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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| R-90 | Raised | Expands comprehensive sexual health education to all public K-12 students (ESSB 5395) |
| APPROVE | $1.7M | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, The Stranger,** **Spokesman-Review, The Olympian, The Columbian,** House Democrats (56 – 0), Senate Democrats (27 – 1), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV |
| REJECT | $0.5M | KCGOP, House Republicans (0 – 40), Senate Republicans (0 – 20) |
| AV-32 | **Raised** | **Prohibits retailers from providing single-use carryout bags (ESSB 5323)** |
| REPEAL | $0 | KCGOP, House Republicans (14 – 27), Senate Republicans (5 – 14) |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (53 – 2), Senate Democrats (28 – 1), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet, Fuse WA |
| AV-33 | **Raised** | **Imposes new 1.25% tax on heavy equipment rentals (SSB 5628)** |
| REPEAL | $0 | KCGOP House Republicans (2 – 39), Reps. Ramos & Callan |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (51 – 5), Senate Democrats (29 – 0), Senate Republicans (19 – 0), Sen. Mullet, Fuse WA |
| AV-34 | **Raised** | **Increases B&O taxes 16.7% on businesses earning > $1M annually (ESSB 6492)** |
| REPEAL | $0 | KCGOP, House Republicans (0 – 40), Senate Republicans (0 – 20), Rep. Ramos |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (52 – 5), Senate Democrats (28 – 1), Rep. Callan, Sen. Mullet, Fuse WA |
| AV-35 | **Raised** | **Eliminates preferential B&O tax rate for manufacturers of commercial airplanes (ESB 6690)** |
| REPEAL | $0 | KCGOP |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger,** House Democrats (49 – 7), House Republicans (24 – 17), Senate Democrats (27 – 2), Senate Republicans (18 – 2), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet, Fuse WA |
| SJR-8212 | **Raised** | **Allows investment of public money held for long-term care services and supports** |
| APPROVE | $300K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** **Spokesman-Review, The Columbian,** House Democrats (55 – 1), House Republicans (41 – 0), Senate Democrats (28 – 1), Senate Republicans (17 – 2), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REJECT | $0 | KCGOP |
| KC Amd-1 | **Raised** | **Clarifies when mandatory police inquests are required and provides attorney at county expense to aggrieved family** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 | KCGOP |
| KC Amd-2 | **Raised** | **Removes restriction on disposition of real estate at less than fair market value for affordable housing** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 | KCGOP |
| KC Amd-3 | **Raised** | **Replaces references to “citizens” in county charter with “public”, “member of the public” or “resident”** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KCGOP, KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 |  |
| KC Amd-4 | **Raised** | **Grants subpoena authority to Office of Law Enforcement Oversight** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 | KCGOP |
| KC Amd-5 | **Raised** | **Makes the King County Sheriff an appointed position** |
| YES | $7K | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $229K | **Seattle Times,** KCGOP, KCPOG |
| KC Amd-6 | **Raised** | **Gives county executive and council authority to directly manage the Dept. of Public Safety (vs. sheriff)** |
| YES | $7K | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, Fuse WA |
| NO | $229K | **Seattle Times,** KCGOP, KCPOG |
| KC Amd-7 | **Raised** | **Prohibits discrimination on the basis of family caregiver, military or veteran status** |
| YES | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems, SEIU, Fuse WA |
| NO | $0 | KCGOP |
| Prop-1 | **Raised** | **Harborview Medical Center Health & Safety Improvement Bonds** |
| APPROVE | $0 | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KCGOP, KC Dems, Fuse WA, SEIU |
| REJECT | $0 |  |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| President  |  | Raised | Endorsements |
| Joe Biden (D) |  | $952M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** WA Dems, KC Dems, Fuse WA, NEA, SEIU |
| Donald Trump (R)\* |  | $601M | **Spokesman-Review,** WSRP, KCGOP, WA Farm Bureau |
| Jo Jorgensen (L) |  | $1.9M | LPWA |
| Howie Hawkins (G) |  | $0.4M | GPWA |
| US House | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Kim Schrier (D)\* | 43% | $5.1M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** **Tacoma News Tribune,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, Sierra Club, ERW |
| Jesse Jensen (R) | 20% | $0.7M | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, MRW, WA Farm Bureau, AGC, NRA (AQ), CAPR (Good) |
| Governor | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Jay Inslee (D)\* | 50% | $8.1M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, Sierra Club, WCV, ERW |
| Lauren Culp (R) | 17% | $3.1M | WSRP, 5th LD GOP, WA Farm Bureau, NRA (A), CAPR (Good) |
| Lt. Governor | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Denny Heck (D) | 25% | $1.1M | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune,** **Spokesman-Review,** **The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, WEA, WSLC, WFSE, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, AWB, AGC |
| Marco Liias(D) | 19% | $0.3M | **The Stranger,** 5th LD Dems, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, WCV, ERW |
| Josh Freed (R) - WI | N/A | $0.1M | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR (Outstanding) |
| Secretary of State | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Kim Wyman (R)\* | 51% | $1.1M | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman-Review,** **The Olympian, The Columbian,** WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, MRW, AWB, AGC, WA Farm Bureau, NRA (A), CAPR (Fair) |
| Gael Tarleton (D) | 43% | $1.0M | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW |
| State Treasurer | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Mike Pellicciotti (D) | 53% | $411K | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW |
| Duane Davidson (R)\* | 47% | $265K | **Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Spokesman-Review, The Olympian, The Columbian,** WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, MRW, WFSE, AWB, AGC, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR (Good) |
| State Auditor | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Pat McCarthy (D) | 47% | $66K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** **Spokesman-Review, The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE |
| Chris Leyba (R) | 41% | $44K | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR (Good) |
| Attorney General | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Bob Ferguson (D)\* | 56% | $4.2M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** **The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, UFCW, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW |
| Matt Larkin (R) | 24% | $0.6M | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, WA Farm Bureau, NRA (A), CAPR (Good) |
| Comm. of Public Lands | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Hilary Franz (D) | 51% | $1.0M | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** **Spokesman-Review, The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW, AWB |
| Sue Kuehl Pederson (R) | 23% | $79K | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, WA Farm Bureau, CAPR (Good) |
| State Superintendent | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Chris Reykdal | 40% | $352K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** **The Olympian, The Columbian,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW, AWB |
| Maia Espinoza | 25% | $222K | **Spokesman-Review,** WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, MRW, WA Farm Bureau, AGC, CAPR (Good) |
| Insurance Comm. | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Endorsements** |
| Mike Kreidler (D)\* | 59% | $45K | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** **The Olympian,** KC Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, CAPR (Fair) |
| Chirayu Patel (R) | 27% | $0 | WA Farm Bureau |
| State Senate | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Ingrid Anderson | 49% | $206K | **?** | **The Stranger**, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW, Jay Inslee |
| Mark Mullet (D)\* | 48% | $460K | **O** | **Seattle Times,** KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, AWB, AGC, WA Farm Bureau, NRA (D), CAPR (Fair) |
| State Rep. (Pos. 1) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Bill Ramos (D)\* | 59% | $149K | **VG** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW, WA Farm Bureau |
| Ken Moninski (R) | 35% | $18K | **?** | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, AWB, NRA (AQ), CAPR (Good) |
| State Rep. (Pos. 2) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Lisa Callen (D)\* | 59% | $63K | **?** | KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, NRA (F), CAPR (Poor) |
| Corey Bailey (R) – WI | N/A | $11K | **?** | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, CAPR (Good) |
| Supreme Court (Pos. 3) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Dave Larson | N/A | $41K | **Q** | WSRP, KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, MRW, WA Farm Bureau |
| Raquel Montoya-Lewis\* | N/A | $204K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood, WCV |
| Supreme Court (Pos. 6) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Richard Serns | N/A | $3K | **NQ** | WA Farm Bureau |
| G. Helen Whitener\* | N/A | $78K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, MRW, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, Planned Parenthood |
| Superior Ct. (Pos. 13) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Hillary Madsen | N/A | $84K | **Q** | **The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, WEA |
| Andrea Robertson | N/A | $73K | **WQ** | KCGOP, 5th LD GOP, Fuse WA, Teamsters |
| Superior Ct. (Pos. 30) | **Pri** | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Doug North | N/A | $65K | **EWQ** | **The Stranger,** 5th LD Dems, Teamsters |
| Carolyn Ladd | N/A | $147K | **WQ** |  |

**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**) Denotes filtered list
 **WI** = Denotes write-in

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 3rd. (Remember, you no longer need a stamp.) If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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