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-1351 | Raised | Reduce class sizes and increase staffing support for students in all K-12 grades |
| YES | $4.5M | **The Stranger,** WA Dems, WA Labor Council, WEA, NEA, PSE, SEIU, IBEW, IAM, Fuse WA, WA Community Action Network, Bellevue School Board |
| NO | $0 | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman Review, The Columbian, The Olympian, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, Walla-Walla Union-Bulletin, Yakima Herald-Republic, Publicola, Issaquah Press**, WSRP, KCGOP, Mainstream Republicans, League of Education Voters, Stand for Children, Children’s Alliance, WA School Administrators, WA School Principals, Sen. Braun, Pedersen & Kohl-Wells, Rep. Hunter, Carlyle, Magendanz & Rodne |
| I-591 | **Raised** | **Prohibit confiscating firearms or background checks without a uniform national standard** |
| YES | $1.3M | WSRP, KCGOP, WACOPS, WSLEFIA, Gun Owners Action League, WAC, Sen. Roach, Rep. Rodne & Magendanz, Alan Gottlieb, Clint Didier |
| NO | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman Review, Everett Herald**, WA Dems, KC Dems |
| I-594 | **Raised** | **Requires background checks for all firearm sales and transfers** |
| YES | $11.2M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman Review, The Columbian, The Olympian, Everett Herald**, WA Dems, KC Dems, Fuse WA, WA CeaseFire, League of Women Voters, AFT, GSBA, NAMI, NASW, AAAW, WA Family Physicians, Faith Action Network, Poverty Action Network, Dan Satterberg, Michael Bloomberg, Bill Gates, Paul Allen |
| NO | $603K | **Bellingham Herald**, WSRP, KCGOP, NRA, Rep. Rodne & Magendanz |
| AV-8 | **Raised** | **Eliminate agricultural excise tax preferences for various aspects of the marijuana industry (SB 6505)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KCGOP, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne |
| REPEAL | $0 | Rep. Magendanz |
| AV-9 | **Raised** | **Impose leasehold excise tax on certain leasehold interests in tribal property (HB 1287)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KCGOP, Snoqualmie Tribe |
| REPEAL | $0 | Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne & Magendanz |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| US House (CD 8) | Raised | Endorsements |
| Dave Reichert (R)\* | $1.2M | **Seattle Times**, **Tacoma News Tribune**, WSRP, KC GOP, WA Patrol Troopers, KC Police Officers Guild, WACOPS, COMPAS, WA Firefighters, WA Farm Bureau, WA Realtors, NEA, WEA, US Chamber, NFIB, ConservAmerica, Gun Owners Action League |
| Jason Ritchie (D) | $210K | **The Stranger,** WA Labor, AFT, IBEW, IAM, Rep. Smith & Delbene, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Senn & Sullivan |
| US House (CD 1) | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Susan Delbene (D)\* | $2.2M | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger,** **Everett Herald**, WA Dems, KC Dems, WA Labor Council, KC Labor Council, NEA, AFT, IBEW, IAM, WACOPS, WA Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Women’s Political Caucus, NOW, OneAmerica, NARAL Pro-Choice, Planned Parenthood, Gov. Jay Inslee, Sen. Murray & Cantwell, Rep. Heck, Kilmer, Larsen, McDermott & Smith, KCE Constantine, KCC Dembowski, Sheriff Urquahart |
| Pedro Celis (R) | $640K | WRSP, KCGOP, Mainstream Republicans, ERC, CRW, WA Farm Bureau, Rep. Reichert, McMorris-Rodgers & Herrera Beutler, Sen. Hill, Ericksen, Bailey & Pearson, Rep. Kristiansen, Magendanz, Smith, Buys & Scott, KCC Lambert, Hague & Dunn, Kim Wyman, Rob McKenna, Slade Gordon, Dino Rossi |
| State Rep. (Pos. 1) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Jay Rodne (R)\* | $95K | **VG** | **Seattle Times, Issaquah Press**, WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, Stand for Children, AWB, NFIB, WACOPS, WA Patrol Troopers, WFC, NRA, WFIA, WRA, WA Farm Bureau |
| Essie Hicks (D) | $10K | **?** | KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, NARAL Pro-Choice, Planned Parenthood, Women’s Political Caucus, Progressive Majority, WA Conservation Voters, WA Labor, WEA, AFT, UFCW, UAW, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Hunter, Tola Marts, Josh Schaer |
| State Rep. (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Chad Magendanz (R)\* | $97K | **O** | **Seattle Times, Issaquah Press**, Mainstream Republicans, WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, Planned Parenthood, League of Education Voters, Stand for Children, Graduate Washington, WACOPS, WA Fire Chiefs, AWB, NFIB, Seattle/KC Realtors, PSE, WTIA, WA Restaurants, WA Retail, WA Bankers, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR, NRA, WAC, Rob McKenna, Dave Reichert, Sen. Hill, Fain, Litzow, Rossi & Tom, KCC Dunn & Lambert, Mayors Butler, Allison & Berger, Connie Fletcher, John Curley, John Carlson |
| David Spring (D) | $0 | **A** |  |
| Supreme Court (Pos. 4) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Charles Johnson\* | $23K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, The Stranger, Spokesman Review, The Columbian, The Olympian, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, Yakima Herald-Republic** |
| Eddie Yoon | $0 | **?** |  |
| Supreme Court (Pos. 7) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Debra L. Stephens\* | $68K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, The Stranger, Spokesman Review, The Columbian, The Olympian, Everett Herald, Tri-City Herald, Yakima Herald-Republic** |
| John (Zamboni) Scannell | $0 | **NQ** |  |
| District Court (Pos. 1) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Dawn M. Bettinger | $18K | **?** | Citizens for Judicial Excellence, KCGOP, John Curley, Josh Schaer |
| Janet Garrow\* | $49K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, National Women's Political Caucus, KC Dems, KC Police, KC Labor, 8 Supreme Court Justices, 24 Superior Court Judges, 23 District Court Judges, Sheriff Urquhart, Rep. Habib, Goodman, Clibborn & Stanford, KCC Lambert, Hague & McDermott |
| District Court (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Sarah Hayne | $55K | **?** | Citizens for Judicial Excellence, National Women’s Political Caucus, KCGOP, 1st LD Dems, Rep. Rodne, Sen. Keiser |
| Ketu Shah\* | $63K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KC Dems, KC Labor, AFLCIO, Teamsters, KC Police, Sheriff Urquhart, Rep. Senn, Rep. Clibborn, Goodman, Springer, Habib & Hunter, KCC Hague & Lambert, Rob McKenna, All Supreme Court Justices |
| District Court (Pos. 3) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Lisa O’Toole | $35K | **WQ** | **The Stranger**, KC Dems, KC Police, KC Corrections, KC Labor, 2 Supreme Court Justices, 9 KC Superior Court Judges, 4 KC District Court Judges, Dan Satterberg, Sheriff Urquhart, Rep. Clibborn, Goodman, Habib & Hurst, KCC Dunn & Hague |
| Marcus Naylor | $40K | **EWQ** | Citizens for Judicial Excellence, KCGOP, KC Dems, 3 Supreme Court Justices, 16 KC Superior Court Judges, 3 KC District Court Judges, Josh Schaer |

**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**)

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 4th. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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