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-1366 | Raised | Constitutional Amendment Requiring 2/3rds Supermajority to Raise Taxes |
| YES | $1.6M | WA GOP, Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Sen. Baumgartner, Sen. Ericksen |
| NO | $119K | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald, The Columbian, Yakima Herald, Tri-City Herald,** **Spokesman-Review, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Fuse WA, Mainstream Republicans, League of Women Voters, WA PTA, OneAmerica, Children’s Alliance, Planned Parenthood, WA Environmental Council, WA Roundtable, Dan Evans, Sam Reed, Ralph Munro, Dow Constantine |
| I-1401 | **Raised** | **Trafficking of Animal Species Threatened with Extinction** |
| YES | $3.4M | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald, The Columbian, Yakima Herald,** **Tri-City Herald, Spokesman-Review, The Stranger,** Sierra Club, Humane Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Conservation NW, WA Conservation Voters, WA Dems, Mainstream Republicans, Paul Allen |
| NO | $0 |  |
| AV-10 | **Raised** | **Expands oil spill response taxes to transporting crude oil by rail (HB 1449)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne, Rep. Magendanz |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| AV-11 | **Raised** | **Expands marijuana excise tax to medical marijuana sales (SB 5052)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne, Rep. Magendanz |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| AV-12 | **Raised** | **Increase in gas taxes and motor vehicle fees for statewide transportation projects (SB 5987)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet, Rep. Rodne |
| REPEAL | $0 | Rep. Magendanz |
| AV-13 | **Raised** | **Increase Microsoft’s B&O tax to create more revenue for education (SB 6138)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Sen. Mullet |
| REPEAL | $0 | Rep. Rodne, Rep. Magendanz |
| KC Amd 1 | **Raised** | **Civilian Office of Law Enforcement Oversight** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger** |
| NO | $0 |  |
| KC Prop 1 | **Raised** | **Best Starts for Kids** |
| APPROVE | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems |
| REJECT | $0 |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| KC Assessor | Raised | ML | Endorsements |
| Lloyd Hara\* | $77K | **?** | WA Dems, KC Dems, KC Young Dems, 5th LD Dems, Mainstream Republicans, Reagan Dunn, John Urquhart |
| John Wilson | $56K | **?** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, Dan Evans, Rob McKenna |
| KC Director of Elections | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Julie Wise | $13K | **O** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, Women’s Political Caucus, KC Elections Director Sherril Huff\*, SoS Kim Wyman & Sam Reed, Mayor Bill Allison & Ava Frisinger |
| Zack Hudgins | $122K | **G** | WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Gov. Jay Inslee, Sen. Patty Murray, Rep. Adam Smith, AG Bob Ferguson, Speaker Frank Chopp, Lloyd Hara |
| Port of Seattle (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Courtney Gregoire\* | $97K | **O** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, WA Conservation Voters, Equal Rights WA, Women’s Political Caucus |
| Goodspaceguy | $0 | **NQ** |  |
| Port of Seattle (Pos. 5) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Fred Felleman | $87K | **G** | **The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, KC Young Dems, KC Labor Council, WA Conservation Voters |
| Marian Yoshino | $27K | **G** | **Seattle Times**, WA Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Realtors, Women’s Political Caucus |

**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 8pm on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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