



Endorsements

2009 – 2023

2023 Election Endorsements

City of Auburn

- Cheryl Rakes City of Auburn, Council Position No. 1
- James Jeyaraj City of Auburn, Council Position No. 3
- Hanan Amer City of Auburn, Council Position No. 7

City of Des Moines

- Yoshiko Grace Matsui City of Des Moines, Council Position No. 6
- Gene Achziger Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District, Commissioner Position No.
 5

City of Federal Way

- Lydia Assefa-Dawson City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 1
- Roger Flygare City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 3
- Katherine Festa City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 5
- Denise Yun City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 7 (Candidate withdrew)

Federal Way School District

- Dr. Jennifer Jones Director, District No. 2
- Luckisha Phillips Director, District No. 3
- Gavin Downing Director, District No. 5

Port of Seattle

- Todd Curtis Commissioner Position No. 5 (Did not advance to primary)
- Fred Felleman Commissioner Position No. 5
- Jesse Tam Commissioner Position No. 5

South King Fire & Rescue

• Gregory Baruso - Commissioner Position No. 4

Ballot Measures

• King County Proposition No. 1 - Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

Federal

- Patty Murray Senator (website)
- Kim Schrier Representative, CD 8 (website)
- Adam Smith Representative, CD 9 (website)

King County

• Leesa Manion - Prosecutor (website)

State, 30th Legislative District

- Claire Wilson State Senator (website)
- Jamila Taylor State Represenative 1 (website)
- Kristine M. Reeves State Represenative 2 (website)

Judicial

- Barbara Madsen State Supreme Court Justice 5
- G. Helen Whitener State Supreme Court Justice 6
- Kristin Ballinger Superior Court Judge 2
- Jason Poydras Superior Court Judge 18
- Fa'amomoi Masaniai District Court Judge
- Brian J. Todd District Court Judge 1
- Andrea Jarmon District Court Judge 2
- Laurel Gibson District Court Judge 3
- Rhonda Lee Laumann District Court Judge 6

2022

King County

- Dow Constantine King County Executive (website)
- Dave Upthegrove Metropolitan King County, Council District No. 5 (website)
- Andrea Roberston King County Superior Court, Judge Position 47
 (website)

Port of Seattle

- Ryan Calkins Port of Seattle, Commissioner Position No. 1 (website)
- Hamdi Mohamed Port of Seattle, Commissioner Position No. 3 (website)
- Toshiko Grace Hasegawa Port of Seattle, Commissioner Position No. 4
 (website)

City of Auburn

- Kate Baldwin City of Auburn, Council Position No. 2
- Hanan Amer City of Auburn, Council Position No. 4 (website)
- Larry Brown City of Auburn, Council Position No. 6

City of Des Moines

- Harry Steinmetz City of Des Moines, Council Position No. 1
- Gene Achziger City of Des Moines, Council Position No. 3 (website)
- Soleil Lewis City of Des Moines, Council Position No. 7 (website)

City of Federal Way

- Jim Ferrell City of Federal Way, Mayor (website)
- Greg Baruso City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 2 (website)
- Leandra Craft City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 5 (website)
- Renae Seam City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 6 (website)

Federal Way School District

- Tiffany LaFontaine Federal Way School District No. 210, Director District No. 1 (website)
- Jim Storvick Federal Way School District No. 210, Director District No. 4
- Trudy Davis Federal Way School District No. 210, Director District No. 4

2021

Fire, Water & Sewer

- Caroline Vadino South King Fire & Rescue, Position No. 3
- Sheley Anderson Lakehaven Water & Sewer District, Commissioner Position No. 4
- Liz Olhsson Lakehaven Water & Sewer District, Commissioner Position No. 5 (website)

Propositions

• Best Starts For Kids - King County Proposition No. 1 (website)

The following did not advance to the general

- Saudia J. Abdullah Metropolitan King County, Council District No. 7 (website)
- Katherine Festa City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 4 (website)

Federal

- Joe Biden President (website)
- Kim Schrier Congressional District 8 (website)
- Adam Smith Congressional District 9 (website)
- Marilyn Strickland Congressional District 10 (website)

State, Executive

- Jay Inslee Governor (website)
- Marko Liias Lt. Governor (website)
- Gael Tarleton Secretary of State (website)
- Mike Pellicciotti Treasurer (website)
- Patrice McCarthy Auditor (website)
- Bob Ferguson Attorney General (website)
- Hilary Franz Commissioner of Public Lands (website)
- Chris Reykdal Supt. of Public Instruction (website)
- Mike Kreidler Insurance Commissioner (website)

State, Legislative

- Jamila Taylor 30th LD Representative, Pos 1 (website)
- Jesse Johnson 30th LD Representative, Pos 2 (website)
- T'wina Nobles 28th LD Senator (website)

Pierce County

- Larry Seaquist Pierce Co. Executive (website)
- Ed Troyer Pierce Co. Sheriff
- Sarah Rumbaugh Pierce Co. Council. Pos 2 (website)
- Brady Horenstein Pierce Co. Superior Court, Pos 4
- Tom Quinlan Pierce Co. Superior Court, Pos 6
- Sabrina Ahrens Pierce Co. Superior Court, Pos 14

Judicial, Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

• Raquel Montoya-Lewis - Supreme Court, Pos 3

2020

- G. Helen Whitener Supreme Court, Pos 6
- Charles Johnson Supreme Court, Pos 4
- Debra Stephens Supreme Court, Pos 7
- David Mann Court of Appeals (Div. I)

Judicial, King County Superior Court

- Maureen McKee Pos 5
- Melinda Young Pos 6
- Hillary Madsen Pos 13
- Nicole Gaines Phelps Pos 14
- Nelson Lee Pos 19
- David Keenan Pos 26
- Johanna Bender Pos 28
- Marshall Ferguson Pos 31
- Steve Rosen Pos 33
- Michael Ryan Pos 37
- John McHale Pos 43
- Catherine Moore Pos 44
- Aimée Sutton Pos 49
- Cindi Port Pos 51

Propositions, Initiatives, Referendums, and Levies

- APPROVE on Referendum 90 Concerning comprehensive sexual health education (<u>website</u>)
- YES on King County Prop 1 Harborview Medical Center Health and Safety Improvement Bonds (<u>website</u>)

Propositions, Initiatives and Levies

- APPROVE on Referendum 88 Vote on I-1000 Affirmative Action Measure
- YES on King County Prop 1 Medic One levy
- NO on Initiative 976 Tim Eyman's car tab measure
- YES on Federal Way Advisory Proposition No. 1 marijuana retail
- YES on Federal Way Initiative No. 19-001 stable homes

Judicial

- Maureen McKee King County Superior Court, Judge Pos 5
- Marshall Ferguson King County Superior Court, Judge Pos 31
- Michael Ryan King County Superior Court, Judge Pos 37
- Aimee Sutton King County Superior Court, Judge Pos 49 (website)

Ports

- Sam Cho Port of Seattle Pos 2 (website)
- Fred Felleman Port of Seattle Pos 5 (website)

Cities

- James Jeyaraj City of Auburn, Council Pos 3 (website)
- Maria (Luisa) Bangs City of Des Moines, Council Pos 2
- Susan White City of Des Moines, Council Pos 4 (website)
- Lydia Assefa-Dawson City of Federal Way, Council Pos 1
- Jamila Taylor City of Federal Way, Council Pos 5 (website)
- Bryan Yambe City of Fife, Council Pos 1

School Boards

• Jennifer Jones - Federal Way School Board, Director District 2

2019

 Luckisha Phillips - Federal Way School Board, Director District 3 (website)

Primary election endorsements

- Dominic Barrera Port of Seattle Pos 2
- Justin Camarata Port of Tacoma, Pos 3
- Lamont Styles City of Federal Way, Council Pos 3
- Katherine Festa City of Federal Way, Council Pos 7
- Noah Douglas City of Milton, Council Pos 6

- Maria Cantwell US Senator
- Dr. Kim Schrier Congressional District 8
- Rep. Adam Smith Congressional District 9
- Claire Wilson State Senate
- Mike Pellicciotti State Representative Pos. 1
- Kristine Reeves State Representative Pos. 2
- Daron Morris King County Prosecuting Attorney
- Steve Gonzalez State Supreme Court Pos. 8
- Sheryl Gordon McCloud State Supreme Court Pos. 9
- Tim Lewis Pierce Co. District Court Pos 3
- Karl Williams Pierce Co. District Court Pos 6
- Jason Poydras King Co. District Court SE, Pos 1
- Rhonda Laumann King Co. District Court SE, Pos 6
- Laurel Gibson King Co. District Court SW, Pos 3
- D. Mark Eide King Co. District Court SW, Pos 4
- Lyn Idahosa Democratic PCO Precinct FED 30-3079
- YES Initiative 1631 Concerns tax on greenhouse gas and climate impacts
- NO Initiative 1634 Stop local taxes on food and Beverages
- YES Initiative 1639 Increase background and age to purchase Firearms
- YES Pierce County Proposition No. 1 Rural Library District Levy Lid Lift
- Dr. Shannon Hader Congressional District 8 (did not advance to general)

Endorsed at the May 3rd General Membership Meeting

- Dow Constantine King County Executive
- John Urquhart King County Sheriff
- Rebecca Robertson Federal Way Municipal Judge pos. 1
- Jim Ferrell Federal Way Mayor
- Geoffrey McAnalloy Federal Way Board of Education pos. 1
- Carol Gregory Federal Way Board of Education pos. 4
- Stephanie Bowman Port of Seattle Commissioner pos. 3
- Dave Upthegrove King County Council pos. 5
- John Creighton Port of Seattle Commissioner pos. 1
- Stacy Oliveira City of Pacific City Council pos. 2

Endorsed at the June 7th General Membership Meeting

- Jesse Johnson City of Federal Way Council pos. 2
- Roger Flygare City of Federal Way Council pos. 6
- King County Proposition 1 Sales Tax for Cultural Access Program, expanding access to arts, science, and heritage programming

Endorsed at the July 5th General Membership Meeting

- Sharry Edwards City of Federal Way Council pos. 4 (did not advance to general)
- Larry Brown Auburn City Council pos. 6
- Harry Steinmetz Des Moines City Council pos. 5
- Chad Harper Des Moines City Council pos. 7
- Gene Achziger Des Moines Park & Recreation Commissioner
- John McCarthy Port of Tacoma Commissioner pos. 1
- Noah Davis Port of Tacoma Commissioner pos. 2

Endorsed at the September 6th General Membership Meeting

• Peter Steinbrueck - Port of Seattle Commissioner pos. 4

- Federal Way School District Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Construct New Classrooms and Replace and Renovate Aging and Deteriorating School Facilities
- initiative 940 Law Enforcement Training and Community Safety Act

Endorsed at the Octber 4th General Membership Meeting

• Nancy Backus - Auburn Mayor

Federal

- Hillary Clinton President
- Patty Murray Senator
- Adam Smith United States Representative CD 9

State

- Jay Inslee Governor
- Cyrus Habib Lieutenant Governor
- Tina Podlodowski Secretary of State
- Bob Ferguson Attorney General
- Patrice (Pat) McCarthy Auditor
- Mike Kreidler Insurance Commissioner
- Hilary Franz Commissioner of Public Lands
- Erin Jones Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Mike Pellicciotti 30th LD Representative Position 1
- Kristine Reeves 30th LD Representative Position 2

Court

- Mary Yu State Supreme Court Position 1
- Barbara Madsen State Supreme Court Position 5
- Charlie Wiggins OR David Larson State Supreme Court Position
 6
- Nicole Gaines-Phelps King County Superior Court Position 14
- David Keenan King County Superior Court Position 26
- Johanna Bender King County Superior Court Position 28
- Helen Halpert King County Superior Court Positon 31
- Steve Rosen King County Superior Court Position 33
- John McHale King County Superior Court Position 43
- Eric Newman OR Cathy Moore King County Superior Court Position 44
- Anthony Gipe King County Superior Court Position 52
- Mariane Spearman King County Superior Court Position 53

- Laurel Gibson King County District Court SW Division Position 3
- Shelly Speir OR Dominique Jinhong Pierce County Superior Court Position 5

Pierce County

- Rick Talbert Pierce County Executive
- Carolyn Edmonds Pierce County Council Position 2

Issues

- SUPPORT I-735 WAmend (to overturn Citizens United)
- SUPPORT I-1433 Raise Up Washington (minimum wage increase and paid leave)
- SUPPORT I-1491 regarding gun ownership
- SUPPORT Regional Prop 1 Sound Transit 3 (ST3) to expand light rail and metro transit

Endorsed, but did not advance after primary

- Alida Skold United States Representative 8th CD
- Santiago Ramos United States Representative 8th CD
- John Paul Comerford Washington State Treasurer
- Jeff Sprung Washington State Auditor
- Karen Porterfield Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
- Sharry Edwards 30th LD Representative Position 2 (Sharry withdrew May 4th)

State Legislature (30th LD)

State Representative, Position 2

Carol Gregory

King County

Assessor

Director of Elections

Lloyd Hara

Zack Hudgins

Port of Seattle

Commissioner, Position 2

Commissioner, Position 5

Courtney Gregoire

Fred Felleman

Port of Tacoma

Commissioner, Position 3

Clare Petrich

Des Moines

City Council, Position 4

Jeremy Nutting

Pacific City

Mayor

Leanne Guier

City Council, Position 6

David Storaasli

Federal Way School District

Board of Education, Position 2 Board of Education, Position 3

Claire Wilson

Liz Drake

South King Fire and Rescue

Commissioner Position No. 2 Commissioner Position No. 3

John Rickert

Roger Flygare

East Pierce Fire and Rescue

Commissioner Position No. 2

Kirby Pollard

Initiatives and Referendums

Vote YES

I-735

Corporations are not people, Money is not speech, All political donations should be made public

Vote NO

I-1366

Another bad idea from Tim Eyman - enough said

US Congress

8th District

Jason Ritchie

9th District

Adam Smith

10th District

Denny Heck

State Legislature (30th LD)

State Senate

Shari Song

State House, Pos. 1

Greg Baruso

State House, Pos. 2 Roger Freeman

Judges

Supreme Court, Position 1

Mary Yu

Supreme Court, Position 4

Charles W. Johnson

King County District Court, SE Division, Position 2

David E. Meyer

King County District Court, SW Division, Position 2

Supreme Court, Position 3

Mary E. Fairhurst

Supreme Court, Position 7

Debra L. Stephens

King County District Court, SE Division, Position 6

Matthew Williams

King County District Court, SW Division, Position 3

Susan Mahoney

D. Mark Eide

Pierce County District Court, Position 8 Karl L. Williams

Initiatives and Referendums

Vote NO

Initiative 591

Concerns firearms

Vote YES

Initiative 594

Concerns background checks for firearm sales and transfers

Vote YES

Initiative 1351

Concerns K-12 education, reduction of class size

Vote MAINTAIN

Vote MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 8 (SB 6505)

Advisory Vote No. 9 (ESHB 1287)

Concerns marijuana excise tax

Concerns leasehold excise tax on tribal property

Vote YES

East Pierce Fire & Rescue Proposition No. 1

Property tax levy for maintenance and operation expenses

King County

King County Executive

Dow Constantine

King County Sheriff

John Urquhart

Metropolitan King County Council, District No. 5

Dave Upthegrove

Port of Seattle

Port of Seattle Commissioner, Pos. Port of Seattle Commissioner, Pos. 1 2

John Creighton

Courtney Gregoire

Port of Seattle Commissioner, Pos. 3

Stephanie Bowman

City of Auburn

Auburn City Council, Pos. 2

Jodi Riker-Yap

City of Des Moines

Des Moines City Council, Pos. 4 Des Moines Municipal Court Judge

Jeremy Nutting

Veronica Galvan

City of Federal Way

City of Federal Way Mayor

Jim Ferrell

Jeanne Burbidge

Federal Way City Council Pos. 4 Federal Way City Council Pos. 6 Martin Moore

City of Milton

City of Milton Mayor Philip (Marty) Lelli Jr.

Milton City Council, Pos. 3

Cheryl Reid-Simons

Milton City Council, Pos. 5 Leonard Sanderson

City of Pacific

Pacific City Council, Pos. 4

Leanne Guier

Pacific City Council, Pos. 5 **Stacy May Knudtson**

Federal Way School District

Federal Way School District, **Director District No. 1**

Federal Way School District, **Director District No. 4**

Geoffery Z. McAnalloy

Carol Gregory

Initiatives and Referendums

Vote NO

Initiative to the Legislature 517

Concerns initiative and referendum measures

Vote to MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 3 (Substitute Senate Bill 5444)

Concerns a leasehold excise tax credit for taxpayers who lease publiclyowned property

Vote to MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 4 (Senate Bill 5627)

Concerns an aircraft excise tax on commuter air carriers in lieu of property tax

Vote to MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 5 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1846)

Concerns the insurance premium tax to some insurance for pediatric oral services

Vote to MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 6 (Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1971)

Concerns a retail sales tax exemption for certain telephone and telecommunications services

Vote to MAINTAIN

Advisory Vote No. 7 (Engrossed House Bill 2075)

Concerns estate tax on certain property transfers and increased rates for estates over \$4,000,000

President and U.S. Senate

Barack Obama

Maria Cantwell

Re–Elected to the Presidency Re–Elected U.S. Senator

U.S. Congress

8th Congressional District

Karen Porterfield

Defeated

9th Congressional District

Adam Smith

Re–Elected

Lieutenant Governor

Brad Owen

Elected

State of Washington

Governor	
Jay Inslee	
Elected	
Attorney General	
Bob Ferguson	
Elected	
Secretary of State	
Kathleen Drew	

Treasurer

Jim McIntyre

Elected

State Auditor

Troy Kelley

Defeated

Elected

Insurance Commissioner

Public Lands Commissioner

Mike Kreider

Peter Goldmark

Elected

Elected

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Randy Dorn

Elected

State Supreme Court

Position 2

Susan Owens

Elected

Position 8

Steven Gonzalez

Elected

Position 9

Sheryl McCloud

Elected

State Legislator

Position 1

Roger Flygare

Defeated

Position 2

Roger Freeman

Elected

King County Sheriff

John Urquhart

Elected

King County Superior Court

Department 19

Bill Bowman

Department 20

Scott Johnson

Elected

Elected

Department 25

Elizabeth Berns

Elected

Department 29

Hong Tran

Defeated

Department 30

Douglass North

Elected

Department 30

Kimberly Allen

Defeated

Department 40

Ken Schubert

Elected

Department 42

Susan Parisien

Department 46

Gary Ernsdorff

Defeated

Defeated

Pierce County Superior Court

Department 5

Department 12

Vicki Hogan

Elected

Stephanie Arend

Elected

Department 18

Helen Whitener

Defeated

Ballot Measures

Referendum 74 Initiative to the Legislature 502 Marriage Equality — Vote YES Concerns marijuana — Vote YES

Passed

Initiative Measure 1185

Passed

No

Engrossed Senate Joint Resolution 8221

Commission on State Debt

— Vote to Reject

Approved

Initiative Measure 1240

Tax and Fee Increases — Vote Public Charter Schools — Vote No

Passed

Senate Joint Resolution 8223

Investments by UofW and WSU

- Vote to Reject

Rejected

Advisory Vote 1 (Engrossed Senate Advisory Vote 2 (Substitute House Bill 6635)

Bill 2590)

B&O Tax Deductions

— Vote to Maintain

Repealed

Products — Vote to Maintain

Tax on Possession of Petroleum

Repealed

King County Proposition No. 1 (General Election)

Automated Fingerprint Identification System — Vote to Approve

Approved

Federal Way School District Prop. No. 1

Levy Issue to Reconstruct FWHS — Vote to Approve

Approved

Auburn School District Proposition No. 1

Bond Issue to Reconstruct Auburn High School — Vote to Approve

Approved

King County Proposition 1 (Primary Election) South King Fire & Rescue Proposition 1

Protect Those Who Protect Us

— Vote to Approve

For Children and Jobs

Approved

— Vote to Approve

Approved

Of the ten candidates endorsed by the 30th LD Democrats, five were elected to office, four were defeated and one withdrew prior to the election. Had Liz Drake not taken over as principal at Thomas Jefferson Highschool, she surely would have won.

City of Pacific

Mayor Richard Hildreth Defeated

City Of Federal Way

City Council Position 3

City Council Position 7

Keith Tyler

Defeated

Roger Flygare

Defeated

Federal Way School District

School Board District 3

Elizabeth Drake

Withdrew

South King County Fire and Rescue

Commissioner Position 4

Commissioner Position 5

Mark L. Thompson

James A. Fossos

Elected

Elected

King County

Accessor

Lloyd Hara

Elected

Port Of Seattle

Commissioner Position 2

Commissioner Position 5

Gael Tarleton

Dean Willard

Elected

Defeated

Court of Appeals, Division 1, District 1

Judge Position 2

Michael Spearman

Elected

Statewide Ballot Measures

Tim Eyman's initiative was defeated, but Costco managed to get liquor sales into the hands of the corporate retail chains.

Initiative 1125

Tim Eyman's Transportation Initiative

Vote NO

Failed*

Initiative 1183 **Privitizes Liquor Sales** Vote NO

Passed

State Joint Resolution 8205 30-Day Residency to Vote Vote to APPROVE Approved* State Joint Resolution 8206

Transfer of Revenues to Stabalization Account

Vote To REJECT

Approved

From the looks of the Ballot Measure results (the asterisk defines where we called it right), we have a lot of educational work to accomplish throughout the State of Washington. It would appear from the election results that the message to "tax the rich, not the workers, middle class, and local (small) businesses" was not adequately promoted.

In the candidate races, we were seven-for-eight in supporting winning candidates (88%). This does not include the ninth race for SE District Court Judge Position 2, in which we endorsed both candidates.

Statewide Ballot Measures

Yes On R–52

Fund Capitol Improvements

FAILED

Yes On I–1098

State Income Tax For The Rich

FAILED

No On I–1105

No On I–1053

No 2/3 Majority to Raise Taxes

APPROVED

No On I–1082

Privitization of Workers Comp

FAILED*

Privitization of Liquor Sales

No On I–1100

FAILED*

Privitization of Liquor Sales

FAILED*

No On I-1107

Repeal Pop, Candy, Bottled Water Tax

PASSED

U.S. Congress

U.S. Senate Patty Murray WON 9th Congressional District Adam Smith WON

State Of Washington

State Senate Tracey Eide WON

State Legislator Position 1 Mark Miloscia WON State Legislator Position 2 Carol Gregory LOST

State Supreme Court Justice Position 6 Charlie Wiggins

WON

District Court Judges

Southwest District Court Position 2 Southeast District Court Position 6

Susan Mahoney

Matt Williams

WON

WON

Southeast District Court Position 2Southeast District Court Position 2David MeyerDarrell E. PhillipsonWONLOST

Note: The 30th District Democrats endorsed both candidates for Southeast District Court Position 2.

Statewide Ballot Measures

Yes On R-71

No On I-1033

King County/Port Of Seattle

King County Executive Dow Constantine

King County Accessor Lloyd Hara

ELECTED

ELECTED

Port Of Seattle Commissioner Pos. 1 John Creighton

ELECTED

Port Of Seattle Commissioner Pos. 3

Port Of Seattle Commissioner Pos. 4

Rob Holland

Max Vekich

ELECTED

City Of Federal Way

No On Proposition 1 No On Strong Mayor City Council Pos. 6

Roger Freeman

ELECTED

FW Municipal Court Pos. 1

Rebecca C. Robertson

FW Municipal Court Pos. 2 Renee Walls

ELECTED

City Of Des Moines

City Council Pos. 3 Melissa Ponder City Council Pos. 7 Susan White

South King County Fire District

Commissioner Pos. 3

John Rickert

ELECTED

Cities Of Algona And Pacific

City of Algona Council Pos. 4

City of Pacific Council Pos. 4

Paul Mallary

Leanne Guier

ELECTED

ELECTED

Endorsements from WA State Democrats

King County Bar Association Ratings