

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

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

County Executive	Pri	Raised	ML	Endorsements
Dow Constantine*	77%	\$1.3M	O	Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, The Stranger, WA FUSE, KC Dems, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th LD Dems
Port of Seattle (Pos. 3)	Pri	Raised	ML	Endorsements
Stephanie Bowman*	51%	\$77K	VG	Seattle Times, 5 th LD Dems, KC Labor Council, KC Realtors, Seattle Chamber, WA Conservation Voters
Ahmed Abdi	33%	\$29K	A	Seattle Weekly, The Stranger, KC Dems, 5 th LD Dems, Teamsters
Port of Seattle (Pos. 4)	Pri	Raised	ML	Endorsements
Preeti Shridhar	25%	\$44K	VG	Seattle Weekly, The Stranger, 5 th 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, 5 th 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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