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 (complete with my own **PCO** recommendations):

**Ballot Measures**

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| I-1125 | Require road and bridge tolls to be set by legislature and be project-specific |
| YES | WA Republicans, KC Republicans, 5th LD Republicans, Kemper Freeman, **PCO** |
| NO | Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald, Olympian, Columbian, Tri-city Herald, Issaquah Reporter, Assn. of WA Business, WA Roundtable, WA Realtors, Seattle Port Commission, Keep Washington Rolling, Eastside Transportation Partnership, Sammamish City Council, Microsoft, Boeing, WA Labor Council, SEIU, WA Conservation Voters, WA Environmental Council, WA Democrats, AG Rob McKenna, Deputy KC Executive Fred Jarrett |
| I-1163 | **Additional background checks, training, and other requirements for long-term care workers and providers** |
| YES | WA Democrats, WA Labor Council, SEIU, Teamsters, WEA, KC Labor Council, Rep. Jay Inslee |
| NO | Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Olympian, Columbian, Tri-city Herald, Issaquah Reporter, Assn. of WA Business, WA Residential Care Council, Home Care Assn. of WA,5th LD Republicans, **PCO** |
| I-1183 | **End state monopoly on state liquor sales** |
| YES | Seattle Times, Everett Herald, Columbian, Tri-city Herald, Issaquah Press, Issaquah Reporter, Sammamish Review, Assn. of WA Business, WA Roundtable, WA Restaurant Assn., WA Retail Assn., NW Grocery Assn., Seattle Restaurant Alliance, Seattle, Renton, Bellevue & Issaquah Chambers of Commerce, WA Republicans, **PCO** |
| NO | Tacoma News Tribune, Olympian, WA Beer & Wine Distributors, WA Labor Council, SEIU, Teamsters WEA, WA Democrats |
| SJR-8205 | **Remove inoperative provision in constitution requiring a different residency period to vote in presidential elections** |
| APPROVE | Issaquah Reporter, Olympian, Everett Herald, **PCO** |
| REJECT |  |
| SJR-8206 | **Require legislature to set aside additional rainy day funds during times of extraordinary revenue growth** |
| APPROVE | Issaquah Reporter, Olympian, Everett Herald, Assn. of WA Business, **PCO** |
| REJECT |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| Director of Elections | Raised | Muni | Endorsements |
| Mark Greene | $0 | NQ |  |
| Sherril Huff\* | $9K | VG | Seattle Times, KC Democrats, 5th LD Democrats, **PCO** |
| Port of Seattle Commissioner (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **Muni** | **Endorsements** |
| Richard Pope | $0 | NQ |  |
| Gael Tarleton\* | $210K | O | Seattle Times, The Stranger, WA Conservation Voters, KC Democrats, 5th LD Democrats, KC Exec Dow Constantine, KC Assessor Lloyd Hara, **PCO** |
| Port of Seattle Commissioner (Pos. 5) | **Raised** | **Muni** | **Endorsements** |
| Dean Willard | $33.6K | G | KC Democrats, 5th LD Democrats, Rep. Frank Chopp, Port Commissioner Rob Holland |
| Bill Bryant\* | $341K | O | Seattle Times, KC Realtors, LC Labor Council, Eastside Business Alliance, WA Conservation Voters, WA Retail Assn., Sailors Union, Longshore Union, **PCO** |
| Issaquah School Board (Pos. 3) | **Raised** |  | **Endorsements** |
| Patrick Sansing | $0 |  |  |
| Brian Deagle\* | $0 |  | Issaquah Press, Sen. Rodney Tom, Rep. Jay Rodne, Rep. Marcie Maxwell, Rep. Ross Hunter, Connie Fletcher, Larry Ishmael, Lesley Austin, Jan Woldseth Colbrese, **PCO** |
| Issaquah School Board (Pos. 5) | **Raised** |  | **Endorsements** |
| Brian Neville | $0 |  |  |
| Suzanne Weaver\* | $2.2K |  | Issaquah Press, Sen. Rodney Tom, Rep. Jay Rodne, Rep. Marcie Maxwell, Rep. Ross Hunter, Connie Fletcher, Lesley Austin, Jan Woldseth Colbrese, **PCO** |

**Ratings**: Municipal League (**Muni**): Outstanding (**O**), Very Good (**VG**), Good (**G**), Adequate (**A**), Not Qualified (**NQ**) **\***Denotes incumbent

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

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