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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| Ref 88 | Raised | Affirmative Action (I-1000) |
| APPROVE | $1.6M | **The Seattle Times, The Stranger**, **Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, Everett Herald, Yakima Herald, Spokesman-Review**, House Democrats (56 – 1), Senate Democrats (26 – 2), Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WA Labor Council, WEA, SEIU, UFCW, Teamsters, OneAmerica Votes, League of Women Voters, ACLU |
| REJECT | $1.3M | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (0 – 20), Sen. Mullet, KCGOP, WA Veterans Bar Assoc., American Coalition for Equality |
| I-976 | **Raised** | **$30 Car Tabs** |
| YES | $64K | KCGOP |
| NO | $4.6M | **The Seattle Times, The Stranger**, **Tacoma News Tribune, The Columbian, Everett Herald, Yakima Herald, Spokesman-Review**, Mainstream Republicans, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, Cascade Bicycle Club, Sierra Club, WA Conservation Voters, SEIU, WFSE, WA Labor Council, OneAmerica Votes, League of Women Voters |
| AV-20 | **Raised** | **Payroll Tax for Long-term Care Services (HB 1087)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | House Democrats (55 – 0), Senate Democrats (25 – 3), Rep. Callan, KC Dems**, The Stranger**, Fuse WA |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (1 – 19), Sen. Mullet, KCGOP |
| AV-21 | **Raised** | **Extends B&O Tax Increase on Timber Products (HB 1324)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | House Democrats (56 – 0), House Republicans (38 – 0), Senate Democrats (22 – 7), Senate Republicans (18 – 2), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems**, The Stranger**, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | KCGOP, Fuse WA |
| AV-22 | **Raised** | **Sales Tax on Architectural Paint (HB 1652)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (56 – 0), Senate Democrats (25 – 3), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (6 – 35), Senate Republicans (1 – 19) , KCGOP |
| AV-23 | **Raised** | **Taxes Vapor Products as Tobacco Products (HB 1873)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (53 – 4), Senate Democrats (27 – 2), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (3 – 38), Senate Republicans (8 – 11) , KCGOP |
| AV-24 | **Raised** | **B&O Tax Increase on Computing Businesses for Workforce Education (HB 2158)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (52 – 5), Senate Democrats (25 – 2), Rep. Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (0 – 20), Rep. Ramos, KCGOP |
| AV-25 | **Raised** | **B&O Tax Increase on Financial Institutions (HB 2167)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (53 – 4), Senate Republicans (20 – 0), Sen. Mullet, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 39), Senate Democrats (4 – 24), Reps. Ramos & Callan, KCGOP |
| AV-26 | **Raised** | **Taxation of Out-of-State Sellers and Marketplace Facilitators (SB 5581)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (55 – 0), Senate Democrats (28 – 0), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (3 – 36), Senate Republicans (9 – 11), KCGOP |
| AV-27 | **Raised** | **Tax Increase on Petroleum Products (SB 5993)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (50 – 7), Senate Democrats (27 – 2), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (0 – 20), KCGOP |
| AV-28 | **Raised** | **Sales and Use Tax Increase on Nonresidents (SB 5997)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (55 – 2), Senate Democrats (25 – 4), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (0 – 18), KCGOP |
| AV-29 | **Raised** | **Real Estate Excise Tax Increase (SB 5998)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (56 – 1), Senate Democrats (26 – 3), Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (0 – 19), Sen. Mullet, KCGOP |
| AV-30 | **Raised** | **B&O Tax Increase on Travel Agents and Tour Operators (SB 6004)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (52 – 5), Senate Democrats (26 – 2), Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | House Republicans (0 – 41), Senate Republicans (1 – 19), Sen. Mullet, KCGOP |
| AV-31 | **Raised** | **B&O Tax Increase on International Investment Management Services (SB 6016)** |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (50 – 7), House Republicans (26 – 15), Senate Democrats (26 – 2), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REPEAL | $0 | Senate Republicans (1 – 17), KCGOP |
| SJR-8200 | **Raised** | **Provide Governmental Continuity During Emergency Periods Resulting from a Catastrophic Incident** |
| APPROVE | $0 | **The Seattle Times**, **The Stranger,** **Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman-Review,** House Democrats (56 – 1), House Republicans (34 – 7), Senate Democrats (26 – 2), Senate Republicans (11 – 9), Sen. Mullet, Reps. Ramos & Callan, KCGOP, Fuse WA, League of Women Voters |
| REJECT | $0 |  |
| KC Prop 1 | **Raised** | **Medic One Replacement Levy** |
| YES | $0 | **The Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KCGOP, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| KC Dir of Elections | Pri | Raised | Endorsements |
| Julie Wise\* | N/A | $12K | **The Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KCGOP, Fuse WA, WEA |
| Mark Greene | N/A | $0 |  |
| Port of Seattle, Pos 2 | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Sam Cho | 31% | $127K | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, CAPR (Poor) |
| Grant Degginger | 25% | $132K | **The Seattle Times**, KCGOP |
| Port of Seattle, Pos 5 | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Fred Felleman\* | 72% | $55K | **The Seattle Times, The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, CAPR (Poor) |
| Garth Jacobson | 20% | $1K | KCGOP |
| Issaquah School Board, Pos 3 | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Harlan Gallinger\* | N/A | $0 | KCGOP |
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| Issaquah School Board, Pos 5 | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Suzanne Weaver\* | 64% | $0 | KC Dems, 5th LD Dems |
| Layna Crofts | 20% | $0 | KCGOP |

**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 5th. (Remember, you no longer need a stamp.) If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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