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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| AV-16 | Raised | Increases revenue to the state wildlife account by increasing commercial fishing license fees and streamlining wholesale fish dealing, buying, and selling requirements (ESHB 1597) |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, WA FUSE, Mullet (D), Rodne (R), Graves (R) |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| AV-17 | **Raised** | **Eliminates retail sales and use tax exemption for bottled water and narrows exemptions for extracted fuels; Expands tax collection from online retailers and marketplaces like Amazon and eBay (EHB-2163)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, WA FUSE, Mullet (D) |
| REPEAL | $0 | Rodne (R), Graves (R) |
| AV-18 | **Raised** | **Fully funds the state's program of basic education by providing equitable education opportunities through reform of state and local education contributions (EHB-2242)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA FUSE, Mullet (D), Rodne (R), Graves (R) |
| REPEAL | $0 |  |
| KC Prop-1 | **Raised** | **Levy lift for veterans, seniors and vulnerable populations** |
| APPROVE | $395K | **Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, The Stranger,** WA FUSE, KC Labor Council, SEIU |
| REJECT | $0 |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| County Executive | Pri | Raised | ML | Endorsements |
| Dow Constantine\* | 77% | $1.3M | **O** | **Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, The Stranger,** WA FUSE, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, KC Realtors, Seattle Chamber, MBA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, IBEW, IAFF, WA Conservation Voters, NARAL Pro-Choice, Planned Parenthood |
| Bill Hirt | 13% | $0 | **NQ** |  |
| Sheriff | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Mitzi Johanknecht | N/A | $132K | **O** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger**, Equal Rights WA, NARAL Pro-Choice |
| John Urquhart\* | N/A | $325K | **VG** | **Seattle Weekly,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, Teamsters, IAFF, IBEW, SEIU |
| County Council (Dist. 9) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Reagan Dunn\* | N/A | $119K |  | **Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly**, KCGOP, KC Realtors, MBA, IAFF, SEIU |
| Denice Carnahan | N/A | $12K |  | KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WA FUSE |
| Port of Seattle (Pos. 1) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| John Creighton\* | 33% | $157K | **VG** | **Seattle Times**, KC Dems, KC Labor Council, Teamsters, Longshoreman, IAFF, KC Realtors, AGC, WA Conservation Voters |
| Ryan Calkins | 32% | $77K | **VG** | **Seattle Weekly, The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems |
| Port of Seattle (Pos. 3) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Stephanie Bowman\* | 51% | $77K | **VG** | **Seattle Times**, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, KC Realtors, Seattle Chamber, WA Conservation Voters |
| Ahmed Abdi | 33% | $29K | **A** | **Seattle Weekly, The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Teamsters |
| Port of Seattle (Pos. 4) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Preeti Shridhar | 25% | $44K | **VG** | **Seattle Weekly, The Stranger**, 5th LD Dems, WA Conservation Voters |
| Peter Steinbrueck | 24% | $75K | **O** | **Seattle Times**, KC Dems, IAFF, IBEW, Teamsters |
| Court of Appeals (Pos. 2) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Michael S. Spearman\* | N/A | $0 | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Labor Council |
| Nathan W. S. Choi | N/A | $0 | **?** |  |

**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 ballot and drop it at your local post office or ballot drop box by 6pm on Tuesday, November 7th. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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