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 thoughtfully 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:

**Ballot Measures**

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| I-1185 | Raised | Require 2/3rds legislative majority or voter approval to raise taxes or fees |
| YES | $1.4M | **Seattle Times, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Kitsap Sun, The Daily News, Yakima Herald-Republic, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter**, WSRP, Rob McKenna |
| NO | $89K | **The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald, Issaquah Press**, Gov. Gregoire, Jay Inslee, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Labor Council, SEIU, WEA, Planned Parenthood, WA PTA |
| I-1240 | **Raised** | **Authorize up to 40 publicly-funded charter schools** |
| YES | $9.3M | **Seattle Times,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Kitsap Sun, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter**, League of Education Voters, Stand for Children, Partnership for Learning, Dems for Ed Reform, Students for Ed Reform, Teachers United, AWB, WA Roundtable, Tech Alliance, Rob McKenna, Dan Evans, Slade Gordon, Rep. Anderson, Dahlquist, Hinkle, Hargrove, Eddy & Hunter, Sen. Litzow, Hill, Fain & Tom |
| NO | $658K | **The Stranger, Issaquah Press**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WSSDA, WASA, AWSP, WEA, PSE, League of Women Voters, WA Community Action Network |
| R-74 | **Raised** | **Allow same-sex marriage** |
| APPROVE | $12.5M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Kitsap Sun, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Issaquah Press, Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter, SnoValley Star**, Equal Rights Washington, Human Rights Campaign, League of Women Voters, Children’s Alliance, WA Dems, WA Bus, WA Young Dems, KC Dems, ACLU, SEIU, NOW, Woman’s Political Caucus, NARAL, Planned Parenthood, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Steve Balmer, Cheryl Pflug, 5th LD Dems, Log Cabin GOP |
| REJECT | $2.1M | **The Daily News**, WSRP, Rep. Shea, Bishop Jackson, Pastor Leskovar & Fuiten, Reverend Ang & Paloalto |
| I-502 | **Raised** | **Legalize and tax marijuana** |
| YES | $5.7M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Issaquah Press, Issaquah/Sammamish Reporter, SnoValley Star**, Children’s Alliance, KC Bar, LEAP, Legal Voice, ACLU, NOW, NAACP, Fuse WA, WA Dems, WA Young Dems, WA Labor Council, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Sen. Baumgartner, Brown & Murray, Rep. Pedersen & Hasegawa, KC Exec. Constantine & Sims (ret), Mayor McGinn & Nickles (ret), KC Sheriff Strachan, John Urquhart, Police Chief Stamper (ret) |
| NO | $16K | **Tacoma News Tribune, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, Judge Jim Gray, Rep. Goodman & Fitzgibbon, Toby Nixon |
| ESJR-8221 | **Raised** | **Reduce state debt limit** |
| APPROVE | $0 | **Seattle Times**, **The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Everett Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin** |
| REJECT | $0 | **The Stranger, Kitsap Sun**, KC Dems, American Institute of Architects |
| SJR-8223 | **Raised** | **Allow state universities to invest public funds** |
| APPROVE | $110K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, **The Olympian, The Columbian, Everett Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin** |
| REJECT | $0 | KC Dems |
| ESB-6635 | **Raised** | **Imposes B&O tax for banks on interest from residential first mortgages** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger, The Columbian, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin,** KC Dems |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| SHB-2590 | **Raised** | **Extends fuel-safety fee on large commercial fuel purchases** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger, The Columbian, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, KC Dems |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| KC Prop-1 | **Raised** | **$120M levy renewal for Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)** |
| APPROVE | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KC Dems |
| REJECT | $0 |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| President  | Raised | Endorsements | | |
| Barack Obama (D) \* | $12.5M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Everett Herald**, WA Dems, KC Dems | | |
| Mitt Romney (R) | $4.9M | **The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WSRP | | |
| Gary Johnson (L) | $43K | Ron Paul, Barry Goldwater, Jesse Ventura, Sean Hannity | | |
| US Senate | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Maria Cantwell (D)\* | $8.6M | **The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Kitsap Sun, Everett Herald, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Labor Council, IAFF 1604, WA Council of Firefighters, SEIU, NOW, Women’s Political Caucus, Equal Rights WA, Planned Parenthood, NARAL | | |
| Michael Baumgartner (R) | $977K | **Tri-City Herald**, WSRP, Rob McKenna, Sam Reed, Slade Gorton, Sam Reed, Art Coday, Timmy (Doc) Wilson, 12 GOP state senators, 16 GOP state reps, WA Farm Bureau | | |
| US House | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Dave Reichert (R)\* | $1.5M | **Seattle Times**, **Tacoma News Tribune**, WSRP, KC GOP, WA Patrol Troopers, KC Police Officers Guild, WACOPS, COMPAS, WA Firefighters, WA Farm Bureau, Realtors, NEA, WEA, US Chamber, NFIB, ConservAmerica, Gun Owners Action League | | |
| Karen Porterfield (D) | $35K | **Issaquah Press,** WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WA Labor Council, AFT, ATU 587, Machinist 751, COPE, WA/KC Labor Council, WA Machinists Council, Planned Parenthood, Women’s Political Caucus | | |
| Governor | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Jay Inslee (D) | $10.7M | **The Stranger, The Olympian**, WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WA Firefighters, WA Nurses, WA Labor Council, SEUI, WEA, AFT, Machinists, IBEW, UAW, WA Council of Firefighters, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Cascade Bicycle, Equal Rights WA, Human Rights Campaign, NOW, Planned Parenthood, NARAL | | |
| Rob McKenna (R) | $12.5M | **Seattle Times,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, The Daily News, Kitsap Sun, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Wenatchee World**, WSRP, KC GOP, Stand for Children, Association of WA Business, Associated General Contractors, WACOPS, KC Police, WA Patrol Troopers, Council of Metro Police and Sheriffs, WA REALTORS, WA Restaurants, WA Trucking Associations, Building Industry of WA, Rental Housing of Puget Sound, WA Farm Bureau, WA Dairy Farmers | | |
| Lt. Governor | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Brad Owen (D)\* | $287K | **Seattle Times**, **Tacoma News Tribune, Tri-City Herald**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Labor Council, WA Council of Firefighters, SEIU, Equal Rights WA | | |
| Bill Finkbinder (R) | $255K | **The Stranger, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Everett Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WSRP, KC GOP, SEIU, WA Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle, Equal Rights WA, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Rob McKenna, Sam Reed, Dan Evans, Slade Gordon, Sen. Rossi, Litzow & Hill | | |
| Secretary of State | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Kim Wyman (R) | $256K | **Seattle Times,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Tri-City Herald, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WSRP, KC GOP, AWB, WEA, WA Affordable Housing Council, Sam Reed\*, Ralph Munro, Bruce Chapman, Rob McKenna, Dan Evans, Dave Reichert | | |
| Kathleen Drew (D) | $339K | **The Stranger**, WA Dems, KC Dems, Progressive Majority, WA Labor Council, AFT, WA Council of Firefighters, WA Patrol Troopers, Teamsters, UFCW, IBEW, SEIU, NOW, Women’s Political Caucus, Equal Rights WA, SEIU, WA Council of Firefighters, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Emily’s List, NOW, Women’s Political Caucus, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Sen. Murray & Cantwell, Gov. Gregoire, Jay Inslee | | |
| State Treasurer | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Jim McIntire (D)\* | $152K | **The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Patrol Troopers, WA Council of Firefighters, SEIU, Machinists 751, WEA, PSE, AWB, WA Realtors, WA Conservation Voters, Equal Rights WA, NARAL | | |
| Sharon Hanek (R) | $15K | WSRP, KC GOP, CAPR, John Koster, Clint Didier, Sen. Roach & Baxter, Rep. Dahlquist, Dammeier, Shea & Zeiger | | |
| State Auditor | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| James Watkins (R) | $123K | **Tacoma News Tribune**, **The Columbian, Tri-City Herald, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, The Daily News**, WSRP, KC GOP, Mainstream Republicans, Pierce County Young Democrats, WA Farm Bureau, Sam Reed, Ralph Munro, Toby Nixon | | |
| Troy Kelly (D) | $666K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WEA, WA Council of Firefighters, AFT, SEIU, Teamsters 28, Equal Rights WA | | |
| Attorney General | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Bob Ferguson (D) | $1.4M | **The Stranger, The Olympian**, Tacoma News Tribune, WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WA Labor Council, WA Patrol Troopers, WEA, UFCW 21, SEIU, IAFF, IBEW, Teamsters, WA Nurses, WA Conservation Voters, KC Corrections, Guild, KC Juvenile Detention Guild, KC Court Protection Officers, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Gov. Gregoire, Mike Lowry, Patty Murray, Jay Inslee, Dow Constantine | | |
| Reagan Dunn (R) | $1.5M | **Seattle Times**, **Tacoma News Tribune, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Kitsap Sun, Tri-City Herald, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WSRP, KC GOP, WACOPS, COMPAS, Seattle Police, KC Police, IAFF 864 & 2595, AWB, BIAW, ABC, NFIB, WA Realtors, Rob McKenna, Slade Gorton, Ken Eikenberry, Jeff Sullivan, John McKay, Bill Allison | | |
| Comm. of Public Lands | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Peter Goldmark (D)\* | $549K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Bellingham Herald, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**,WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WA Labor Council, WEA, Machinists, IBEW, PSE/SEIU, Teamsters, WA Troopers, WA Council of Firefighters, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Equal Rights WA, Chris Gregoire, Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, Jim McIntire, Dow Constantine | | |
| Clint Didier (R) | $157K | WSRP, KC GOP, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR, CSRIA, Spokane Home Builders | | |
| Insurance Comm. | **Raised** | **Endorsements** | | |
| Mike Kreidler (D)\* | $160K | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger,** **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian**, **The Columbian, Spokesman-Review, Bellingham Herald, Yakima Herald, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Labor Council, WA Troopers, WA Council of Firefighters, SEIU, WEA, PSE, IBEW, Machinists, WA Nurses, Equal Rights WA, Planned Parenthood, NARAL | | |
| John R. Adams (R) | $2.5K | KC GOP | | |
| State Senate | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** | |
| Mark Mullet (D) | $255K | **VG** | **Seattle Times, Issaquah Press, SnoValley Star**, KC Dems, KC Young Dems, 5th LD Dems, Dems for Ed Reform, WA Labor Council, WEA, PSE, SEIU, IAM 751, UFCW 21, IAFF, WA Fire Chiefs, WA Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle, Fuse WA, Equal Rights WA, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Cheryl Pflug\*, Dow Constantine, Tola Marts, Ava Frisinger, Bill Allison, Jim Berger, Tom Odell, Stacy Goodman, Lisa Brown, Fred Jarrett | |
| Brad Toft (R) | $257K | **G** | KC GOP, AWB, NFIB, Seattle/KC Realtors, WFIA, WA Bankers, WA Farm Bureau, WRA, CAPR, NRA, Dave Reichert, Slade Gorton, Sen. Litzow, Hill & Fain, Rep. Rodne, KCC Lambert, Dunn, Hague & Von Reichbauer, Kirby Wilbur, David Spring | |
| State Rep. (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** | |
| Chad Magendanz (R) | $87K | **O** | **Seattle Times, Issaquah Press, SnoValley Star**, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, League of Education Voters, Stand for Children, Graduate Washington, AWB, NFIB, Seattle/KC Realtors, AGC, ABC, MCA, NECA, WTIA, WFIA, WA Restaurants, WA Retail, WA Bankers, WA Farm Bureau, WA Anglers, WSVMA, WSDA, CAPR, NRA, WAC, KC Police Officers Guild, Rob McKenna, Dave Reichert, Rep. Anderson\*, Rodne, Dahlquist, Hinkle & Hargrove, Sen. Pflug, Litzow, Hill, Fain, Rossi, Tom, KCC Dunn & Lambert, Mayors Allison & Berger, Connie Fletcher, Tola Marts, John Curley, John Carlson | |
| David Spring (D) | $1.4K | **A** | KC Dems, WA Labor Council, NARAL | |
| King County Sheriff | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** | |
| Steve Strachan\* | $32K | **O** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, Sheriffs Rahr (ret), Lovick, Boyer, Benedict, Elfo & Salisbury, Police Chiefs Ayers (Issaquah), Milosevich (Renton), Thomas (Kent), Lt. Gov. Owen, Sec. of State Munro (ret), KC Prosecutor Satterberg, KCC Lambert, Mayors Frisinger, Larson & Allison, KC GOP, KC Corrections Guild, Kent Police Officers Assn. | |
| John Urquhart | $181K | **G** | **Issaquah Press**, Congressman Reichert, Rep. Rodne, Anderson & Chopp, Sam Reed, John McKay, Jim Horn, Norm Stamper, KC Dems, KC Young Dems, 5th LD Dems, Mainstream Republicans, IFFF 1762 & 2024, Teamsters 117, NARAL | |
| Supreme Court (Pos. 9) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** | |
| Cheryl McCloud | $214K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Spokesman-Review, The Columbian, Kitsap Sun, Yakima Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin**, WA Dems, KC Dems, KC Young Dems, WA Labor Council, WA Conservation Voters, National Women’s Political Caucus, NARAL, KCC Gossett, Sen. Rolfes, Rep. Goodman, Appleton & Hansen, 17 judges statewide | |
| Richard Sanders | $317K | **WQ** | **Tri-City Herald, Yakima Valley Business Times**, Supreme Court Justice Chambers, Johnson, Smith (ret) & Talmadge (ret), AWB, WA Realtors, WA Farm Bureau, U.S. Rep. Paul, AGCWA, BIAW, WRHA, Gun Owners Action League, CAPR, NRA, Human Life PAC, WA GOP and Libertarians, WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP | |
| Superior Ct. (Pos. 42) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Sue Parisien | $8.7K | **VG** | **Q** | **The Stranger**, KC Dems, Women’s Political Caucus, David Ruzumna, John Carlson |
| Chris Washington\* | $45K | **VG** | **WQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, 8 Supreme Court justices, 3 Appeals Court judges, 56 KC judges, 32 other judges statewide, Rep. Kagi, Goodman, Pedersen & Pollet, Sen. Kline, Larry Gossett |

**Ratings**: King County Municipal League (**ML**): Outstanding (**O**), Very Good (**VG**), Good (**G**), Adequate (**A**), Not Qualified (**NQ**) **\***Denotes incumbent  
King County Bar Association (**Bar**): Exceptionally Well Qualified (**EWQ**), Well Qualified (**WQ**), Qualified (**Q**), Not Qualified (**NQ**) Denotes filtered list

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 your local post office or ballot drop box by 6pm on Tuesday, November 6th. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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