

# 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

<b>I-517</b>	Raised	<b>Initiative and Referendum Measures</b>
<b>YES</b>	\$307K	Sen. Roach & Rivers, Bruce Ramsey
<b>NO</b>	\$512K	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, Everett Herald, The Columbian, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Wenatchee World, WA Dems, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, AWB, NW Grocery, WA Retail, WFIA, Safeway, Seattle Seahawks, Seattle Sounders FC, Rob McKenna, Ralph Munro, Sam Reed, Brian Sonntag, Rep. Magendanz</b>
<b>I-522</b>	Raised	<b>Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods</b>
<b>YES</b>	\$7.5M	<b>The Stranger, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Labor Council, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Fuse Washington, WA Labor Council, WA Toxics Coalition, Dow Constantine, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Condotta</b>
<b>NO</b>	\$17.2M	<b>Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald, The Columbian, Yakima Herald, Tri-City Herald, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Wenatchee World, WA GOP, KC GOP, Mainstream Republicans, AWB, WA Farm Bureau, WA Dairy Federation, WA Cattlemen, WA Research Council, NW Grocery, NW Food Processors, WA Restaurants, WA Retail, Rep. Magendanz</b>
<b>AV-3</b>	Raised	<b>Elimination of Leasehold Excise Tax Credit (SB 5444)</b>
<b>MAINTAIN</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne &amp; Magendanz</b>
<b>REPEAL</b>	\$0	
<b>AV-4</b>	Raised	<b>Imposition of Aircraft Excise Tax in lieu of Property Tax (SB 5627)</b>
<b>MAINTAIN</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne &amp; Magendanz</b>
<b>REPEAL</b>	\$0	
<b>AV-5</b>	Raised	<b>Extension of Insurance Premium Tax for Pediatric Oral Services (ESHB 1846)</b>
<b>MAINTAIN</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne &amp; Magendanz</b>
<b>REPEAL</b>	\$0	
<b>AV-6</b>	Raised	<b>Elimination of Retail Sales Tax Exemption for Landline Telephone Services (2ESSHB 1971)</b>
<b>MAINTAIN</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Magendanz</b>
<b>REPEAL</b>	\$0	
<b>AV-7</b>	Raised	<b>Extension of Estate Tax to Include QTIP Marital Trust (EHB 2075)</b>
<b>MAINTAIN</b>	\$0	<b>The Stranger, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Magendanz</b>
<b>REPEAL</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times</b>
<b>KC Amd 1</b>	Raised	<b>Creation of County Department of Public Defense</b>
<b>YES</b>	\$0	<b>The Stranger, KC Dems</b>
<b>NO</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times</b>
<b>KC Prop 1</b>	Raised	<b>Medic One – Emergency Medical Services Levy Renewal</b>
<b>APPROVE</b>	\$0	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, Dow Constantine, KC Council</b>
<b>REJECT</b>	\$0	

## Candidate Endorsements

County Executive	Raised	ML	Endorsements
<b>Dow Constantine*</b>	\$907K	<b>O</b>	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle, KC Labor Council, WEA, AGC, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, Mayor Frisinger &amp; Larson</b>
<b>Alan Lobdell</b>	\$6K	<b>A</b>	<b>KC GOP, CAPR</b>
<b>KC Council (Dist. 9)</b>	Raised	<b>ML</b>	<b>Endorsements</b>
<b>Reagan Dunn*</b>	\$355K	<b>O</b>	<b>Seattle Times, KC GOP, KC Realtors, KC Police Officers, KC Corrections, WA Farm Bureau, IAFF, Rob McKenna, Sheriff Urquhart, Con. Reichert, KC Council (Lambert, Hague, Von Reichbauer), Mayor Alison, MV Council (Jonas, Kelly, Barnes, Gerken, Weaver)</b>
<b>Shari Song</b>	\$243K	<b>G</b>	<b>The Stranger, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters, OneAmerica Votes, Women's Political Caucus, Progressive Majority WA, KC Labor Council, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice</b>
<b>Port of Seattle (Pos. 1)</b>	Raised	<b>ML</b>	<b>Endorsements</b>
<b>Pete Lewis</b>	\$109K	<b>VG</b>	<b>Seattle Times, KC GOP, 5<sup>th</sup> LD GOP, CAPR, Affordable Housing Council, Reagan Dunn, Greg Nickels, Rob McKenna, Mayor Frisinger, Alison, Larson, &amp; Hearing, Deputy Mayor Jonas, Sen. Fain, Rep. Magendanz</b>
<b>John Creighton*</b>	\$141K	<b>G</b>	<b>The Stranger, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle, Sierra Club, KC Labor Council</b>
<b>Port of Seattle (Pos. 2)</b>	Raised	<b>ML</b>	<b>Endorsements</b>
<b>Courtney Gregoire*</b>	\$163K	<b>O</b>	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC Dems, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Women's Political Caucus, KC Labor</b>
<b>John Naubert</b>	<\$5K	<b>?</b>	
<b>Port of Seattle (Pos. 3)</b>	Raised	<b>ML</b>	<b>Endorsements</b>
<b>Stephanie Bowman*</b>	\$55K	<b>G</b>	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters, Cascade Bicycle, Women's Political Caucus, KC Labor Council</b>
<b>Michael Wolfe</b>	\$13K	<b>G</b>	<b>KC Dems</b>
<b>Port of Seattle (Pos. 4)</b>	Raised	<b>ML</b>	<b>Endorsements</b>
<b>Richard Pope</b>	<\$5K	<b>NQ</b>	
<b>Tom Albro*</b>	\$65K	<b>O</b>	<b>Seattle Times, The Stranger, KC GOP, WA Conservation Voters, KC Realtors, Seattle Chamber, MBA, IAFF 27 &amp; 1257, KC Council (Dunn, Von Reichbauer, Lambert, Phillips, Patterson), Mayors Lewis, Law &amp; Lee, Ron Sims, Greg Nickels</b>
<b>Issaquah School Board</b>	Raised	<b>Endorsements</b>	
<b>Lisa Callan</b>	\$13K		<b>Issaquah Press, 5<sup>th</sup> LD Dems, Marcie Maxwell, Connie Fletcher, Jan Woldseth Colbrese</b>
<b>Alison Meryweather*</b>	<\$5K		<b>League of Education Voters, Rep. Hunter, Rodne &amp; Magendanz (Immediate Past President), Sen. Litzow &amp; Hill, Councilmember Marts, Glenn Anderson, Mike Bernard, Leigh Stokes, Janine Kotan, Caroline Brown</b>

**Ratings:** King County Municipal League (ML): 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 your local post office or ballot drop box by 6pm on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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