

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

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

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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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 , 5 th LD Dems, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE, WCV, ERW
Josh Freed (R) - WI	N/A	\$0.1M			WSRP, KCGOP, 5 th 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, 5 th LD GOP, MRW, AWB, AGC, WA Farm Bureau, NRA (A), CAPR (Fair)
Gael Tarleton (D)	43%	\$1.0M			The Stranger , KC Dems, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, WSLC, WFSE
Chris Leyba (R)	41%	\$44K			WSRP, KCGOP, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WEA, SEIU, Teamsters, WSLC, WFSE, NARAL Pro-Choice, WCV, ERW, AWB
Maia Espinoza	25%	\$222K			Spokesman-Review , WSRP, KCGOP, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th LD GOP, AWB, NRA (AQ), CAPR (Good)
State Rep. (Pos. 2)	Pri	Raised	ML		Endorsements
Lisa Callen (D)*	59%	\$63K	?		KC Dems, 5 th 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, 5 th LD GOP, CAPR (Good)
Supreme Court (Pos. 3)	Pri	Raised	Bar		Endorsements
Dave Larson	N/A	\$41K	Q		WSRP, KCGOP, 5 th LD GOP, MRW, WA Farm Bureau
Raquel Montoya-Lewis*	N/A	\$204K	EWQ		Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune , KC Dems, 5 th 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, 5 th 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, 5 th LD Dems, WEA
Andrea Robertson	N/A	\$73K	WQ		KCGOP, 5 th LD GOP, Fuse WA, Teamsters
Superior Ct. (Pos. 30)	Pri	Raised	Bar		Endorsements
Doug North	N/A	\$65K	EWQ		The Stranger , 5 th 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)
King County Bar Association (Bar): Exceptionally Well Qualified (EWQ), Well Qualified (WQ), Qualified (Q), Not Qualified (NQ)

*Denotes incumbent
▼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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