Get Out the Vote!

Our founding fathers believed that the success of American democracy depended upon the development of an educated citizenry that would vote wisely to protect its rights and freedoms. Ideally, we would all have the ability to thoroughly research each candidate and ballot measure, but we sometimes have time constraints that prevent us from doing that. For just such situations, I’ve created the following endorsement summary:

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| Ballot Measure | Description | KCGOP | Seattle Times | Seattle PI |
| Initiative 985 | “Reduce Traffic Congestion Act" | YES | NO | NO |
| Initiative 1000 | “Death with Dignity” | NO | YES |  |
| Initiative 1029 | Additional Qualifications for Long-term Care Workers | NO | NO | NO |
| KC Charter Amendment 1 | Elected Elections Director | YES | NO | NO |
| KC Charter Amendment 2 | Prohibiting Discrimination |  | YES | YES |
| KC Charter Amendment 3 | Regional Committees | YES | NO | YES |
| KC Charter Amendment 4 | Additional Qualifications for Elected Officials | NO | NO | NO |
| KC Charter Amendment 5 | Establishing Forecast Council and Office of Economic and Financial Analysis | YES | YES | YES |
| KC Charter Amendment 6 | Budget Deadlines | YES | YES | YES |
| KC Charter Amendment 7 | Charter Amendment by Citizen Initiative | NO |  | NO |
| KC Charter Amendment 8 | Nonpartisan Elections | NO | YES | YES |

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| Position | KCGOP | Seattle Times | Seattle PI |
| President | John McCain | Barack Obama | Barack Obama |
| U.S. Congress | Dave Reichert | Dave Reichert | Dave Reichert |
| Governor | Dino Rossi | Dino Rossi | Chris Gregoire |
| Lt. Governor | Marcia McCraw | Marcia McCraw | Brad Owen |
| Secretary of State | Sam Reed | Sam Reed | Sam Reed |
| State Treasurer | Allan Martin | Allan Martin | Jim McIntire |
| State Auditor |  | Brian Sonntag | Brian Sonntag |
| Attorney General | Rob McKenna | Rob McKenna | Rob McKenna |
| Commissioner of Public Lands | Doug Sutherland | Peter Goldmark | Peter Goldmark |
| Superintendent of Public Instruction |  | Terry Bergeson | Terry Bergeson |
| Insurance Commissioner |  | Mike Kreidler | Mike Kreidler |
| State Senator | Cheryl Pflug | Cheryl Pflug | Cheryl Pflug |
| Representative Position #1 | Jay Rodne | Jay Rodne |  |
| Representative Position #2 | Glenn Anderson | Glenn Anderson |  |
| Superior Court Position #1 | Tim Bradshaw | Tim Bradshaw | Tim Bradshaw |
| Superior Court Position #22 | Julia Garratt | Julia Garratt | Julia Garratt |
| Superior Court Position #37 | Barbara Mack | Jean Rietschel | Jean Rietschel |

If you haven’t voted yet, I would encourage you to make use of all available resources to complete your ballot and drop it at the Post Office by 6pm or Mirrormont Country Club by 8pm on Tuesday, November 4th. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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