King County Democrats; 11th, 33rd, 37th, and 41st District Democrats; Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion; Mayor Armondo Pavone; Former Mayor Denis Law; Retired Judge Charles Delaurenti and more than 40 area judges

#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

# Kara Murphy Richards

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**Education:** Saint Mary's College, B.A. University of Notre Dame Law School, JD

Occupation: Renton Municipal Court, Presiding Judge

Statement: Judge Kara Murphy Richards looks forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Renton as the court's Presiding Judge. Appointed in 2019 by Mayor Law (Ret.) to start Renton's first Community Court, Kara has a public service career that spans more than 30 years. She has served as a Social Worker, Probation Officer, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Prosecuting Attorney and Judge Pro Tem. Prior to her appointment, Kara's eleven years of service in Renton illustrate her commitment to this community.

Kara and her husband Craig live in the Renton Highlands. They have six adult children, five grandkids and two beloved dogs. A former board member for Mary's Place and Athletes for Kids, Kara also spent time in Renton Rotary, coaching Mock Trial at a local high school, teaching Divorce Care, supporting local programs for homeless women and children and doing public speaking on a variety of topics.

# **Jake Simpson**

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**Education:** Green River Community College

Occupation: Community Organizer, UNITE HERE Local 8

**Statement:** My wife and I are raising our 5 year old daughter in SeaTac - through our public schools, our neighborhoods, and our parks. Everyday we see streets without street lights or sidewalks, small businesses being priced out, housing costs becoming unaffordable, increasing airport noise and air pollution; this needs to change.

My priorities are keeping homes affordable so people aren't priced out; building well-maintained roads and working street lights so every neighborhood is safely lit and has a sidewalk; supporting our small businesses to ensure they have the resources and staff to recover after the pandemic; and strong oversight for every tax dollar.

I am proud to be endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, King County Councilmembers Dave Upthegrove and Girmay Zahilay, Port Commissioner Sam Cho, SeaTac City Councilmembers Takele Gobena and Senayet Negusse, Pacific Northwest IronWorkers, SeaTac Teachers, and SeaTac Firefighters. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

#### **Stan Tombs**

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**Education:** Tyee H.S., Highline College, The Evergreen State College, UCLA Professional Certificate, SeaTac Community Leaderhip Academy

**Occupation:** Councilmember, litigation support & administration services, & machinery services, Notary

**Statement:** Having twice served on the SeaTac City Council and as Vice Chair of SeaTac's Planning Commission, I am seeking re-election as Councilmember to continue the City's good work and services.

While experiencing the greatest COVID-related financial impact in the state, SeaTac balanced its budget without decreasing our high level of compassionate services. We did this without raising taxes, particularly on our most vulnerable, or laying off valued and necessary City staff. By any measure of success, SeaTac is one of the best-run cities in the State and provides more support to the poorest among us than many other Washington cities combined. I am proud to have been part of this success.

On Council, I will continue to advocate for public safety, equity, livability, sustainable balanced budgets, affordable work-force housing and a mutually beneficial relationship with SeaTac Airport, our primary economic engine. Let's continue fair, responsible & competent leadership.

#### Council Position No. 4

# **Mohamed Egal**

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**Education:** Certified Crime Prevention Advisor, BS from Lafole College, and Leadership Certificate from Washington LeadingAge Institute

Occupation: Program Manager, Interpreter at the KC Municipal Court,

Statement: I am running for City Council because I want SeaTac to prosper after COVID-19. SeaTac is the best place to live, work and raise a family as I did. We deserve local government that reflects our values. We can prevent crime and have safer neighborhoods by strengthening the relationship between police and community. We should have walkable neighborhoods and smarter traffic control. As a human services program manager, I believe we can also have expanded affordable housing options with childcare, technology centers, and senior services without raising taxes.

If elected, SeaTac City Hall will put people first, invest in our community, listen to our residents, and celebrate our diversity. I humbly ask you for your vote.

Endorsed by: Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Congressman Adam Smith, Representative Mia Gregerson, KC Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, City Councilmembers Gobena and Negusse, KC Democrats, MLK Labor, Working Families Party, Firefighters Local 1747, WEA/HEA, SEIU 1199NW

# Clyde (Fuzz) Hill

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members.



**Education:** Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership; George Washington University; Renton Technical College **Occupation:** Councilmember; Senior Technical Product Manager at T-Mobile,

Statement: It has been my honor to serve on the SeaTac City Council these past four years. I am a non-partisan, independent candidate taking the entire city population into consideration, striving to achieve decisions that are unbiased and reflect a well-balanced representation of all our community

I will continue to seek out and support effective solutions that address the challenges our community faces during this pandemic recovery, increase diverse and affordable housing options, and ensuring that our residents *never* experience essential human service needs going unmet.

I'll continue advocating for prudent financial decisions to further improve our roads, sidewalks, and expanding our parks. I'll continue working hard delivering high-quality services, maintaining public safety and justice, seeking solutions for the unhoused, and elevating the less fortunate among us. And I understand it requires partnership and cooperation among the council to achieve results. I'd appreciate your vote to continue delivering outstanding improvements!

#### Iris Guzmán

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**Education:** AA, Bellevue College; BA, Seattle University; MSW, University of Washington

Occupation: Social Worker, Highline Public Schools

Statement: As a school social worker for 5 years and an active community member of SeaTac for 14, I am committed to using current resources, funding and partnerships to improve the lives of our most vulnerable residents as well as ensuring the voices of all are heard and represented. I worked in city government for 8.5 years where I managed grants and contracts; supervised staff and interns; and collaborated closely with King County, Federal agencies, and local non-profits. I have also brought programs and funding sources to the schools I serve, addressing gaps for those in need.

Given my background and knowledge, I will bring expertise to our city government that will work collaboratively across the board.

Endorsed by: State Representative Mia Gregerson, SeaTac Council Members Senayet Negusse and Takele Gobena, Working Families Party, Highline Education Association, Teamsters Joint Council. 28, King County Democrats, Congressman Adam Smith, and 33rd LD Democrats.

#### Pam Fernald

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**Education:** Foster HS, Highline College, ongoing learning **Occupation:** Retired/ Boeing 38 yrs - Systems Analyst/Certified Software Test Engineer

Statement: As an incumbent, I will continue my long record of service, common sense and integrity; remain accessible to all; continue championing safety/crime prevention to secure a clean, safe, livable SeaTac; remain an advocate for sensible stewardship of tax dollars, fostering greater fiscal responsibility/transparency. I will advocate for senior citizens, whose hard word built this city, and for children, who are our future. I strongly believe that SeaTac residents and businesses deserve an ethical council committed to them only--not partisan organizations / outside special interest groups.

I have a broad record of civic/city involvement including: co-founder/co-chair of Neighbors Without Border Action Committee, Block Watch Captain, NNO Host, graduate of Citizen's Police Academies, Citizen Leadership Academy, CERT. Current Chair: Public Safety and Justice; Tree Advisory Board; Sidewalk Committee; past Deputy Mayor.

I respectfully request your vote so that I may continue working for all who call SeaTac home.



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# Melissa J. Laramie

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Education: Bachelor's in Applied Sociology/Social Work, Seattle University; Master's in Communication & Leadership, Gonzaga University

Occupation: Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Kent School

Statement: As a Head Start graduate and first-generation college graduate from the Colville Tribe with over fifteen years of senior leadership experience in communications with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, I also bring experience in public education to contribute to the Auburn School Board.

I believe now is the time for public education to support the success of all students by creating more welcoming and equitable classrooms. I think this happens when we support educators, hold leaders accountable, evaluate policy through an equity lens, prioritize adult learning, and provide high quality educational programming and whole child support.

As a mom, homeowner, and active Auburn Community member, I have a personal interest as a servant leader for this role. As a school district employee, a principal's sister, and a custodian's daughter, I understand the board's role in ensuring student success. I would be honored to serve our community if elected.

# **Dirk Dearinger**

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Education: Grand CanyonOnline, Special Education Teacher (3vears): Highline CC, Infornation Technology (3years); Renton Tech, Emergency Dispatcher

Occupation: United Parcel Service - member Teamsters Local 174 Statement: I'm not a politician. I'm an Auburn parent who seeks improvement in our Auburn schools. With a developmentally disabled child and also an Auburn High sophomore, I Pledge to represent All parents. As a former employee who's worked in Auburn classrooms for 8 years, I know the challenges and goals our students face. I want to work in unison with the four other school board members and superintendent to encourage transparency and candor - instead of exaggerating vague positive buzzwords. I'm Fiercely motivated to be a voice for parents and our community. Our schools belongs to them. My team of mentors and supporters have confidence I can serve Auburn with refreshing ambition, truth and a desire for remarkable results. The COVID situation is uncertain, regardless, I hope to contribute vigorously on the School board to make Auburn Exceptional in 2022. I welcome your input. Let's think Outside the Box together!

#### Director District No. 5

# **Tracy Arnold**

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Julianne DeShayes

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No photo submitted

**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** At a time when so much change is taking place in our society, and in the world at large, the primary work of the school board is improving the achievement of *all* students through collaboration and engagement with our community.

As a board member, I want to partner with our district in creating a climate that supports our children learning at high levels, while caring for their vast and varying social and emotional needs. It is important that our board models trust, teamwork, transparency and shared accountability with district leaders, staff, students and families.

Connecting with families is a priority of mine, as is clear and open communication. I look forward to getting to know you and working together to support our children.

#### **Director District No. 4**

#### Lori Metschan

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**Education:** Beaverton High School and Western Business College

Occupation: Administrator

Statement: My name is Lori Metschan and live in Black Diamond, Washington. My husband and I have five children whom all have attended school in the Enumclaw School District. I have been involved in the district for many years. I was a Classified Substitute for ten years and also volunteered in the schools as well.

It would be my pleasure to serve on the Enumclaw School Board to represent the community of Black Diamond. My goal is to ensure equity for all students in the district and provide new insight as well.

#### **Paul Fisher**

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**Education:** BA-Biology, State University of New York at Buffalo.

Occupation: Branch Sales Manager, Office Equipment Company

**Statement:** There has been a growing national *call to action* by parents and concerned citizens to reverse the negative trends in K-12 education. Ideologies that seek to divide us, rather than unite us, have no place in our schools and must be opposed. Policies, such as *comprehensive sex education*, that run contrary to parent's values, must also be opposed.

I served this nation in uniform for 22 years. I am a patriot. I believe patriotism and love of country are noble qualities; our children should learn about America's greatness through the honest and factual teaching of U.S. history.

I have lived in Enumclaw for nearly 40 years. My 3 children attended school here. I truly love this community and people who live here. I will be a loud and clear voice representing the parents of the Enumclaw SD. If you feel as I do, I would appreciate your support and vote.

#### **Tara Martel**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition from Washington State University

Occupation: Business Owner and Registered Dietitian

**Statement:** My history with Enumclaw School District is long-standing, first as a student, now as a parent. I graduated from EHS in 1999, my husband preceding me in 1997. After moving away for college, we moved back to Enumclaw in 2007 to raise our family. I currently have one child at EHS, two at EMS and one at Sunrise.

I worked 8 years for Tacoma School District and have maintained a high level of involvement in our schools over the last decade including serving on the Sunrise PTA board for 5 years, holding a variety of positions. I have consistently volunteered in the classrooms, school events, athletics and fundraisers.

I am both a strong leader and team player. This community and it's future matter to me. I am running for Enumclaw School Board because I believe in our students, parents, teachers and administration and would be honored to receive your vote.

#### **Quentin Morris**

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Education: BS, Mechanical Engineering, Seattle University 1984; MBA, George Washington University 1990

**Occupation:** Retired Boeing Executive; 41 years of service, growth and success

Statement: Federal Way students deserve better! I will lead in moving the FWPS schools out of the bottom 10% of all schools in Washington State. Students deserve an education that prepares them for the world regardless the of the path they take after graduation. I will fight for sound policy and fair administration, not politics and expediency, in shaping FWPS' mission to educate.

Drawing upon my education and experience in business/fiscal leadership, I will bring a new and needed perspective to the Board. I will be dedicating my time and attention as School Board Director to:

Demanding and reinforcing transparency in the interests of the entire community of FWPS stakeholders, especially parents; Instituting a curriculum that reinforces the necessary life skills after high school: Nurturing civically competent, functioning, independent, safe and literate students; and Establishing and promoting achievable and measurable FWPS goals.

I was raised in Federal Way, attending Totem and Thomas Jefferson. With my years of advanced education and service in the nation's Capitol and around the world, I am ready to give back.

# **Tiffany LaFontaine**

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**Education:** Graduated South Kitsap High School, Early Childhood Ed Continuing Education Courses

Occupation: Lead Pre-K Teacher

**Statement:** As a parent of two currently in district, I've spent eight years working with and listening to students, parents, teachers and administrators in FWPS. I'm an active member of the community as a school PTSA president, Girl Scout troop leader, and member of the district's Native American parent committee.

Returning from the pandemic should not be *back to normal*. Now is the time to reassess our systems and make changes where necessary to improve student outcomes and ensure they are prepared for life after high school. We need to hear different perspectives and listen to families who feel marginalized or ignored.

We need curriculum flexibility that lets teachers teach while challenging students. We need to continue focusing on early childhood education and the foundational role it plays in student success, continue to build strong STEM programming, and offer better access to technology – computers, internet, and hot spots. We can't improve if we don't identify the issues and work to make change. I will ask uncomfortable questions and work with the board on solutions.

My campaign is endorsed by Mayor Jim Ferrell, Senator Claire Wilson, Rep. Jesse Johnson, Rep. Jamila Taylor, Educational Consultant Erin Jones, 30th District Dems and others.

# **Trudy Davis**

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Education: Howard University, PIMA Medical Institute

Occupation: Self Employed

Statement: I was appointed to the Federal Way Public School Board in October 2018, elected in 2019, and currently serving as Director of District #4 and Board VP. Being a member of a board that has earned WSSDA's Board of Distinction for 5 consective years and Large School Board of the Year in 2020, speaks volumes about our policies and decision making.

Staying laser focused on educating our students and providing the best learning environments, results in increaded graduation rates, students being valued, included, heard, and treated equally. Including our stakeholders voices, ensured the passing of the largest bond measure in the district's history. I will continue holding the district to the highest levels of standards because of the given results, such as the new early learning initiative with the Bezos Academy, opening the first ever school based health clinics, the rebuilding of 6 schools and 2 to begin in 2022, staying under construction budgets, partnering with community organizations and legislators, the handling of virtual learning, ensuring no student was without technology, and its highest graduation rate ever and climbing!

With your vote, I can continue to be your voice while governing the continued growth and success of the district.

# Jim Storvick

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Biology, Western Washington University after military service

Occupation: Commercial Banking - Leadership / Management Career

**Statement:** We deserve a Board of Education with leaders who model transparency and accountability - serving the entire community, serving as an open, engaged, and constructive voice of the community in our schools. We deserve leaders on the Board working with all stakeholders in the community, with experience working across complex organizations for results. *Jim is that leader*.

His family has lived here for decades. He and his wife have raised their children here as they moved through our schools and on to local colleges. His wife is a local teacher. Community experience includes: FWPS Business Advisory Board, founding member of Advancing Leadership, FW Schools Board Member & President (1997 - 2001) ... and numerous other civic/community activities.

Jim believes in the "3 R's:" Respect ... for every student's right to a quality education; Responsibility ... for fiscal and personal accountability and high ethical standards; Results ... for students, educators and the community. Jim will work for safe, healthy, and productive schools, build support for education, strengthen community ties, and create business and civic partnerships. Respect, Responsibility, Results ... Elect Jim Storvick to the Federal Way School Board, Director District #4. It's time for a change.

# Jennifer Mayhew

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**Education:** B.B.A., Pacific Lutheran University; A.A., Green River Community College

Occupation: Senior Program Manager, Russell Investments

**Statement:** As a member of the Fife School District Board of Directors I've seen some of the challenges that go into providing an excellent education for all 3,600 students in the district. Each student comes to our schools with their own specific needs and experiences. And it is the district's job to try to meet those needs for the betterment of the children and the community.

The past year has been hard for all of us, but the challenges for families with children have been particularly difficult. I am committed to seeing the schools move forward, making the best use of our resources to ensure that our students get what they need to succeed in the years to come.

I take my responsibilities for stewardship of tax money and our children's education very seriously. I hope you will once again entrust me with your vote.

#### **Director District No. 4**

# **Cheryl Reid-Simons**

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Education: BA, Mills College; University of Maryland School of

Journalism graduate program

Occupation: Freelance writer

**Statement:** After a year that no one saw coming, Fife Schools are emerging stronger than ever. Fife emphasizes the importance of strong connections: Between families and schools, between schools and the community and between staff and students. And while the pandemic stretched some of those bonds, it did not break them. Those relationships will help ensure that our students continue to learn, grow and thrive.

A strong school system to the vitality of our cities. And I have done my best to honor the trust placed in me not just by parents but by taxpayers who approved funding of new construction. I'm proud to say that despite rising material costs and supply chain disruptions, we have completed two new school buildings on time and on budget.

I am humbled and honored that you placed such trust in me four years ago. I sincerely hope I have earned your vote once again.

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grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

#### **Director District No. 5**

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# Kimberly Palmer Yee

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Education: Bachelor of Sciences-University of Alberta, Doctor of Chiropractic-University of Western States.

Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic, Business Owner; President-elect Washington State Chiropractic Association

Statement: It has been an honor and a privilege serving the students, families, and staff of Fife Public Schools. My motivation stems from seeing our students, families, and staff succeed. I provide reassurance and support towards those accomplishments, by listening to you. As a mom to three current Fife School District students, I am in touch with the happenings within our district. Student achievement is a common thread that binds us together. As a school board member, my job is to ensure that the decisions that we make are student-focused. With the tremendous challenges this past eighteen months, the inequity among our students has become very obvious. I have worked and will continue to work tirelessly to represent their voices. I am proud to represent all students and families of Fife Schools.

# Timothy W. Hammond

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**Education:** BA United States History Occupation: Surveillance Techician

**Statement:** As a parent of a student in the Fife School District, I want what is best for all children. I want to ensure students are put first in my vision of a school district. Without students we do not have a school district, as a member of the Fife School Board I will make sure that happens.

I want to ensure that parents will have a say in their child's education. I want to make School Board meetings more accessible to the parents of our students. I want to ensure the working parent can visibly see school board meetings no matter the shift they work.

# Angelica M. Alvarez

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Education, Goddard College, Master's in Educational Leadership in progress, Eastern Washington University

**Occupation:** Student, Family & Community Engagement Manager, Puget Sound ESD

**Statement:** Angelica Alvarez is a relentless advocate who seeks re-election as a School Board Director District 2 in Highline Public Schools. As a first generation Mexican-American, she believes that diverse identities and voices are assets that must be cultivated in community with one another to strengthen pathways from early childhood to post-secondary success for all students—particularly for those most affected by systemic inequities.

Angelica has acted as a systems navigator and translator across language, background, and sector to amplify the voices of her family and community her entire life – first as the daughter of migrant field workers, then in partnership with her husband Rev. Ernesto Alvarez starting a bilingual church in Burien, and currently in her role as family engagement manager at the Puget Sound Educational Service District.

Her 12-year journey on the Highline School Board began at the request of mothers in need of a bilingual advocate.

Angelica believes that systemic change requires time and negotiation for enduring impacts. She is running for re-election to ensure that every child knows that anything is possible through hard work and heart, and every parent has the agency to shape their child's success, without exception.

# Jennifer Fichamba

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**Education:** Franklin Pierce College, Highline College Theater, Heritage University ELL Endorsement, Career And Technical Education Certification

Occupation: GEAR Up Specialist -Tukwila School District

Statement: As a School Board member my job is to hear and respond to the needs of students, families and educators. My goal is to ensure that, when elected, we center the voices of students and educators - give them agency in the decisions that are being made about their education. It is important that we build relationships with the cities that we serve. Our young people need us to show up for them in a way that we are longer siloed. Building bridges to meet the needs of our young people.

I served as the Vice-President of the Tukwila Educational Association. Through this work I have gained experience in labor management, discussing issues facing both educators and district leadership. I will use this experience, as a board director, in decisions that are made on how money is used to support educators, students and programs.

I want to build hope and brighter futures!

Elected experience: Precinct Committee Officer - 33rd Democrats, Tukwila Education Association Vice President Endorsements: King County Democrats, 11th District Democrats, 33rd Democrats, IUPAT DC5 Painters & Allied Trades, Local 86 Ironworkers

# **Alexis Hlavaty**

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No statement submitted.

# Joe Van

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Education: Highline College

Occupation: OR Regional Operations Manager

**Statement:** As your current Highline School District Board Vice President, alumni, and parent, it has been an honor to serve our students, teachers and community.

Being an effective school board director involves listening to our community, translating your concerns into workable proposals, and building consensus to implement them. I couldn't do this job without the involvement and openness of the students, parents, teachers/ staff, fellow board directors and the community I represent.

I would be proud to continue to serve you and your family, helping to provide safe schools, adequate facilities, outstanding teachers and staff, and an environment which is conducive to learning and preparing our youth for success.

Thank you for your support.

#### **Robin Poe**

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Education: B.S. Oregon State University

Occupation: Network Engineer

**Statement:** Education is essential for students to become productive,

successful adults in a modern society.

With over 40 years of experience in technology (telecommunications and network engineering) I see the necessity of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education as a major part of the curriculum.

Current events have shown that effective communications skills, both writing and speaking, need to be fostered with an emphasis on coming to a rational and objective understanding.

With a B.S in Animal Science from Oregon State University I believe students should learn about the natural world around us, and how to use our natural resources in a sustainable manner. I believe we should respect the rights of the parents concerning the health and well-being of the student. Students should learn to uphold traditional American values based on natural law, as practiced by the Founding Fathers.

# Marnie J. Maraldo

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**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Applied Mathematics, Liberty University

Occupation: Independent Project Manager Consultant

Statement: "All" means "all" and that's all "all" means. I've repeated this phrase countless times during my time as an Issaquah School Board Member, wanting to ensure all students can access educational opportunities that will allow them to reach their full potential. Never has this been more important! The past school year has been full of obstacles to learning, creating larger disparities between students who have access to supports and those that don't. We know in-person learning is the best way for students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I have worked relentlessly to return students to school buildings, while following all the guidance to assure the safety of students and staff.

Over the next few years, we will need to focus on recovery and restoration. Students will need to recover from the academic and emotional loss of the past year and a half. Staff will need to recover from constant changes in how to deliver teaching. And the Board will need to restore the trust that students are at the heart of what we do. This work will require experience and understanding how the school district operates. I humbly ask for your vote to continue to serve you and students.

# **Wendy Ghiora**

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**Education:** Education: Doctorate in Educational Leadership USIU Masters: Instructional Media CSULB

Occupation: Occupation: Retired Public School Principal

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**Statement:** Teaching young people and finding the key to their success is my passion.

Dr. Ghiora has worked K-12 levels in traditional and charter schools. She is immediate Past President of Washington Phi Delta Kappa, the nation's premier educational organization.

Wendy strongly believes in the potential of each and every student to achieve academic and personal success. She is your Back to the Basics candidate. It's time to re-ignite the methods used, and once again make our Issaquah schools a paragon of excellence. Students should leave school with the tools necessary to excel in whatever they choose to do.

Excellence should abound in academics and the creative and performing arts. An excellent education is when we teach children how to think, not what to think. A student who is curious and explores many ideas and viewpoints is using critical thinking skills and will be well prepared and inspire others to think for themselves. Dr. Ghiora fully supports the National School Board's vision and purpose to: "Prepare students for college and the workforce, including preparing them for jobs that may not even exist yet due to rapidly changing technology, and to help children fulfill their diverse potentials."

# **Sydne Mullings**

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**Education:** B.A. International Politics, Penn State University; M.S. Human Computer Interaction, DePaul University

**Occupation:** General Manager, Central Marketing Organization; Microsoft Corporation

**Statement:** I believe that public education plays an important role in developing our young people to become thriving members of society. My commitment to public service is grounded in the principles that transparency and increased engagement with families and community members are critical. We need more voices represented in district decisions.

As a parent of two current ISD students, I ran for the Issaquah School Board in 2019 to serve our community by using my more than 15 years of mission driven board service, skills in finance and operations, and a career of leading transformational change. The past two years have brought incredible challenges and given me the opportunity to understand each aspect of our school system. Throughout this unprecedented pandemic, my commitment to listening to differing perspectives and making difficult decisions has been strengthened. My goal is to leverage these experiences to ensure that we retain and reuse all that we have learned and emerge stronger as we return to a fully operational system.

We must all pull together to recover from this distressing time. I pledge to continue doing the hard work needed to support our children's academic success and social emotional growth. I humbly ask for your support.



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#### **Director District No. 1**

# Joseph (Joe) Bento

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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Education, Master's Degree in Education, Nonprofit Management Certificate

**Occupation:** High School Teacher (Health and Psychology), Renton School District

Statement: I believe in the promise of education being an equalizer for all. It was an equalizer for me. My parents immigrated to the United States with 4th grade educations. I was the first in my family to graduate from college and am a proud product of public education. My family and I experienced many aspects of the school system including Special Education, language learning, the Arts, athletics, activities, and more. I bring knowledge and understanding of many of the issues the Kent School District community faces.

I am running for Kent School Board Director to continue the important work I started since my appointment in February 2021. For the last few months, I have worked to prioritize student needs, listen to educators, and center equity in every discussion. If elected, I will continue discussions of racial, social, and economic justice.

Currently, I am a high school teacher. I am also a union leader, social justice advocate, and volunteer in my community.

I hope to continue contributing to the important equity work that has been started in KSD and to make connections with community members, organizations, and businesses to bring them into these important conversations. Thank you for your consideration.

#### **Awale Farah**

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**Education:** BS, Computer Science, M.A. Strategic Intelligence and Analysis. Currently pursuing Doctoral of Law and Policy

Occupation: Small business owner and Telecommunications Engineer

**Statement:** One of my proudest accomplishments was watching my four children graduate from Kent Public Schools. As a long time Kent resident and community volunteer, my family has thrived in this community. But I want to make sure all students and families can thrive.

Our district faces significant challenges. We need dedicated and committed leadership to see us through a pandemic, ensure our finances are stable and advocate for Kent families. If we work together, we can overcome these barriers and ensure every student has the chance to succeed.

I am not here for politics or maneuvering – our students will always come first. Their education and future success must always remain our top priority.

My community service: President of Kiwanis Kent, Board member of Kent community in schools, Board member of Children's Therapy Center, Board member GKHS, Board member Green River College Foundation, member of city transportation board, tutoring Math to kids in KSD.

# **Bradley Kenning**

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**Education:** AAS-Media Communications

**Occupation:** Realtor, International Ballroom Instructor, Advanced Diagnostics USA National Sales Manager

**Statement:** As a proud longtime resident of Kent, my goal for representing you as a board member is to listen to you, be transparent, represent you in my votes, advocate for our children, and hold our leadership accountable. My wife and I are raising our two daughters here in the Kent School District. My vote as a board member directly affects our children just as it does *your* kids and *our* community. We are all in this together.

I have no intention of voting with my emotions. My voting will be a direct reflection of the expectations of this community for *all* of our children. Your voices in this community will be represented to the best of my ability.

Parents do not have a union; we have a school board and they must reflect us all. Both of my parents were schoolteachers and I understand that we must be *productive not destructive*.

We need to hold our leaders accountable for the selection and evaluations of the superintendent. We need to be fiscally responsible with our budget. And most importantly; as a community it is our voices, strong beliefs and values that create what is possible for our kids.

# **Director District No. 5**

# Tim Clark

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**Education:** Masters of Arts in American Studies, Pepperdine Univ. 1982 Bachelors in Education, Seattle Univ. 1968

Occupation: Retired

Statement: School Board decisions post COVID19 will be crucial as we assess needed changes, consider areas where improvement is needed, and incorporate lessons learned from remote instruction during the pandemic. Class sizes and the need to support instruction at home for everyone created challenges for students and staff this year, exposing differences in learning barriers faced by our diverse student population. Keeping students and staff safe is a primary goal requiring policies which reflect the latest science. The public has been supportive of the district technology programs expanded when I previously served as a school board member, and I support continuing our partnership with Green River College in technology education.

My educational career as a Kentridge High School teacher and ten years of teaching at area community colleges has taught me what teachers need from administration to be effective in their jobs. Previous elected service on the Kent School District Board of Directors, Green River College Board of Directors, and Kent City Council taught me the challenges administrations face and the importance of sustaining programs and tracking expenditures of large public budgets. I believe my experience prepares me to serve you well as on Kent School Board. I appreciate your vote!

# Sara Franklin

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Education: High School Graduate

Occupation: King County Government; Community Volunteer

Statement: I have been an active volunteer in Kent. My time serving in the community, the message is clear families, parents, guardians and students want their voices heard. As a board member I will work hard to ensure we have real accountability, transparency and actual results for Kent families. We need to put politics aside and get back to focusing on our kids.

Educational barriers have long been known, but the impacts of pandemic has revealed we still have work to do in providing a quality education in both a virtual and classroom setting. We have the opportunity to listen, lead and help our students achieve academic success.

As a parent, I stand side by side with all of you in wanting what is the best for our kids and their future. I have fought over the years to advocate for education equity and the selection of the next superintendent will be critical on how we lead the District.

I serve on the State Commission on African American Affairs, volunteer with KentHope, the Greater Kent Historical Society, City of Kent Cultural Communities Board and Benson East/A Place to Live board member. I would be honored to earn your vote.

# **Director District No. 2**

# **Avanti Bergquist**

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**Education:** B.S. Biology, Duke University; M.S. Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, OHSU; M.D., University of Louisville

**Occupation:** Child Psychiatrist at Eating Recovery and Pathlight Mood/ Anxiety Center

Statement: As a proud graduate of the Renton School District, parent of children in the district, and spouse of a district teacher, it has been an honor to represent the Renton School District students, staff, and community for the last 4 years. It has certainly not been an easy few years, but our district and community have rallied together to do our best for students and staff. I will continue to work hard to be a partner and ally for our community as we recover from the pandemic and uphold the Renton School District priorities of Service, Excellence, and Equity. One of my biggest priorities, as a board director and child psychiatrist, is the ongoing work to improve mental health and social and emotional learning for our students. I would sincerely appreciate your support so that I may persist in this work and being a dedicated champion for every student in the Renton School District to help them achieve success.

# **Director District No. 5**

# **Shelby Scovel**

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**Education:** University of Pennsylvania, Master of Bioethics, B.A. in Economics & Political Science; Bellevue High School

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grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

Occupation: Home Health and Hospice Operations Executive

Statement: It has been an honor to serve as your current Renton School Board Director (District 5) since taking the oath of office in late February 2021. I stepped up during one of our most trying times as a society, just as COVID case rates in our area hit their peak. Leading with courage, humility, passion, curiosity, and inclusion, I look forward to earning your vote and continuing to serve our community for the next four years.

I am a fierce advocate for public school education and its role as the foundation for our society, economy, health, and well-being. I come from a family with many teachers, and I hold the utmost respect for our dedicated educators and staff.

My professional discipline is continuous improvement, and I bring this lens to my role as school board director. The pace of change in our world is only increasing, and we must innovate and adapt to prepare our students to thrive now and in the future. Change is uncomfortable, but it is also where the growth occurs.

Let's work together to build a brighter and more just future. Vote Scovel for Schools!

# **Director District No. 1**

# **Haley Pendergraft**

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**Education:** BA Psychology, University of Washington; Master in Teaching, Seattle University

Occupation: Previous Teacher, General Contractor/Business Owner

Statement: In my 41 years I have lived in Maple Valley as a graduate of Tahoma, taught public school, led the Maple Valley Lions Club, and been the owner of successful local businesses. I am happily married, a devoted mother of two Tahoma students and a lifelong learner. While being involved with so many facets of Maple Valley, I've developed the belief that our school district should be the heart of our city. Our school board directors have the charge and opportunity to bring cutting-edge learning concepts and strategies, provide safe and enriching academic environments, ensure equity for all, and support our children in becoming future ready. Amongst this important work will be developing strategies to remedy unfinished learning resulting from the pandemic, support social/emotional challenges and continued engagement with our thriving community. Joining this work would be my greatest honor. I would love to earn your vote.

# **Kyle Meyers**

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Economics, Colorado State University **Occupation:** Vice President of Technology and Project Management, Independent Mortgage Banker

**Statement:** As a grandfather and uncle to children in the TSD, I am dedicated to getting *All* students back to in-person learning safely. I support "mask-choice" and believe that everyone has the right to choose to get vaccinated for Covid.

My devotion to anti-discrimination extends to making sure our schools are an environment where all students feel safe, regardless of skin color, family background, gender or cultural beliefs. I do not support CRT. Recently, families have felt disconnected and uninformed of district policies and decisions. Every parent has the right to be heard and included. I will listen to teachers, but I will Serve students, parents, and the community. My years of experience initiating and managing projects, people, and budgets in the financial technology field, make me a well-qualified candidate. I value community input and will be Your advocate in the district and bring a fresh perspective to the school board.

# **Director District No. 5**

# Val Paganelli

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**Education:** Bachelor's Business Administration - Economics, Boise State University; Credentialed Actuary (SOA), Accredited Asset Management Specialist

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor, Edward Jones; Consulting Actuary, Paganelli Consulting, Inc.

**Statement:** Looking long-term is a critical responsibility of your School Board. Reflecting on the last four years, it is impossible to predict all complexities ahead for Tahoma School District (TSD) public education. Assuring sustainability, abundance, and resiliency in the district, via established goals and measurable targets, is the vital work.

I appreciate the commitment shown by those who care deeply about the shared responsibility of educating students and who show their dedication by bringing their time, voices, ideas and talents forward.

The duties I place upon my service to you include: assuring all students have a voice and ready access to excellent tools, curriculum, facilities, staff, and resources; making fiscally sound decisions that are accountable and supported by stakeholders; welcoming ongoing open, collaborative and respectful dialogue among all community partners. I thank you for your vote to again serve the greater Maple Valley community, its students, families and employees of TSD.

# Jon Napier No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Commissioner Position No. 3

# Mike Cathey No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Patrick K. McElligott

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**Education:** Attended LA Valley Junior College

Occupation: East Pierce Fire and Rescue Commissioner

**Statement:** When I was elected to serve as your Fire Commissioner, we led by developing a strategic plan which invested in training, upgrade of equipment, and assessment of relocation of stations to support the aggressive population growth. When COVID-19 hit our home, our personnel were well prepared. When the devastating Sumner Grade Fire exploded into our community, we were ready. As a resident of Sumner Viewpoint, I have firsthand knowledge of the sacrifice our firefighters made to save lives and property.

Being responsible stewards of the district's finances and operating with open and transparent principles demonstrates my commitment to providing this community with the best Fire and EMS. I would be honored to continue to serve as your EPFR Commissioner.

I am humbled/honored to receive endorsements from Bruce Dammeier (Pierce County Executive), Julie Door – Mayor (Puyallup), Bud Backer – Retired Chief, EPFR and the Pierce County Fire Commissioners' Association.

# **Ron Scholz**

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**Education:** Sumner High School and attended Green River Community College

Occupation: Retired Fire Lieutenant

Statement: I have been a helper my entire life, it is in my blood, I was born and raised on our family farm in McMillin and I am not afraid of hard work. I genuinely enjoy serving my community. I have spent over 25 years as a volunteer firefighter for Sumner and Orting Fire Departments and former member of Pierce County Search and Rescue. I have been a member of the Puyallup Elks for over fifty years and a member of the Puyallup Eagles for twenty five years.

Experience: One six-year term East Pierce Fire and Rescue Commissioner, over ten years as a Sumner City Council member, ten years Pierce County Regional member, eight years on the Puget Sound Regional Council, retired Fire Lieutenant for the Tacoma Fire Department and past President of Ocean Shores Outdoor Recreation Club.

We have an amazing Fire Department and I would appreciate your vote

#### Commissioner Position No. 7

# **Todd McKellips**

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**Education:** Pierce College, Green River Criminal justice and broadcasting, Boise State university, WA State Homeschool

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur - The Tiny Home Guy, Chaplain, Community Minded Go-Giver

Statement: It would be an honor to serve as Fire commissioner for East Pierce Position 7. I am looking forward to using my knowledge as a former Firefighter, chaplain and entrepreneur to ensure budgets are sustainable and most of all that our Heroes are taken care of. I have lost a few close friends due to the dangers of the job and It is my utmost desire to see our EMT's and Firefighters taken care of. During the Fires in 2020 we nearly had to evacuate our home as well as hundreds of neighbors. We truly appreciate everything our firefighters do everyday.

I am fully trained in all forms of Crisis response and emergency management and worked for the US dept with FEMA in a law enforcement capacity for nearly 10 years. Twenty-seven entrepreneur experience in business and decision making,

I'd be honored to have your vote, endorsement and support!

# Cynthia Wernet

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**Education:** BS, Chemical Engineering, Washington State University. MBA, Bellevue College. MS, Fire Protection Engineering, Cal Poly.

**Occupation:** Fire Protection Engineer and Boeing Fire Department Captain (retired)

**Statement:** As an emergency responder, I understand the critical role of protecting people and property. The community trusts their fire department. East Pierce is growing and yet we face tremendous economic challenges now. It is my responsibility to steward your resources and honor your trust.

We want to know that our fire department will arrive promptly, with the right equipment and the right training when our family has an emergency. Ensuring excellent emergency services requires responsible budgeting and thoughtful planning. I have a management and technical background with experience in fire department strategy, planning, safety, budget and compliance. I have the skills and passion to lead this department.

I love helping people in our community; volunteer with Special Olympics, middle school math coaching, and college program evaluations. I was appointed as fire commissioner and with your vote I will continue to serve our fire district with hard work and integrity.

# Eric T. Heintzinger

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Education: Professional Certification and continuing education

Occupation: Fire Fleet Management

**Statement:** For 17 years, I have worked locally as a Volunteer Firefighter, Fire Mechanic, Fire Mechanic Supervisor, and now a Fire Fleet Manager. I am fortunate to have experienced many of the challenges a public safety organization faces when trying to provide services to its residents.

In a time of community growth and increasing costs, we need to ensure the sustainability of the services currently provided, while responsibly managing the increased need of a larger more demographically diverse population. I will continue to work to find ways to better support the safety needs of our community by leveraging creativity before new money, alternative funding sources, and the economical benefits of working cooperatively with neighboring agencies.

As Enumclaw community members for the last ten years, my family and I would be grateful for your support of a continued opportunity to be part of our communities safety services.

# King County Fire Protection District No. 2

# Commissioner Position No. 3

# **Chris Elwell**

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**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

**Statement:** As a lifelong resident of this community, it has been one of my greatest honors to serve the citizens of Burien and Normandy Park since 2004 as one of your elected Fire Commissioners. In those 18 years, thanks to community support and our dedicated firefighters and staff, we have made significant improvements to the delivery of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to the residents of the district. By replacing our outdated and seismically unsound fire stations and by modernizing our fire engines and aid cars, we are now better able to provide timely, responsive care when you call upon us for help and have greatly improved our Community Protection rating from the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau.

I am asking for your vote so that we can continue to deliver the worldclass services that you have come to depend on in these challenging times.

# Michael J. Dowling

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No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Commissioner Position No. 5

# **Anita Sandall**

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Education: some college

Occupation: Emergency Preparedness & Safety Coordinator

Statement: I have served as your commissioner since appointed in June 2018. I serve as the vice chair on the Fire Dist 10 board and the alternate on the Eastside Fire & Rescue board. I am the secretary and serve as a representative on the following committees for King County Fire Commissioners Association: Local Emergency Planning committee, a legislative representative, a King County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, I am a member of the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association. Most importantly, I represent you, the citizen.

I have served as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter with Eastside Fire and Rescue for 18 years. I hear and understand what happens within the department and as a commissioner I understand what our community expects and needs.

I ask for your support. Thank you

# Myron Meikle

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**Education:** Associates Degree in Business Administration, South Seattle Community College

**Occupation:** King County Fire District 25 Commissioner, Retired Firefighter

**Statement:** 6 years ago, King County Fire District 25 and the Renton Fire Department, through a vote of the citizens, formed the Renton Regional Fire Authority. As one of your three Fire Commissioners, it has been my honor to serve the citizens of District 25.

My goal along with my fellow board members is to ensure that the citizens of the Renton Regional Fire Authority receive the highest level of fire, rescue and emergency medical service available. As your representative for over 25 years, we have worked diligently to make sure that our equipment, personnel and training are of the highest caliber and that covers all aspects of our organization from Response Operations, our Fire Marshal's office to an outstanding Administration. Myself along with all of these members are dedicated to one mission, serving you.

I look forward to serving you for another term.

# **James Scott**

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Commissioner Position No. 3

# **Margaret Harto**

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**Education:** Early Childhood education: Green River College, Seattle Central College

Occupation: KCFD #37 (2016-present), Puget Sound RFA (2010-present) Statement: As your current KCFD #37 Commissioner, I serve all City of Covington residents and businesses, as well as the surrounding area of unincorporated southeast King County. In addition, I represent your fire district as a voting member of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Governance Board.

I pledge to continue serving you as an experienced local government leader with knowledge of public safety needs and a strong commitment to creating and sustaining safe and healthy communities. I will continue to demonstrate good stewardship practices regarding budget decisions. I will continue to support the recruitment and retention of outstanding and diverse teams of professional fire service personnel. I will continue to actively advocate for strategic planning processes that provide for fire and life safety protection of everyone living and working in our communities.

I respectfully ask for your vote for KCFD #37 Commissioner - Position #3

# **Cheryl Nichelson**

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Management; Master's in Organizational Management; Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound

**Occupation:** Senior Operations Analyst

**Statement:** I have lived in Fairwood for 24 years and cherish our community. It would be an honor to serve you, the citizens of Fairwood, for another term as Fire Commissioner. I am active in my church, a member of the Vine Maple Place Community Engagement Task Force team and enjoy supporting charitable causes/events.

I grew up around police and fire fighters which instilled a great respect in me for them. I believe the safety and protection of our families and community is top priority. Just like you, I am a taxpayer and understand my responsibility to spend every dollar wisely while assuring Fire District 40 has the resources to maintain the professional level of fire and emergency service we all deserve and expect. I am asking for your vote to allow me to continue serving you as your fire commissioner.

# Commissioner Position No. 5

# **Ronnie Little**

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No statement submitted.

# Joe Pratt

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**Education:** BA History, University of Washington **Occupation:** Aerospace Program Manager

**Statement:** I'm running for Fire Commissioner to bring up-to-date concepts and ideas to Fire District 40. I pledge to work for you to maintain the current high level of service while ensuring responsible spending and transparency in local government. All levels of government should have regular turnover that brings fresh vision from active members of the community.

I've lived in Fairwood since 1992. I am a past President, Vice president and Treasurer of two area homeowners' associations serving a combined twelve years in these roles. I helped establish Cub Scout Pack 722 and was its leader for 6 years. I've been a Precinct Committee Officer since 2012.

Thank you for your vote – I look forward to serving you as your newest fire commissioner! Endorsements: Richard Jahn, Retired Firefighter, Renton Andres Sulla, Retired Firefighter, Vancouver

# **Camille Walls**

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Education: AA Degree in Fire Science

Occupation: Retired

**Statement:** The five member Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire District #43 is responsible for determining levels of service, funding, employing key personnel, guiding strategic planning and representing the District to the public.

I have served the Maple Valley citizens as a Fire Commissioner since 2010. During that time we have seen significant growth in our community, increases in service demands and have become part of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

Prior to retirement, I worked for Renton Fire Department for thirty years as a Fire Inspector/Investigator. I gained a knowledge of the inside workings of the fire department.which has helped me to team with the other four commissioners to address the challenges we face as an ever- evolving community. Working with and for the people of Maple Valley has proven to be a responsibility that I am extremely proud of and hope to continue into the future.

# Raymond A. Poche

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Education: Completed 1year of college & 4 years active military duty

Occupation: Retired

Statement: I have been an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department for over 28 years and we have lived in the community for over 30. During my 8 years as your Commissioner, I have taken the lead in building our new fire station and upgrading our headquarters. I have also encouraged the upgrading of our fire truck and aid car as well as providing the training for the volunteers. As one of the Commissioners I have made a every effort to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and as needed. I would appreciate your vote this November so I can continue to keep our district volunteers trained to assist anyone in need.

# Commissioner Position No. 3

# **Steve Hickey**

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Jacob (Jake) Fouts

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**Education:** Everett College, Pierce College, USFA National Fire Academy

Occupation: Fire Captain & Training Officer

**Statement:** For the last 11 years, I have watched our fire district struggle with maintaining levels of service, functional relationships, and increased taxes, all of which point to the lack of a long-range plan. This needs to change.

As one of *your* Fire Commissioners, I plan to bring a relational approach, engaging my experience to help the district to think strategically on service levels. Now is the time to repair relationships and study the need for increased staffing, replacing aging and outdated equipment and facilities, and leveraging relationship between all stakeholders, to meet the long-term needs of our community.

Fire Service Experience: 22 years combined career and volunteer experience; CPC Credentialed Fire Officer; graduate of the National Fire Academy; former Accreditation Manager; Risk Reduction program manager; Training Officer; lead fire instructor; EMS instructor; CPSE Peer Assessor; CPC Peer Reviewer; Board Chair – WFC Training, Safety, and Officers section.

# Dan Jackson

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**Education:** High school graduate, numerous college courses, Fire Chiefs conference, Fire 1, EMT

Occupation: Retired Boeing 36 years, retired Firefighter 1, EMT, 21 years Statement: I volunteered with Mountain View in 1999. My experience with the department and my extensive career at Boeing has provided me with skills and insight that will make me a great commissioner. At Boeing, I was a Union Steward, Manager, Certified Quality Auditor and an FAA interface. At Mountain View I was a home responder, an EMT and lastly a Company Officer that was responsible for firefighters assigned to our Green Valley Station.

I have volunteered many hours with our department; training new recruits, special events and interviewed recruit and Fire Chief Candidates. I have been at calls throughout our district. I understand the demographics of our diverse community and its potential opportunities. I also understand we provide a service to our community and keeping costs in check is important.

As one of your fire commissioners, I will utilize my skills and experience for our fire department and our community.

# Commissioner Position No. 5

# **Don Gentry**

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: IT Professional

Statement: It was a great honor to serve you in my first term and I am asking for your support for a second term. In the last few years the department has continued to move forward and has joined the South King Fire Training Consortium so that our firefighters are receiving the same training as neighboring fire departments. This is especially useful when responding to incidents with one or more other departments. We have also contracted with the Fire Garage consortium to provide top-notch care of our fire apparatus for increased reliability and safety.

Thank you again for your support and allowing me to serve our community. And be proud of your Mountain View firefighters - they have earned it!

# Julian Martinez

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**Education:** Computer Systems Engineer

Occupation: Electrician

**Statement:** I have been working as an electrician for IBEW Local 46 for over six years and I understand the requirements and regulations that the electrical code demands to prevent fires.

South King County has hstorically supported our fire and rescue teams. I am familiar with many of the services provided by the Fire Department, beyond those of firefighting. My prior experience working with the Seattle Fire and rescue allows me to bring a different perspective to the Fire Commission. I am interested in furthering the goals of the all South King County Fire Department and working to provide policy on how to implement that agenda.

I have volunteered at local youth centered non-profit organizations and would like to do more education for youth around SKFR. I will bring a fresh, diverse voice to the commission and would appreciate your vote. In solidarity.

# **Bill Fuller**

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**Education:** BS in Wood Technology; MS in Pulp and Paper Science, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Technical Consultant and Elementary School Paraeducator

**Statement:** It was an easy decision to run for re-election and continue serving you as a South King Fire and Rescue Commissioner. As a Board member, I sincerely thank you for approving our levies and bond measures This allows continued high level protection by firefighters and officers.

I enthusiastically joined the other commissioners in approving replacement of aging engines, a ladder truck and aid cars. The capital improvement bond allowed remodel and earthquake resilience of six stations and providing a badly needed fleet maintenance facility. We also hired a highly qualified fire chief. My years as a volunteer firefighter gives me a high respect for the training and advanced skills we provide our firefighters.

As a Commissioner, I commit to collaborate with the Board of Commissioners and work with all public leaders. I will continue responding to all questions and concerns from citizens about the services provided by SKFR.

# **Caroline Vadino**

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**Education:** BA in Business Administration, Finance, from Washington State University

Occupation: Accountant in the Healthcare Industry

**Statement:** As a longtime resident of the district, I ask for your careful consideration of my candidacy as one of your South King Fire and Rescue Commissioners.

Having attended Washington State University completing my degree in finance, I now work as an accountant in the healthcare industry in Federal Way. I care passionately about the community, and volunteer as a 4-H leader in King County and as a member of the Federal Way Performing Arts Foundation Board.

Fire and rescue is an essential service that we need to ensure is the best that it can be. I want to increase engagement and outreach to involve the community in the conversations that will improve their services. Equity and access of services to all residents regardless of socio-economic or cultural background will be one of my priorities. I will support the hardworking firefighters and support staff and promote diversity in the department.

#### Commissioner Position No. 5

# **Dave Berger**

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**Education:** BA in Political Science, UC Santa Barbara; Master's in Public Administration, Cal State University, Hayward

**Occupation:** Retired City Manager, Special Districts CEO, and Private Sector Executive

Statement: In March 2020, I was appointed to fill the vacant SKFR Board of Commissioners Position 5. I've listened to and engaged with residents, business owners, fire commissioners, fire administration and firefighters about the challenges and opportunities the district faces over the coming years. I support enhancing labor/management relations using the interest-based, collaborative bargaining model; fire administration's workforce diversity initiative; further progress on the district's participation in the South King County joint training consortium; and expanded opportunities to connect with, educate and involve the community in SKFR services and programs.

With 25 years successful executive oversight of other fire departments/districts, I bring a fresh perspective, extensive experience, and proven methods for delivering the highest-quality fire protection and emergency medical services within available financial resources. Greater Federal Way, Des Moines, and Auburn West Hill residents can trust that my management track-record of integrity and honesty, in always serving the public's best interest, will continue as an elected official.

For more information, including my community involvement and list of my supporters, please go to retaindaveberger.org

I look forward to continuing to serve as your SKFR Commissioner, and respectfully request your vote in the November general election.

# **Alan Eades**

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**Education:** Associate in Arts Degree; Water Distribution Manager Certification; Wastewater Collection Systems Certification; numerous additional certifications.

**Occupation:** Semi-retired; former Operations Manager, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District.

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve the customers of Covington Water District. Since elected to the Board of Commissioners 6 years ago, the Board has not raised water rates. Your water rate has not increased due to the efforts of recently elected commissioners and the new manager who have worked together to set and implement policies with a focus on efficiency and innovation.

We have reduced previously acquired debt significantly without incurring any additional debt. We have installed a turbine to produce electricity to offset power costs at the District office and supply power to our electric vehicles. We have updated software and hardware at the District to provide us with better information which has allowed us to do more with less employees.

The Board, together with District management and staff, will continue to work on your behalf to provide safe and reliable drinking water, while utilizing resources effectively.



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# Kathleen Quong-Vermeire

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**Education:** B A Degree Evergreen State College and Paralegal Highline Community College

Occupation: No information submitted.

**Statement:** Kathleen is running for re-election for the Highline Water

District.

As a Commissioner for Highline Water District for over 20 years and having served as a Normandy Park Council member for 12 years she is a voice with experience. Kathleen is committed to maintaining a safe working environment for all our staff so that they can continue to provide safe, clean, and affordable water to all Highline Water District customers.

She will continue serving on Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts Emergency Preparedness, Government Relations, Technology committees, and Washington Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network WAWARN. Kathleen's Ham Radio Operator skills have benefited the cities of Tukwila, SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, and Normandy Park. She was instrumental in the installation of emergency radio equipment for the City of Normandy Park. Please, re-elect Kathleen Quong-Vermeire as your Commissioner for the Highline Water District.

# Commissioner Position No. 5

# Vince Koester



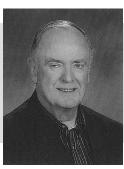
**Education:** Applied science degree in Quality Assurance

Occupation: Self employed 37 years

Statement: I am very proud to be a commissioner at Highline Water district. Most of us take for granted that when we turn on a tap we can be sure that good, clean, safe water will come spilling out. That doesn't happen by magic. It takes a hard-working management team and a well seasoned staff to give you the dependability. Highline Water district is very fortunate to have personnel working tirelessly to ensure you have just such a supply of water. I have never dealt with a more professional hard-working and dedicated staff. Highline Water has just been given a AAA bond rating, the best in the world, which means it is a very sound operation. Thank you for allowing me to be your commissioner.

# Jim Langston

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Education, Western Washington

University

Occupation: Public School Teacher, Retired

**Statement:** My goal continues to be helping to provide our community with pure, clean drinking water without chlorine or other additives. It's been this way since the 1930's and I want to continue to represent you with this as my number 1 focus.

As a vigilant fourth generation resident of Des Moines I want our businesses, restaurants and homes to be assured of the purity of our water. Having served you for the past six years I want to assure you that my vigilance for our community will continue. I would like to haveyour vote on election day.

My Community Experience: Member of the Des Moines United Methodist Church; Foster Parent for 15 years; Retired Teacher; I served on the Des Moines Performing Arts Commission for 6 years; Past President of the Des Moines Historical Society; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hillgrove Pioneer Cemetery.

# Alvin Materi



**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Administration, Western Washington University; Master's in Business Administration, University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Retired Financial Analyst, Boeing Company

**Statement:** My family and I have been residents of Water District 90 for 18 years and every time we have turned the water on it has been safe, clear and affordable. We need to maintain this water distribution system and safe supply for all customers and future generations.

It has been my honor to serve as current Water Commissioner Position 1. I am strongly committed to our community and maintaining this great water system. You have my commitment to continue ensuring district water supplies remain safe, infrastructure remains in good working order, we have long term plans for infrastructure replacement, keep rates affordable and that we are prepared for future challenges.

My 39 years of experience in Business and Accounting, long range planning, budget management and rate management provide the knowledge and tools to represent my neighbors and all district customers in overseeing our Water District. Thank you for your vote.

# Commissioner Position No. 3

# Sam V. Amira



**Education:** Highline College, Central Washington University, US Army Reserves Supply-Logistics Management

**Occupation:** Boeing Property Manager-Retired, Accountant Specialist, Army Master Sergeant-Retired

Statement: Resident of the District for the past 35 years. Is the current incumbent Commissioner, Position #3 of Water District #90. His 43 years experience at the Boeing Company in asset management, cost accounting, capital budgeting, government auditing and project management are invaluable for overseeing the operation of the Water District. This is further supplemented by his 37 years of military service in the US Army Reserves where he specialized in logistics, property and supply management activities. He is also active in the Washington Association of Sewer/Water Districts where he holds the position of treasurer and has achieved the Gold level status in the Commissioner's Accreditation program. Sam strives for the highest possible water quality while maintaining lowest possible rates for our customers. As a Commissioner for 12 years, Sam has been President, VP and Secretary during his time on the Board. Please vote for Sam Amira, Commissioner, Position#3.

# Gary G. Cline No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# **Commissioner Position No. 3**

# **Charles Terwillegar**

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

# Nicholas Fannin

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Education: Highline College, Pierce College, Occupation: Local Real Estate Broker

Statement: I currently serve as a Midway Sewer Commissioner and am a long time resident of Des Moines. My hope is to continue my efforts in our community through service with the focus on maintaining a healthy environment while our region expands. We also need to keep rates affordable for our residents. I also serve the city of Des Moines as Arts Commissioner, and have worked within our budget while enriching our community through the arts. My flexibility in my profession as a real estate agent gives me the time to serve our community as I have. It's important for me to show my kids that involvment in the community matters, and work with this important infrastructure, while not glamorous, is essential to all of our quality of life. Thank you for taking the time to read this; I would appreciate your vote.

Nicholas K. Fannin

#### Commissioner Position No. 3

# Jim Polhamus

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Fire Chief, retired

Statement: I am a candidate for Commissioner at Midway Sewer District. I believe in common sense management and fiscal responsibility. I have lived in our community my entire life. I am a retired Fire Chief of South King Fire & Rescue and a past president of Des Moines Rotary Club. I am asking for your vote and appreciate your support.

Thank you.

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# Commissioner Position No. 5

# Scot D. Sanborn

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Education: No information submitted.

**Occupation:** Thirty eight years successfully running a construction company

**Statement:** My promise is to keep our ratepayers at the forefront of my actions and ensure the sewer rates remain fair and affordable. I have lived and worked in the Des Moines area all my life and have proudly served as your Sewer Commissioner for eight years . I have the experience and the problem-solving ability to lead Midway Sewer District into the future.

My personal goal for the Sewer District remains to keep the level of service high and the cost low for our customers. The District has been consistent in maintaining these goals and I will work hard to continue implementing them on behalf of the ratepayers. I have the vision to handle future challenges and look forward to serving the customers of the Sewer District.

Thank you for your support.

# Susan "Suzy" Genzale

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Education: Graduate St. Francis Cabrini Hospital School of Nursing

Occupation: Accounting, Tony's Market

Statement: It has been my honor to serve as your commissioner these past 10 years. Tony's Market has helped me bring a business owner's perspective and practical sense to the table. My grandparents were Italian immigrants who taught me the value of hard work. Acting with my fellow commissioners and district staff, we have made great strides forward in upgrading infrastructure, staff training, safety programs, security and technology. Our new administration and maintenance building has streamlined our operations. Our sewer rate is about half (50%) the average sewer rate in King County and the second lowest sewer rate of the 28 sewer providers in King County. I take pride in the fact that area residents frequently tell me that we provide excellent service to our ratepayers. I am dedicated to continue serving you and ask for your vote.



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# Commissioner Position No. 3

# **Peter Sanchez**

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No photo submitted

**Education:** AA of Applied Science Wasterwater Technology, High Honors, GRCC

**Occupation:** Retired Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Sewer Department Supervisor, Project Superintendent

Statement: It has been an honor to serve as your Commissioner since my election in 2015. I have worked closely with the other Commissioners to ensure that Lakehaven Water & Sewer District continues to operate in an efficient and effective manner, providing you with high quality drinking water and proper wastewater collection and treatment at some of the lowest rates in western Washington. For those of you who are new to the area since my election I'd like to share my qualifications for the position of Commissioner. I retired from Southwest Suburban Sewer District in the Burien/ White Center area in 2018 after over 35 years of service, the last 28 being in management and leadership. I have ongoing professional relationships with engineering and contracting firms, as well as state and local officials to insure inter-local cooperation and regulatory compliance.

Being a Commissioner allows me to use my experience to serve the community that my wife and I have called home for 39 years. Maintaining high quality drinking water and proper wastewater treatment while maintaining rates as low as possible is my pledge to you.

I look forward to continue to serve you as your Commissioner and I appreciate your vote.

# **Sheley Anderson**

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**Education:** Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law, Bachelor's in Political Science, The Evergreen State College

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Policy Analyst; Trial Attorney

Statement: Throughout the pandemic, ordinary people stepped up to do extraordinary things. We made choices to put the lives of others above ourselves. Leaving the safety of our homes, we took to the streets protesting for change. Wearing masks became lifesaving symbols of kindness and as the economy crashed, we stood in the gaps meeting the needs of those barely getting by.

Our work continues and I am ready to serve.

I'm running because water is life, and no matter the zip code, everyone has a right to quality water and service at an affordable price. We need leaders who are committed to placing people over profit. I will bring financial resources under the HEAL Act home to residents of South King County to prevent water and sewage service rates from soaring.

I'm an attorney of sixteen years. I'm a civil rights leader. I'm a wife and a grandmother. When I'm not in the courtroom rendering justice for the people, I'm barreled down at my desk with my readers on researching policies and providing analysis to lawmakers. I would like your vote to move our communities forward without leaving any of our neighbors behind. Endorsements: KC Democrats, 30th LD Democrats

# Laura Belvin

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Education: Master of Public Administration, California Baptist, 2019, M.S. Civil Engineering, UW 1988, B.S.C.E, 1985

**Occupation:** Lakehaven Commissioner, previously professional civil engineer, non-profit business owner, educator

**Statement:** I am passionate about water and the Federal Way community. I bring skills in public administration, engineering, leadership and community service to lead the utility.

The utility needs strong, sensible, qualified leadership by those who understand the needs of the community for their services. I am a professional engineer with a Master's degree in Civil Engineering focused on hydraulics and hydrology, and I have a Master's degree in Public Administration. I have served as chair of the Federal Way Parks Commission, and have led in several non-profit community organizations for over 30 years. Good engineering and planning are essential for the reliable water and sewer service that we all enjoy, and I bring that perspective to the board.

I care about our customers, and I work hard to promote policies which keep them safe, informed and meeting their needs. I believe that the more people understand about their water and sewer service, the more they will appreciate it and contribute to making it better.

As a public servant, I will continue to advocate for great and reliable water and sewer service while maintaining good stewardship of our assets with reasonable rates.

# Liz Olhsson

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**Education:** PhD in Environmental Science, Policy and Management, UC Berkeley; BS Physics/Mathematics, University of Oregon

**Occupation:** IT Systems Engineer and Project Manager at Local Aerospace Company

Statement: As a climate scientist and mom with a PhD in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, I believe that water rights are human rights – everyone should have access to clean, safe water and sewer. I bring over 15 years of systems engineering, project management, problem solving for local businesses, and scientific research to the fight for equitable utilities that elevate the safety and prosperity of our entire community.

This year we endured heat waves, droughts, and wildfires. Climate change is on our doorstep, but the empowering reality is that climate adaptation is local. There is a clear need for bold, environmentally just approaches to access, affordability, and sustainability of our water and sewer. As your Commissioner, I will pursue climate-resilient infrastructure like wastewater recycling and rainwater collection; extend the moratorium on water/sewer shut-offs; and strive to connect our community with water, sewer, and affordable high-speed internet.

Together we have the power to protect both the environment and one another, and I would appreciate your vote.

Endorsed by Labor, progressive, and environmental leaders, including: King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Senator Claire Wilson, Representative Jamila Taylor, Auburn City Councilmember Larry Brown, Port of Tacoma Commissioner Kristin Ang, and the King County Democrats.

# Jeremy DelMar

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**Education:** Executive Master's in Public Administration, University of Washington Bachelor's in Civil Engineering, Washington State University

**Occupation:** Assistant General Manager at a Water Utility, Licensed Professional Engineer

**Statement:** For over 25 years, I've dedicated my professional career providing communities with clean, safe drinking water and reliable wastewater services. As a senior manager and civil engineer at a regional water utility, I have the in-depth knowledge and expertise to help Lakehaven Water and Sewer District make informed decisions to benefit the utility customers.

I view this opportunity as another way to apply my career experience to serve and support our local community. I chose to forgo contributions and endorsements as these essential services should remain non-partisan and locally managed. This allows me to serve only you, the customers, and not outside special interests.

As Commissioner, my priority is to ensure you receive exceptional service at low and affordable rates. I will listen to the needs of customers and advance policies based on sound judgment, transparency, and accountability. I know the importance of protecting our natural resources and will invest in our shared infrastructure for a reliable and sustainable utility, today and for future generations.

I'd be honored to serve as your Commissioner. My industry experience, commitment to public service, and passion for water resources has prepared me to tackle the challenges facing Lakehaven. I humbly ask for your vote.

# **Gail Anderson**

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No statement submitted.

# **Darold Stroud**

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Education: Masters of Accountancy; Bachelor of Science, Accounting

Occupation: Vice-President Financial Operations, T-Mobile

Statement: Currently serving as one of your elected commissioners, Darold has over 10 years of experience with water and sewer operations. As a Finance leader at T-Mobile, Darold has 25+ years of cost management, best in class service and sound fiscal planning. Darold's proudest accomplishment on the board is delivering both water and sewer rates that are among the lowest in King County. With costs increasing, Darold is committed to ensuring the rates remain low!

Darold has been involved in overseeing many projects at the District to reduce waste, increase efficiency, focus on water quality, safety and system reliability. Darold has the technical background to communicate with regulatory agencies and assist the Board in making decisions to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent conservatively. The goal is affordable rates.

Darold and his family are active in community events and represent a strong sense of commitment to our community. Darold has coached several youth sports teams within Kent to help give back to the community. Darold would appreciate your vote. He is excited to continue to serve our community and is available to address citizen concerns.

Endorsements include: All current Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Commissioners and Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly.

# Logan K. Wallace

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**Education:** Master of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Washington. Washington State Licensed Professional Engineer

Occupation: Senior Civil Engineer, Water Utility District

Statement: Thanks to your support, Logan was the leading candidate in the Primary Election. With over a decade of experience in utility engineering, including his current position as the Senior Engineer at a neighboring water utility district, Logan has the background and expertise to make well-informed, strategic decisions for the benefit of the District's customers.

Logan has a proven track record of effective and engaging leadership. A Navy veteran, he served on submarines out of Bangor, WA. As the former Chief of Cost Engineering at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Logan has a keen eye for cost management and fiscal planning.

Logan and his wife Alisha enjoy raising their two children in the Kent community, where they've lived for over 15 years. He is committed to continuing to serve our community by ensuring you are provided the highest value service at affordable rates.

Logan is extremely proud of his career in public service, both in the military and as a civilian. He will prioritize accountability and implement transparent policies for the Customers. He looks forward to bringing his experience, honesty, and sound judgement to the Board of Commissioners. He would be honored to serve as your next Commissioner.

# Alice R. Marshall

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**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** Kent Business Owner

**Statement:** I would be honored to continue representing you on the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District Board of Commissioners.

My 40 years of experience in the water and sewer industry, including 26 years as a Soos Creek employee, prepared me to meet the current and future needs of the District. I contribute a well-rounded knowledge of water and sewer operations, District policy, and history to the Board. I have supported and initiated policies that have maintained the strength of the District while keeping your water and sewer rates among the lowest in King County.

COVID created unforeseen challenges that will impact the District as we move forward, but as an experienced Commissioner, I am ready to meet these challenges. I am committed to preserving a tradition of excellent customer service, maintaining a reliable water and sewer system, and engaging in strategic planning to accommodate the growth and future changes within the District's boundaries.

I am a lifelong resident of western Washington and have lived in the Soos Creek District for 30 years. I look forward to continuing to represent our community and serving as your Commissioner.

# Commissioner District No. 2

# Jim Griggs

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Accounting Major, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant, Licensed Washington State; Commander, U.S. Navy (Retired)

**Statement:** Elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2019; gaining the confidence of fellow commissioners I'm currently President of the Board of Commissioners and Chair the Finance & Audit Committee.

Re-Elect me as your Hospital Commissioner. I promise to continue making informed decisions based on facts and data. Any decision I make will be in the best interest of our Valley community. I'll ensure Valley provides high quality, affordable health care to our community while remaining financially viable. Any decision I make will be in the best interest of our Valley community.

I'll fight to ensure control of Valley remains local, through the elected Commissioners. I'll ensure our tax dollars are spent here, in the district, to benefit our community.

My leadership and management skills developed over 34 years with the Washington State Auditor's Office, plus my 30 years (active & reserve) military service make me the most uniquely qualified candidate to provide the oversight and leadership needed to ensure Valley is accountable to the citizens. I'll be your watchdog, like I was for the State Auditors' Office. I'll be your eyes and ears to provide the management oversight needed to ensure Valley is managed and operated as efficiently and effectively as possible while providing high quality healthcare to our community. I've lived in the district 30+ years, my daughter was born at Valley, my family doctors are at Valley. Valley is an important community resource; let's protect and ensure it benefits our community, the community that supports it with our tax dollars.

I've served the nation in the military, including a tour of duty in Iraq, I've served the State as an Auditor, let me continue serving you as your elected Hospital Commissioner. Re-Elect me as your representative to the Valley Board of Commissioners. Together, we can move Valley forward.

# **Dustin Lambro**

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Politics, Whitman College; extensive training/certification in mediation and negotiations

**Occupation:** President, King County Labor Council, worker advocate and community leader

**Statement:** My family has lived in Renton since the 1890s. I live in the Talbot Hill neighborhood just south of Valley Medical Center. As a first time candidate, I am running for office this year for two main reasons: to restore local control of Valley to the taxpayers and to be a voice on the Commission for frontline hospital workers and their patients.

Elected commissioners of our Public Hospital District gave up local control on issues that affect our community like patient care, staffing and taxing authority. They ceded that power to UW Medicine way back in 2011. This election is about whether we restore local control to the taxpayers, or we don't. It may very well require changing state law, and I am the only candidate in this race who has the proven track record and experience to mount a campaign to go get that done.

I am proud to be endorsed by the King County Democrats and leaders who know me and my work like Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Congressman Adam Smith, and many other leaders throughout South King County (see my website for a comprehensive list). Most importantly, I am proud to have earned the support of SEIU 1199NW, the Union of nurses and health care professionals at Valley. During the middle of the pandemic this last year, the hospital suspended retirement contributions for workers at Valley. Bad decisions like that jeopardize quality patient care, and frontline workers know that would not happen on my watch.

Ultimately, here is my pledge to you: if I am unable to restore local control of our hospital to the voters, then I won't seek another term. It's that simple. Valley Medical Center is a great institution with fantastic people, and with your help I know we will make it even better!

# Commissioner District No. 3

# Rita J. Miller

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**Education:** Master's Library Science, USC: Master's Nursing Idaho State University; Ph.D. Education, University of Idaho.

**Occupation:** Retired nursing professor, registerd nurse, WA. resident since 2008.

Statement: My first job was as a Medical Librarian in a large teaching hospital providing medical information to doctors, residents, nurses and other hospital personnel. I am currently retired and was appointed in June,2021 to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. I am running to fill the remaining four years of the term. My priorities are making sure Valley provides the best medical care possible and that our nurses, technicians and other medical staff are paid fairly. I also want to return control of Valley to the elected commissioners to make sure the hospital is accountable.

As a professor of nursing, I first taught at a community college and after I received my Ph.D in education, I helped create an accelerated Bachalaureate nursing program at Idaho State University in which I coordinated and taught for several years. After moving to WA in 2008, I taught nursing at Green River Community College until I retired.

It is troubling to me that control of Valley was transferred in 2011 from the five elected commissioners to a thirteen-member Board of Trustees comprised of the five elected Commissioners and eight UW appointees - so the elected commissioners do not have control of Valley. If you elect me, I promise not to mislead you about who controls Valley until the elected commissioners actually regain control.

From my background, I understand the nuances of accountability to the community within the hospital district and to our patients who rely upon the hospital for their wellness needs. I want to be part of Valleys bright future. I hope I can count on your vote.

# Monique Taylor-Swan

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Education: Health Training Institute, Highline College

**Occupation:** Certified Home Care Aide, Board Member Caregivers Union SEIU 775

**Statement:** My kids were born at Valley and I care deeply about the future of Valley. Seeing the way our district has changed because of UW Medicine and *COVID-19* trouble me because our residents are not receiving the respect they deserve. As a board member of SEIU 775 that represents thousands of home health care workers across Washington, I know first-hand how proper staffing means better patient care.

As your Hospital district 1 commissioner, I will work hard to represent and advocate for the residents of Hospital district 1. As a member of the community, I believe in teamwork - it takes to make a community health and prosperous, just as quality healthcare requires. We need administration that supports and provides quality o care.

As your commissioner, my priorities are for everyone who lives and works in our communities to have access to the best health care available, returning control of Valley back to the elected commissioners, reducing the pay of overpriced executives and using the savings to increase pay for nurses and staff.

As a member of the Renton Inclusion Task Force I am committed to ensuring that Valley has a diverse workforce and treats all residents fairly. We should conduct a comprehensive analysis using an *inclusion* and *equity* lens. Ongoing training workshops on *culturally competent care* is the key. Working together we can bring improvements to Valley for the people in this district. I have a passion to fight for a just and fair society and I want to set an example for other hospitals in the region.

If you elect me as your commissioner, I will bring the vote back to the community and let the people decide for themselves how their care should be. Your vote matters and I hope I've earned it.

# **Katie Bachand**

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Education: College Grad with Doula training from Seattle Midwifery

School and Bastyr University

Occupation: Birth and Postpartum Doula

**Statement:** I would like to represent you as *your* Hospital

Commissioner!

Control of Valley Medical Center was taken away from *your elected* Commissioners and given to appointed Trustees controlled by UW Medicine. These Trustees lack accountability and have a track record of raising salaries at the top and reducing salaries of hospital staff. I want to stop the Trustees from taking your property taxes to fund whatever they deem to be necessary expenditures, including the salary of the CEO, without a vote from the Board of Commissioners! The dedicated doctors, nurses, and supporting staff should be compensated fairly for the life-giving work they do.

One goal as your Hospital Commissioner is to return control of our Hospital District to the voters who support Valley Medical Center with their tax dollars. I am a health care professional and care deeply about our patients and want the best possible health care for all in our Hospital District. I have had medical emergencies and Valley's exceptional medical staff saved my life and have also helped members of my own family.

My husband and I have lived in Kent since 1986, where we have raised our 5 children, dogs, cats, and chickens. Our children attended Kent public schools. We are active in our church and in community groups. Working as a Birth and Postpartum Doula since 1983, I have assisted many clients giving birth at Valley's Birth Center. Valley is one of only eight hospitals in Washington that is an accredited "Baby-Friendly Hospital," which is what new parents are looking for when choosing where to birth their babies!

Valley is an important community asset supported through *your* property taxes. We need to ensure it has active oversight to benefit *our* community and the health care professionals who work there. I appreciate your vote!

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# Commissioner Position No. 1

# Joe Dusenbury

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No photo submitted

Education: Education: BS Business/Finance - Central Washington

University 2001

Occupation: Occupation: Retired

Statement: The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District was created by Des Moines voters in 2009 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Mount Rainier Pool. Thanks to the vision and efforts of the original District Commissioners and the professionalism and dedication of the current staff, the Mount Rainier Pool is again in good condition and provides a clean and safe place for aquatic programs for the community. My goal is to work with the current Commissioners and staff to implement the Commissions vision of providing every child in Des Moines with the opportunity to learn to swim. I believe that learning to swim is the gateway to a lifelong activity that enhances quality of life.

With your support I will continue to work to ensure that the City of Des Moines always has a place for recreational and competitive swimming and other aquatic programs.

Thank you

# Commissioner Position No. 2

# **Shane Stender**

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Science IMC

Occupation: Managing Partner SilverBack Advertising

**Statement:** As a current commissioner, I proactivly bringing ideas and concerns and work to overcome the challenges of keeping up with community demand. I participate on the public outreach committee to improve pool access for *All* Des Moines residents and the greater aquatic community. I am working to expand the lesson program toward a long-term goal of seeing every local child have acess to lessons.

I have been a part of the aquatics community my entire life; Swim lesson instructor, swim team, lifeguard, collegiate swimmer, summer and club coach, club board member and summer club president.

I plan to continue working toward a pool future where all kids are learning to swim and MRP serves the full aquatic needs of the swim community. We want a pool that works for our entire local aquatics community so that all individuals can enjoy the recreational opportunities that come with knowing how to swim.

# Holly A. Campbell

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**Education:** Master of Public Policy

Occupation: Performance & Evaluation Manager

Statement: I've spent my career in public service, supporting programs to develop and meet their accountability measures. I hope that I can use my experience in program and financial analysis to ensure the Mt. Rainier Pool provides excellent services to the people of Des Moines. Access to swim lessons and aquatic exercise is important for everyone, and it is the job of the Commission to make sure that happens. As Commissioner, I will ensure that the Mt. Rainier Pool is a welcoming, affordable option for people of all languages, races, religions, incomes, and abilities.



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# Charter Amendment No. 1 Preamble

Shall the Preamble of the King County Charter be amended to make a grammatical correction and to include among other charter purposes, equitable government, protection and enhancement of the urban and rural environment and economy, and promotion of a superior quality of life?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 112.

Submitted by: Michael Herschensohn, Louise Miller, Alejandra Tres

#### **Explanatory statement**

The preamble of the King County Charter states the purposes for the Charter. Currently, the stated purposes are to form a more just and orderly government, For questions about this measure, contact: Patrick Hamacher, Director of Council Initiatives, (206) 477-0880, Patrick.hamacher@kingcounty.gov

establish separate legislative and executive branches, provide for responsibility and accountability for governance and services, enable effective public participation, preserve a healthy rural and urban environment and economy, and secure the benefits of home rule and self-government.

This proposed amendment to the preamble would correct a grammatical error and add the purposes of a more equitable government for all and promotion of a superior quality of life. The amendment would also change the already stated purpose of preserving a healthy rural and urban environment and economy, to protecting, enhancing and preserving a healthy rural and urban environment and economy.

#### Statement in favor

The Preamble to the County Charter is an opportunity for the voters to state their values and

say what outcomes they want from county government. Since the Preamble was first written, King County has grown to be home to 2.3 million people and a hub of technology, culture and innovation. It's time to update the Preamble to better reflect our modern county and the people who live in it.

By adding "for all" and "equitable," the Preamble will show that county government should be a resource and provide services to all its residents in an equitable manner. This involves not just providing services equally but also finding out about the needs, ideas and solutions different communities might have and helping them access services so they can succeed and thrive.

The addition of "protect and enhance" and "promote a superior quality of life" reflects the county's direct role in providing regional services, such as buses and public health, and as the local government in the unincorporated areas. The county also has a unique role as a leader, convener, and facilitator of improvements in these areas in collaboration with cities.

We ask you to vote yes on King County Charter Amendment 1.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

#### Charter Amendment No. 2 Initiative, Referendum and Charter Amendment Timelines and Processes

Shall the King County Charter be amended to comply with state law timelines for initiative, referendum and charter ballot measures and to clarify definitions and terms related to the referendum and initiative process?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 112.

Submitted by: Toby Nixon, E.J. Juarez,

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#### **Explanatory statement**

The King County Charter authorizes county initiatives, referenda and charter amendments. The timelines related to these proposed ballot For questions about this measure, contact: Patrick Hamacher, Director of Council Initiatives, (206) 477-0880, Patrick.hamacher@kingcounty.gov

measures as currently stated in the Charter conflict with state law timelines for placing proposed measures on the ballot. The Charter timelines are based on state statutes that have been amended since the Charter was adopted.

This proposed amendment would replace the outdated Charter timelines with the current state law timelines and would incorporate any future changes to the state law timelines. The proposed amendment would also change several sections of the Charter to clarify the process for filing proposed initiatives, referenda and charter amendments.

#### Statement in favor

Since voters first approved it in 1969, the King County Charter has provided residents the opportunity

to submit initiatives and referenda to the King County Council to be either adopted or put on the ballot for voters to consider.

Over the years, state law governing the rules for initiatives and referenda has evolved, particularly in terms of timelines for putting measures on the ballot. In addition, in 2018 the King County Council updated the county code describing the process for initiatives and referenda to align with state law. Consistent with that prior effort, this charter amendment is largely technical and meant to align the charter with state law and county code, and to provide other clarifications to the process and timelines.

Initiatives and referenda to the King County Council are unusual events, but when they do happen it is important that state law, the county charter, and county code are consistent, provide one set of rules for people to follow, and that the rules are as clear as possible, regardless of the topic. This charter amendment will achieve that goal.

Please vote Yes on King County Charter Amendment No. 2.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

#### Proposition No. 1 Property Tax Rate

The Normandy Park City Council passed Resolution No. 967 to place before the voters restoring funding of City services to previous levels. This proposition authorizes (1) an increase in the regular property tax rate for collection in 2023 of approximately \$.20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for a total tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, (2) annual increases in the levy amounts for 2024-2028 of 4% or such lesser increase as will keep the tax rate at \$1.60 per \$1,000, and (3) use of the 2028 levy amount as the basis for levy calculations thereafter.

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: Craig Daly, Eric Zimmerman, Neil Ball, (253) 470-4791

The City of Normandy Park depends on its residents to support this levy which funds a

portion of our essential city services. The levy budget includes our respected police department and the upkeep of parks and roads. For property owners, the levy is calculated as \$1.60 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

City residents are asked to vote to renew the levy every 6 years. Without the levy, a funding shortfall will lead to the loss of city staff and up to 3 police officer positions out of our current full staffing of 10 officers.

Most cities in King County have a variety of revenue sources from which to develop their city budget. However, Normandy Park is disadvantaged by having one of the lowest levels of taxable retail sales in the county. Normandy Park depends almost solely on property taxes in combination with this modest levy. A vote for the levy shows a willingness to help our City maintain a healthy budget and invest in public safety, roads, and parks.

Together we have built a welcoming, beautiful, and peaceful community. Let's keep it going! Please vote *Yes* on Proposition 1 to show your support for Normandy Park.

#### **Explanatory statement**

The City of Normandy Park relies on property taxes to provide basic services such as police and street maintenance. For questions about this measure, contact: Amy Arrington, City Manager, (206) 248-8246, aarrington@normandyparkwa.gov

State law limits City property tax increases to 1% per year without a public vote. This limitation makes it difficult for City property tax revenues to keep up with inflation, legal mandates, and demands for services from City residents.

Normandy Park's 2021 property tax levy rate is approximately \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If this proposition is passed into law, the City will be authorized to levy up to \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023. For each year from 2024 through 2028, the City will be authorized to increase the levy by 4% or such lesser increase as will keep the levy rate at \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as allowed by state law, specifically RCW 84.55.050. This increase will allow the City to maintain police and street maintenance at current levels. Currently, 11% of the average household's property tax bill is allocated to the City of Normandy Park. The proposed increase applies only to taxes that are allocated to the City, and not to the remainder of the property tax bill. The City will be authorized to use the 2028 levy amount as the basis for future levy calculations.

To live within its means, the City of Normandy Park has implemented efficiencies and explored other revenue options. If this measure is not approved, reductions in police and street maintenance will be necessary.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

#### **Proposition No. 1** Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and **Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 08-21, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including nurses, special education, counselors, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, teacher pay and training):

Collection <u>Year</u>	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 <u>Assessed Value</u>	Levy <u>Amount</u>
2023	\$2.50	\$63,808,067
2024	\$2.50	\$66,360,390
2025	\$2.46	\$67,988,856
2026	\$2.43	\$69,873,487

all as provided in Resolution No. 08-21. Should this proposition be approved?

No

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

#### Statement in favor

Schools are the heart of our community. Children are our most precious asset and promise for

the future. It's time to renew our commitment to funding educational

Submitted by: Mia Gregerson, Kevin

Schilling, Dave Upthegrove,

www.yesforhighline.org

programs so all Highline students have equitable opportunities to succeed in school. This is not a new tax or a tax increase.

We represent community leaders and volunteers from across Highline. We ask for your vote to approve an expiring education levy providing local funds to fill critical gaps in state and federal funding for our students' needs.

By voting to approve this levy, you are voting "yes" to continue highquality instruction with support and training for our teachers, academic and emotional support for our students through counselors and social workers, and funding for broad course offerings in middle and high school-including advanced courses. Renewing this levy also impacts students' health and safety, by paying for nurses and other staff not fully funded by the state. Your approval ensures that services and programs needed by our students, now more than ever, will continue.

Vote yes to renew our promise to Highline students-to know each student by name, strength and need and prepare each one to choose their own future.

#### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

One-time federal dollars are for covering COVID-related costs only. They can't be used for ongoing expenses. Levy dollars sustain operating expenses and student support until 2027. Levy failure will mean staff lay-offs and cuts that harm students.

Highline has a track record for good stewardship of tax dollars and balanced budgets. This is not a tax increase. Investing in schools benefits everyone in our community. Vote to approve.

#### **Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Highline Public Schools to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will

For questions about this measure, contact: Kate Davis, Chief Financial Officer, (206) 631-3079, Kate.Davis@HighlineSchools.org

expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, nurses, special education, counselors, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, and teacher pay and training. Further information is available on the District's website at https://www.highlineschools.org.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$63,808,067 in 2023, \$66,360,390 in 2024, \$67,988,856 in 2025, and \$69,873,487 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.50 in 2023, \$2.50 in 2024, \$2.46 in 2025, and \$2.43 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the tax

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

#### Statement in opposition

Local property taxpayers (homeowners and renters in their rent) are maxed out. We are still

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, schooldataproj@gmail.com

facing economic instability due to Covid-19, while many parents have incurred additional education expenses such as home tutoring, or had to guit jobs to do so themselves, for the last year and a half.

In 2018, the legislature determined levies are unfair and dramatically increased state school property taxes. The Highline SD, as of 2019-2020, is already excessively spending \$20,000 per student per year for operational expenditures, capital outlays, and interest on debt. More than tuition at most private schools, and all from your taxes. Total compensation for district administrators ranges from a median of \$180,000 to a high of \$400,000 yet 60% of the district's students are from low-income families.

Currently, our nation's school districts are flush with federal Covid-19 relief cash. Most are still trying to decide what to do with all the extra money. They don't need to ask taxpayers for more. The district needs to respect hardworking taxpayers, stick to a budget, and continually reduce overhead and waste. Stop taxing people out of their homes.

The district needs to act frugally, starting now.

#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

The Highline SD is misleading voters and confusing themselves. This levy is a new tax and is a tax increase. The previous 4 year levy was for \$177M. This new levy, as of this writing, 8/11/21, is advertised on the district's website for \$208M. But what will be on the November ballot is \$268M. Using arithmetic, that is a 51% increase.

Vote no to overspending and to the lack of transparency.

#### Proposition No. 1 Multi-Year Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire and Rescue adopted Resolution No. 950 concerning an increase in the District's property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to restore the previous voter-authorized regular property tax levy rate for fire and emergency medical services of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation for collection in 2022, allow annual increases of up to six (6%) percent for each of the succeeding three (3) years and use the 2025 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies.

Should Proposition No. 1 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

East Pierce Fire & Rescue is asking voters to restore the previous voter-approved Fire Levy.

Submitted by: William Sandlian, poloff@3520@icloud.com

Please join us voting *Yes on Proposition 1*. East Pierce County has experienced substantial population growth over the last decade, and an increase in 911 emergencies. Washington State limits fire district tax revenue increases to 1% per year, which is not enough to keep up with the growing demand for services in our communities.

This is not a new tax! This re-authorizes the current Fire Levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. By voting yes, you are ensuring that East Pierce Fire & Rescue can keep pace with the increasing demands caused by growth, and when you call 911 you will receive the highest level of service.

*Please Vote Yes* for East Pierce Fire & Rescue and maintain exceptional fire and emergency services our communities and citizens deserve.

#### **Explanatory statement**

East Pierce Fire and Rescue is placing a four-year regular levy lid lift proposition on the November 2, 2021 ballot. This proposition will maintain the current level of For questions about this measure, contact: Jon Parkinson, Fire Chief, (253) 863-1800, jparkinson@eastpiercefire.org

fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services. This measure will re-authorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the three subsequent years.

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

Approval of this proposition would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$4,071,376 in projected tax revenue in the first year alone, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

# **Renton Regional Fire Authority**

#### Proposition No. 1 Continuation of Benefit Charge

Shall Renton Regional Fire Authority be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for ten consecutive years beginning in 2023, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.26.140(1) (c)?

Yes

No

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

#### Statement in favor

We request voters approve the continuation of the Renton Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Fire Benefit Charge (FBC).

Submitted by: Diane Dobson, Jason Parker, diane@gorenton.com

The RFA was approved by voters back in April 2016 and started operations on July 1st, 2016, when the Renton Fire Department joined with King County District 25. The FBC is one of only two sources that fund fire and emergency medical

services provided by the RFA to our over 135,000 residents and businesses in our 33.3 square mile service area. The FBC accounts for 40% of the budget for the RFA, including costs for training, equipping and paying firefighters as well as maintaining and replacing all fire trucks, other apparatus and fire stations. Renewal of this fee will make it possible for the RFA to continue to maintain critical service levels and innovative programs developed over the last 5 years, including the FD Cares and Public Education programs, for another 10 years.

The FBC provides an equitable, stable and reliable method for funding operations, even in times of uncertainty, and distributes costs of service based on the size and characteristics of the structures on property. The FBC applies to structures 400 feet or larger, including each level of a building, basements (finished/unfinished), mezzanines and garages. Factors helping to determine the amount each taxpayer contributes are based on required firefighting resources, sizes and hazards associated with the structure(s). Discounts are provided for buildings with sprinkler systems and exemptions for religious schools, churches and nonprofit housing.

We appreciate our communities' continued support of Renton Regional Fire Authority and ask for your vote in favor of this measure on the ballot.

#### **Explanatory statement**

Renton Regional Fire Authority provides emergency medical and fire protection services to the areas within the RFA. The Governing Board is requesting For questions about this measure, contact: Steven C. Heitman, Fire Chief, (425) 276-9501, steve.heitman@rentonrfa.org

that voters approve the continuation of the existing benefit charge initially approved by the voters in 2016.

A benefit charge is not a property tax but is a user fee designed to allocate the cost of the services provided by the RFA in reasonable proportion to the measurable benefit a property receives. The benefit charge is based on a standard industry accepted formula that takes into consideration fire flows, structure square footage and the type of structure and risk factors. If the benefit charge is approved the RFA's statutory tax authority is reduced by \$.50 per thousand of assessed valuation.

The Governing Board has determined that a benefit charge, established in conjunction with a lower level of property taxes, provides the fairest, most stable, reliable and cost effective method for financing the operations of the RFA and maintaining satisfactory levels of service.

The proposition requests voters to authorize the continuation of the benefit charge to be collected for an additional ten years from 2023 through 2032. Prior to establishing the benefit charge each year, the Governing Board will hold a public hearing and each year property owners will have the right to petition for adjustments in the amount of the benefit charge.

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

#### Full text of Ordinance No. 19300

#### Ordinance 19300

AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the Preamble to the King County Charter to include among the charter goals, equitable government, a strong urban and rural economy and superior quality of life and to make a grammatical correction; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 2, 2021, general election.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 2, 2021, general election, an amendment to the Preamble to the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

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We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just, equitable and orderly government for all, establish separate legislative and executive branches, ((insure)) ensure responsibility and accountability for local and regional county governance and services, enable effective public participation, preserve, protect and enhance a healthy rural and urban environment and economy, promote a superior quality of life and secure the benefits of home rule and self-government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

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

Shall the Preamble of the King County Charter be amended to include among the charter goals equitable government, a strong urban and rural economy, and superior quality of life and to make a grammatical correction?

#### Full text of Ordinance No. 19308

#### Ordinance 19308

AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King County Charter to update the charter, clarify terms and bring the charter into compliance with state law, as it pertains to referendum, initiative and charter ballot measure timelines; amending Sections 230.40, 230.50, 230.50.10, 230.60, 230.70, 230.75 and 800 of the King County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2, 2021, general election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 2, 2021, general election, amendments to sections 230.40, 230.50, 230.50.10, 230.60, 230.70, 230.75 and 800 of the King County Charter, to read as follows:

#### 230.40 Referendum.

Except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county ((by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance)) if a proposed referendum petition is submitted as provided in Section 230.70 of this charter and then no later than forty-five days after enactment of the ordinance petitions are filed with the clerk of the county council bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than eight percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. In addition, except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance which pursuant to state law is effective only in unincorporated areas of the county may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the unincorporated areas of the county ((by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance)) if a proposed referendum petition is submitted as provided in Section 230.70 of this charter and then no later than forty-five days after enactment of the ordinance petitions are <u>filed with the clerk of the county council</u> bearing signatures of registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county equal in number to not less than eight percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for county executive, provided however that the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which on the date such petitions are required to be filed are unincorporated areas of the county. Each petition shall contain the full text of the ordinance to be referred. ((The ordinance to be referred shall be placed on the ballot at the special or general election occurring more than forty-five days after the petitions are filed, provided that)) Following the verification of sufficient petition signatures and in accordance with state law deadlines for calling an election, the county council shall call for an election to submit the referred ordinance to the voters for approval or rejection at the next available election date specified in state law, in the case of an ordinance effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, the proposed ordinance shall be

voted upon only by the registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county.

An appropriation ordinance; an <u>emergency</u> ordinance ((necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions)) as specified in Section 230.30 of this charter; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; an ordinance providing for collective bargaining; an ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement; an ordinance providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees; or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

#### 230.50 Initiative

Ordinances, except ordinances providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees, may be proposed by filing with the county council petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. In addition, an ordinance which pursuant to state law is effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, except an ordinance providing for the compensation or working conditions of county employees, may be proposed by filing with the county council petitions bearing signatures of registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for county executive, provided, however that the number of required signatures shall be calculated based only upon votes cast within areas which on the date such petitions are required to be filled are unincorporated areas of the county. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance.

The form of a proposed ordinance petition must be submitted in accordance with Section 230.60 of this charter to the clerk of the council. Once the form is approved, if within ninety days the required signatures of registered votes are filed with the clerk of council, then the county council shall consider the proposed ordinance. If the proposed ordinance is not enacted within ninety days ((after)) of the date the signed petitions are ((presented)) filed, ((if shall be placed)) the county council shall, in compliance with state law timelines for placing local measures on the ballot, place the proposed ordinance on the ballot either at the next ((regular or special)) general election ((eccurring more than one hundred thirty-five days after the petitions are filed)) or at an earlier election designated by the county council. ((However, if the proposed ordinance is enacted at any time prior to the election, it shall not be placed on the ballot or be voted on unless it is subjected to referendum.))

If the county council rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute ordinance concerning the same subject matter, the substitute ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other, provided that in the case of an ordinance effective only in unincorporated areas of the county, the proposed ordinance shall be voted upon only by the registered voters residing in unincorporated areas of the county. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue is for either, then the ordinance receiving the majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither ordinance shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue.

#### 230.50.10 Institutional Initiative.

Any city or town located within the county may, after securing the consent, by motion or resolution, of at least one half of the cities within the county, propose an ordinance of county-wide significance directly to the metropolitan county council, except an ordinance which is not subject to a referendum under the provisions of Section 230.40 of this charter. Such proposed legislation shall be in ordinance form. The metropolitan county council shall ((take action on)) approve, amend and approve, or reject such proposed legislation within ninety (((90))) days of its filing with the county council.

#### 230.60 Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

The county council shall establish by ordinance the form to be used for referendum and initiative petitions. All referendum and initiative petitions shall be sponsored by an individual or committee of individuals, which shall secure the approval of the clerk of the county council as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. Within five days after the form of the proposed petitions is submitted to the clerk of the county council, the clerk shall return it to the sponsor with an indication of the clerk's approval or with a detailed written explanation of the clerk's objection to the form.

#### 230.70 Effective Date of Ordinances.

Except as provided herein, the effective date of an ordinance shall be ten days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an

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ordinance may be subjected to a referendum as provided in Section 230.40 of this charter and ((if a)) the proposed referendum petition is submitted to the clerk of the county council as provided in ((Subsection)) Section 230.60 of this charter prior to the tenth day after its enactment, ((the effective date of the ordinanceshall be forty-five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance is subjected to referendum, it)) and if the department of elections director notifies the clerk of the council in writing that the number of petition signatures is sufficient to proceed to referendum, the ordinance shall not become effective until after it is approved by the voters. If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the effective date of an ordinance which is subjected to referendum or proposed by initiative, or a substitute ordinance proposed by the county council as provided in ((Subsection)) Section 230.50 of this charter, shall be ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. The effective date of an ordinance no longer subject to referendum is the date the department of elections director notifies the clerk of the council in writing that the number of petition signatures is insufficient to proceed to referendum, unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. A determination of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the required number of petition signatures for a referendum should be completed within ninety days of the enactment of the ordinance. The effective date of an emergency ordinance shall be the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is subject to the veto power of the county executive and which is not vetoed, or the approved portions of an appropriation ordinance which has been partially vetoed, shall be deemed enacted on the date that it is approved by, or ten days after it is presented to, the county executive. An ordinance which is vetoed or the vetoed portions of an appropriation ordinance shall be deemed enacted on the date that the county council overrides the veto or partial veto. An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the date it is approved by the county council.

#### 230.75 Amendment or Repeal of Ordinances Approved by the Voters.

No ordinance that is approved by the county council in response to the filing of an initiative petition or that is approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon, whether as the result of a referendum or initiative, shall be amended or repealed by the county council within a period of two years following the effective date of such ordinance; provided that such ordinance may be amended within the two-year period by ordinance adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of the county council, which amendatory ordinance shall not be subject to referendum.

An ordinance approved by the county council in response to the filing of an initiative petition or by the voters may be amended or repealed by an ordinance approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at any special or general election. Ordinances may be enacted to facilitate and effectuate this provision.

#### Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall appoint a resident commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter. Appointees shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. This resident commission shall be composed of at least one representative from each of the county council districts. The county council shall consider the commission's report and recommendations and decide at an open public meeting how to proceed on each of the commission's recommended charter amendments, as provided by ordinance.

The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county. The county council shall comply with state law timelines for placing local measures on the ballot and shall place the proposed amendments on the ballot at the next general election ((occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance)). An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment.

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

Shall the King County Charter be amended to comply with state law as it pertains to initiative, referendum and charter ballot measure timelines, and to clarify definitions and terms related to the referendum and initiative process?

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