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-39 | Raised | Raise tax on aircraft fuel from 11 cents per gallon to 18 cents (ESSB 5974) |
| REPEAL | $0 | House GOP (0 – 41), Senate GOP (1 – 19) |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger**, Fuse WA,House Dems (54 – 3), Senate Dems (28 – 1), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet |
| AV-40 | **Raised** | **Payroll tax on Uber and Lyft drivers for workers comp and dispute resolution (ESHB 2076)** |
| REPEAL | $0 | House GOP (0 – 41) |
| MAINTAIN | $0 | **The Stranger**, Fuse WA**,** House Dems (56 – 1), Senate Dems (28 – 0), Senate GOP (12 – 8), Reps. Ramos & Callan, Sen. Mullet |
| KC Amd-1 | **Raised** | **Even-Numbered Election Years for Certain County Offices** |
| YES | $8K | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger, The Urbanist**, KC Dems, LWV, Fuse WA, WA Bus, WCV |
| NO | $0 | KC GOP |
| Prop-1 | **Raised** | **Conservation Futures Levy** |
| APPROVE | $362K | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger, The Urbanist**, Fuse WA, WCV |
| REJECT | $0 | KC GOP |

**Candidate Endorsements**

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| US Senate  | Raised |  | Endorsements |
| Parry Murray (D)\* | $18.8M |  | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, The Columbian, Everett Herald, Olympian**, WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, NEA/WEA, WSLC, WFSE, WA Building Trades, WA Firefighters, SEIU, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, Emily’s List, HRC, LCV, OneAmerica, AGR, NWPC, Sierra Club, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| Tiffany Smiley (R) | $16.5M |  | WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, Mainstream Republicans, WA Farm Bureau, WA Veterans, CAPR (**Good**) |
| US House  | **Raised** |  | **Endorsements** |
| Kim Schrier (D)\* | $8.7M |  | **Seattle Times, The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune, Everett Herald,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, IAFF, NEA/WEA, SEIU, WSLC, IAM, IBEW, UAW, WFSE, Teamsters, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, Emily’s List, AGR, NWPC, HRC, LCV, Sierra Club, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| Matt Larkin (R) | $2.3M |  | WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, WACOPS, KC Police Officers Guild, Seattle Police Officers Guild, WA Veterans, NFIB, CAPR (**Good**) |
| Secretary of State  | **Raised** |  | **Endorsements** |
| Steve Hobbs (D) | $786K |  | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger, Tacoma News Tribune**, WA Dems, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WACOPS, WA Patrol Troopers, WEA, PSE, WSLC, IBEW, Ironworkers, LiUNA Laborers, IUOE, UA Plumbers & Pipefitters, WFSE, WSFB, WA Realtors, WA Farm Bureau, AWB, VoteVets, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| Julie Anderson (NP) | $354K |  | **Tacoma News Tribune, Olympian, Tri-City Herald**, IAFF, IBEW, IAM, UFCW, Teamsters, NWPC, AGR, FairVote, Equality WA, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| State Rep (Pos. 1) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Bill Ramos (D)\* | $134K | **VG** | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger**, KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Dems, Fuse WA, WA FOP, Eastside Fire & Rescue, WA Fire Chiefs, IAFF, WSCFF, WEA, AFT, PSE, SEIU, WSLC, Teamsters, IBEW, IAM, IUOE, Ironworkers, NW Carpenters, UA Plumbers & Pipefitters, UFCW, WFSE, WSMA, WSNA, CWA, WCV, WFPA, ATU, SMART, WA Bikes, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, Progreso, AGR, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| Ken Moninski (R) | $15K |  | KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, Log Cabin Republicans, AWB, Family Policy Institute, CAPR (**Good**), NRA (**AQ**) |
| State Rep (Pos. 2) | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Lisa Callan (D)\* | $237K |  | **The Stranger**,KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, KC Dems, Fuse WA, WA FOP, Eastside Fire & Rescue, WA Fire Chiefs, WSCFF, IAFF, WEA, AFT, SEIU, WSLC, Teamsters, WFSE, IAM, NASW, WCV, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, APACE, NWPC, AGR, CAPR (**Poor**) |
| Chad Magendanz (R) | $162K | **O** | **Seattle Times**, WSRP, KC GOP, 5th LD GOP, Mainstream Republicans, Log Cabin Republicans, WACOPS, KC Police Officers Guild, NW Construction Alliance (LiUNA Laborers, NW Carpenters, IUOE, UA Plumbers & Pipefitters), NFIB (**95%**), AWB (**92%**), AGC, ABC, NECA, WFIA, WA Trucking, WA Hospitality, WA Dental, Tahoma Parents, Family Policy Institute, Restore WA, ACU (**68%**), CAPR (**Outstanding**) |
| County Prosecutor | **Raised** | **ML** | **Endorsements** |
| Jim Ferrell | $398K | **O** | **Seattle Times**, KC Dems, WACOPS, KC Police Officers Guild, Seattle Police Officers Guild, Bellevue Police Officers Guild, KC Corrections Guild, PS Police Managers, WA FOP, IAFF, IBEW, LiUNA Laborers, UA Plumbers & Pipefitters, Plasterers & Cement Masons, Ironworkers, KC Realtors, MBA |
| Leesa Manion | $377K |  | **The Stranger, The Urbanist**, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, WA Bus, WA CAN, WEA, WSLC, SEIU, IAM, ATU, SMQ, UAW, UFCW, Teamsters, NW Carpenters, Planned Parenthood, Stand for Children, Real Justice WA, WA Equity, WA API, APACE, NWPC, AGR |
| NE District Judge (Pos. 6) | **Raised** | **Bar** | **Endorsements** |
| Joshua Schaer | $2.6K | **WQ** | 5th LD GOP |
| Michael Finkle | $29K | **EWQ** | **Seattle Times**, **The Stranger,** KC Dems, 5th LD Dems, Fuse WA, IAM, WFSE, ATU, Teamsters |

**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 8th. (Remember, you no longer need a stamp.) If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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