



## Joe McDermott

**Occupation:** King County Councilmember

**Education:** M.P.A., University of Washington; B.A., Gonzaga University; Executive Education Program, Kennedy School, Harvard University

**Statement:** "King County faces challenges that require seasoned, effective leadership. On the County Council, the Sound Transit Board and in my years in the legislature, I've rolled up my sleeves and worked to get

results on issues that matter: transit and transportation priorities; land and water protection; human services and public safety. I look forward to continued service for our diverse and unique region. "

### Re-Elect Joe McDermott: Proven, Effective Leadership

A lifelong area resident, Joe McDermott is working hard to get King County back on track—bringing compassion and innovation to a difficult budget process and safeguarding critical services.

**REFORM:** Together with the Executive, Joe has worked to implement an ambitious reform agenda that is saving millions by enlisting the good ideas of employees and efficiency experts alike—preserving services and respecting employees.

**TRANSIT and TRANSPORTATION:** Joe supports needed investments in the South Park Bridge, preserving Metro Transit, and working to assure light rail construction in a difficult economy.

**SMALL BUSINESS and JOBS:** Joe supports continued assistance for workers, and help for small and emerging businesses that spur economic growth.

**HUMAN SERVICES:** Joe is an outspoken advocate for safeguarding services for the vulnerable, including crime victims and their families.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:** Joe sponsored the legislation to preserve Maury Island and continues to lead on Duwamish cleanup and other priorities.

Joe is proudly endorsed by the 34th Legislative District and King County Democrats; Executive Dow Constantine; Senator Sharon Nelson; Representatives Joe Fitzgibbon, Eileen Cody and Sharon Tomiko Santos; King County Labor Council; Seattle Fire Fighters Union, Local 27; NARAL Pro-Choice Washington and hundreds of our neighbors!

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## Goodspaceguy

**Occupation:** Goodspaceguy42: Amateur astronomer, economist, handyman, accountant: a Spaceship Earth owner.

**Education:** University educated in America, Germany, and Sweden, Goodspaceguy earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees (including economics.)

**Statement:** The COMPETITIVE, free market economy produces the highest living standard for the people. Profit and wealth produce jobs.

Profit and wealth are incentives that produce jobs. When people speak against profits and wealth, they decrease jobs. Let's make King County into a JOBS, PROFIT, AND WEALTH COUNTY.

Unfortunately, year after year, our economy is continually sabotaged. Jobs and businesses disappear and decrease the goods and services produced. Our living standard becomes less than it could be. When average wages become too high in relation to average prices, profits decrease and produce the job loss called RECESSION. The job losses continue until the average wages come down in relation to prices. Then increasing profits bring back jobs.

Let's stop the sabotage. For example, the minimum wage has destroyed troubled businesses, has destroyed the jobs of many low-income workers, some of whom are now homeless or living with families or friends or are on welfare, a heavy, heavy burden for the workers to carry. The minimum wage does not create jobs. The minimum wage makes businesses and jobs go away. Wages for different types of labor should be set by the supply and the demand for each type of labor. Please help unsabotage our economy by demanding that the minimum wage be abolished, and by requesting that wages be set by supply and demand. Remember: Prices need to cover wages. The higher the wages, the higher the prices. The lower the wages, the lower the prices.

Often voters elect big spending flimflammers who don't understand economics: causing misery. The elected big-spenders continue to build big, big government, a heavy burden for workers to carry. ... sometimes in the form of unemployment. Elect small spending Goodspaceguy42@yahoo.com to grow jobs. Let's defend the profit prosperity that produces jobs.

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Council District No. 8



Diana Toledo

**Occupation:** King County Enforcement Coordinator, Animal Cruelty Investigator, and Licensing Supervisor.

**Education:** University of Washington Bachelors of Arts Degree; Business Administration - Finance Concentration.

**Statement:** Last year voters in King County stood against Councilmember Joe McDermott's platform issues; voting down each of his supported initiatives and

reversing harmful legislation that he had previously passed. Voters wisely recognized that although his platform issues may have been created with good intentions, the legislation was poorly written with no safeguards protecting our elderly, lower and middle class, and minority communities.

I am not afraid to stand against bad legislation and have the track record in King County to prove it. I've earned grass roots support from concerned citizens and a diverse list of community advocates including youth and senior services, animal rescue organizations and immigrant communities.

**Restoring** Critical Programs; **Eliminating** Ineffective Departments.

With this budget crisis, King County has decimated its safety net by cutting all social services, yet we have millions of dollars to spend on ineffective and elitist programs. I am willing to go against the establishment and eliminate waste; redirecting funds to critical programs that impact our youth, seniors and disadvantaged citizens.

**Funding for our kids, not cultural elites.** We spend millions funding an elite few adult "artists" while eliminating Arts programs in schools. Dissolve 4Culture; instead fund Public School Arts.

**The KC Ombudsman's Office has no teeth.** It must live up to its mandates or be defunded. I'm demanding true whistle-blower protection and a safe working environment for all employees.

**KC Communication staff reduction.** With a Communication liaison assigned to nearly every department spinning and sterilizing all information before it reaches the public; reductions would save millions and allow for better public transparency.

I have 15 years of regulatory experience specific to King County, bringing a new "internal" perspective to the Council. I will use my front-line principles, insight and County expertise to make sure out-of-touch lawmakers hear YOUR voice.

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## Judge Position No. 2



## Michael Spearman

**Legal/Judicial Experience:**

Appellate Court Judge (2010 - present); Mediator/Arbitrator (2007-2010); Superior Court Judge (1993-2007); Attorney in Private Practice (1986-88); Defender (1983-86; 1989-93)

**Other Professional Experience:**

Machinist & Union Steward, member of IAM (1974-78); Board member: King County Bar Association (2008-10); The Defender Association (2008-09); Washington

Foundation for the Courts (2008-10)

**Education:**

B.A. Brown University (1974); J.D. New York University (1981)

**Community Service:**

Board member: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children; Seadrunar (residential drug treatment program)

**Statement:**

Judge Spearman currently serves on the Court of Appeals, where he sits on three judge panels that review proceedings from the lower courts to make sure trials are conducted fairly and according to law. He began his judicial career in 1993 as a trial judge on the King County Superior Court bench, where he earned high marks for his calm demeanor, intelligence, and impartiality. Judge Spearman retired from the court in 2007 and worked as a private mediator helping people resolve their disputes outside of the courtroom. In March 2010, Governor Gregoire appointed Judge Spearman to the Court of Appeals.

Judge Spearman would like to thank the citizens of King County for allowing him to serve on the Washington State Court of Appeals for the next six years. He considers it an honor and a privilege to serve as an appellate court judge.

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## Regarding write-ins

A write-in line is provided on your ballot for each race regardless of the number of candidates. You have the option to write in the name of a candidate. Frivolous write-ins, such as Mickey Mouse or Bigfoot, result in additional work and expenses to process.

You do not need to make a selection in every race for your votes to count, and write-in votes are not tallied by name unless the total number of write-in votes could make a difference in the result of the race.



# City of Seattle

Seattle is a Charter City that has a Mayor/Council form of government. The Mayor, the City Attorney, and City Councilmembers are full-time, nonpartisan, elected officials, who are elected to four-year terms. Together the Mayor and Council are responsible for the conduct of City government. Elections for these positions are held in odd-numbered years. In 2011, five City Council positions will be on the general election ballot, and two of those positions – positions 1 and 9 – are on the primary ballot. The next election for mayor, city attorney and the remaining four City Council positions will be held in 2013.

## **Seattle City Council**

The Seattle City Council is the City's elected legislature. The nine members determine City policy through enactment of ordinances and the adoption of resolutions. The Council authorizes public improvements and expenditures, provides for public safety and health, adopts regulations, levies taxes, controls the finances and property of the City and performs many related legislative tasks. All ordinances enacted by the City Council are subject to Mayoral veto, which may be overridden by a vote of six councilmembers.

The Seattle City Charter provides that councilmembers are elected at-large to four-year terms through City-wide, non-partisan elections, held in odd-numbered years. The City Charter provides that candidates for City Council must be United States citizens and registered to vote in the City of Seattle.

## **Working for a candidate or ballot issue**

If you are interested in working on a City candidate or ballot issue campaign, please call the SEEC at 684-8500, or visit our web site at [www.seattle.gov/elections](http://www.seattle.gov/elections) for campaign contact information.

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- Individuals who contribute more than \$100 to a committee are required to disclose their occupation, the name of their employer, and the city and state where they are employed.
- Committees may not accept cash contributions of more than \$60. Contributions of more than \$60 in the aggregate must be made by check, money order, or credit card.

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## Michael Taylor-Judd

**I am the only candidate in the Primary opposed to the fiscally irresponsible Deep Bore Tunnel proposal.** Data from the State, County and City Departments of Transportation tell us the tunnel will be a certain failure without \$190 million in increased transit funding and a workable tolling mechanism. This project must be fixed or stopped.

I am running for City Council because **I am frustrated** with political leaders who support our shared values in private, but fail to stand up for us when in office. I'm frustrated with leaders who refuse to make tough decisions and deal honestly with Seattle citizens. And I'm frustrated with politicians who retreat in the face of big money and insider deals. I will fight hard for our shared values.

**Short-sighted decision making has costs.** No one can say who will pay for the necessary street improvements to handle the 45,000-plus vehicles that will flood Downtown streets as a result of the Deep Bore Tunnel. Our elected officials don't care that regular citizens cannot afford \$4 tolls each way. How much more will they cut funding for our remaining community centers, libraries, parks and **dwindling social services?**

As your Councilmember, I will advocate for an **efficient and equitable transportation system** that serves the needs of all users. I will fight for **affordable housing and thriving urban neighborhoods**. And I will promote neighborhood safety through a more **effective relationship with Seattle Police**.

I will work for quality K-12 education and equal access to tools and resources for all students and families. I strongly support the renewal of our **Families and Education Levy**.

**My background** as the manager of a non-profit healthcare foundation, and my 10-plus years of political involvement and volunteer work in Seattle have prepared me to be your Councilmember. I've walked door-to-door for health care reform, served as a PCO and local Democratic leader, campaigned successfully for LGBT rights, and won increased transit for Seattle neighborhoods.

**My campaign is about you.** I believe everyday voters are just as important as well-connected donors. I believe all citizens have the right to access their elected leaders to share ideas and concerns. **Every citizen deserves a response.** As your Councilmember, I promise you this basic respect.

To see a list of the wide range of community organizations and individuals supporting my campaign, please visit my website at [www.ElectMichaelTaylor.com](http://www.ElectMichaelTaylor.com).

I respectfully ask for your vote.

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## Maurice Classen

**Maurice Classen: New Leadership; Shared Values**

I am a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, small business owner, and teacher at the University of Washington School of Law. I'm running for City Council because I believe that to reach our potential as a city we need new leaders, new vision, and new ideas rooted in our shared Seattle values.

We are a forward-thinking, innovative community – on the forefront of technology, aerospace, clean energy and home to world-class research and higher education. We value our diversity, small businesses, distinctive neighborhoods, and natural environment. I'm proud to call Seattle home.

### A Personal Commitment to Victims and Families

As a prosecutor on domestic violence and sex assault cases, I have earned the respect and support of victim advocates and families. I oppose the Mayor's efforts to cut advocates for these crimes, and will work to ensure funding for these vital services.

For me, protecting crime victims—especially women and children—is personal as well as professional. I lost my mother to an act of domestic violence, and have dedicated my career—a commitment to protecting the vulnerable—to her memory.

### New Energy and a Positive Vision

On the Council, I will champion realistic solutions that set us on a path to sustainability, prosperity, and equality without slashing funding to meet budgets.

- **Jobs and Economic Development**— I will create greater incentives for emerging clean energy technologies and will coordinate zoning with neighborhood businesses. As a part owner of a small business, I know what it takes to protect jobs and build for our future.
- **Common Sense Criminal Justice**—I have offered detailed police accountability and marijuana reform measures. I'm also dedicated to restoring our neighborhood police patrols back to their proper levels.
- **Transit and Transportation Solutions**— I promise to continue our plans to expand light rail and protect Metro service, fill potholes, and move forward with regional infrastructure investments.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Government**—During my time on the Council I'll also focus on technology and innovation within our city government, streamlining our systems to make our city work better for its citizens.

### Maurice Classen: Leadership We Need Now!

I have a passion for keeping Seattle a place for families—a safe, affordable city with great schools, transit-friendly business districts, and strong neighborhoods.

I'm proudly endorsed by the King County Democrats, 43rd District Democrats, 36th District Democrats, Judy Maleng and hundreds more!

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## Council Position No. 1



## Jean Godden

You've known me as a longtime journalist, your City Councilmember for the past seven years, and more recently as the Budget Chair empowered to balance our city's budget. Through the toughest recession in recent history, we managed to prioritize public safety – and restore other services you value most like domestic violence prevention, community health clinics, and libraries. Unlike other communities, Seattle's budget was handled fairly and respectfully.

One accomplishment of which I am very proud is bringing jobs to Seattle. I personally negotiated with Frank Russell Company to close the deal on their move to Seattle, delivering hundreds of jobs that would have gone to Chicago if I had not been involved. **Endorsed by Martin Luther King County Labor Council and Seattle Firefighters.**

I'm an unapologetic, driven environmentalist who chaired the council committee when Seattle City Light became the first carbon neutral utility in the country. **Endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters.**

I expanded public access to city information – especially the budget – and brought our budget hearings into neighborhoods all over town. **Endorsed by King County Democrats.**

As one of only three women on the Seattle City Council, I have continually worked for women's equality by making sure homeless women and children are protected, domestic violence programs are funded, and trafficking of women is aggressively addressed. **Endorsed by Washington State Women's Political Caucus.**

I am for the deep bore tunnel and want to move on from this 10-year-old debate and fix the Viaduct. I am a friend of local business and our Chamber, but disagree with them when necessary to ensure fair taxation and fees. **Endorsed by King County Realtors.**

My commitment to you is to tell you the truth about our budget, proposed cuts, and revenue forecasts, even if they hurt. We are slowly making our way through this debilitating recession, and I will work hard not to take any more money out of your pockets unless it affects our immediate public health and safety, transportation, or the environment.

Though the recession lingers on, we need to be striving towards being a better, more inclusive city. I love this city, and as a reporter and now your City Councilmember, I work seven days a week, visiting our neighborhoods and listening to people about how we can be a better Seattle.

I'm Jean Godden ... still reporting to you.

I humbly ask for your vote.

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## Bobby Forch

I'm running for Seattle City Council because our city government needs to do a better job getting results.

I started out twenty years ago as a laborer putting in parking meters and painting crosswalks. I worked my way up to become the city's public works contracting manager administering over \$100 million in public works projects. Throughout my career, I've worked to ensure equity and fairness in the city's contracting process to create more

opportunities for small and local businesses. I'm ready to bring those same values to the City Council.

My priorities have been shaped by my unique background as a small business owner and advocate, and experience working within government.

I am the only candidate who has worked within city government to create real, family wage jobs. We need to fight to ensure Seattle is always the economic engine of the northwest by working with our business leaders to ensure this is the best place in the northwest to own a business. We need to not only work with companies like Boeing and Microsoft but we need to work with our innovative smaller companies and individual small businesses too.

While some on the City Council have waffled on council oversight of our police, I've worked on a detailed plan to renew trust between our neighborhoods and our police officers. My plan includes better communication training, setting up an anonymous complaint hotline, and putting a civilian on the Firearms Review Board. You can read the full plan at [www.bobbyforch.com/police-plan](http://www.bobbyforch.com/police-plan).

I am also the only candidate with real experience working on transportation projects and will prioritize fixing potholes quickly, synchronizing streetlights and providing more transportation choices.

I've helped our small businesses. I've made city government work smarter. I've championed our city's kids. I believe I have the experience and proven record of results to hit the ground running as your next Seattle City Councilmember.

I've lived in Seattle's Central District for over twenty years with my wife and son. I've been a board member for Northwest Children's Fund and am a current member of the 37th District Democrats. I'm endorsed by King County Democrats, the 34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, 36<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, 37<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, 46th District Democrats, Laborers Local 440, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Port Commissioner Rob Holland, Rep. Eric Pettigrew and Rep. Zack Hudgins. I am committed to ensuring Seattle continues to be a world-class city.

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## Fathi Karshie

Fathi Karshie born in Ethiopia came to the US as a refugee. For most of his life he has lived in Seattle. He opted out of school at an early age in order to work and help sponsor his family left back in Africa. Though for the most part he worked as a janitor, Karshie's first job was in a factory assembling auto parts. Karshie has also owned and operated small start-up companies. Currently he owns and operates a small paralegal business. In addition to being active with various

communities, Karshie is also the Director of Global Aid Against Poverty an organization with international reach.

In the past Karshie has volunteered for various non-profit organizations in Seattle as well as in other parts of the world. Karshie sees volunteer moments as learning moments. And as a volunteer he enjoys working in the background. However, he states that Occasions do call on those in the background to take charge of leadership roles. Seattle for him is in that moment.

Karshie has traveled to and even studied in other parts of the world and believes Seattle to be uniquely situated as cultural bridge to the rest of the world. His interests in civic and political issues extend to Culture and Language. Karshie speaks six African languages.

Karshie Strongly believes that he is well placed to contribute to Seattle's vibrant and diverse cultural make up. Karshie is running for Seattle City Council to inject an independent outsider voice and to advance sustainable thriving economy, to make Seattle a better dwelling place for us all.

Karshie's holds an BA in Political Science from university and a Law degree from university of Warwick.

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## Sally J. Clark

### Re-Elect Sally Clark: A Positive Vision

It is an honor to work for you on behalf of the city we love. Seattle has weathered the past few years better than many American cities. However, we have too many people out of work, too many vacant storefronts, and too many people in need of a meal and shelter. My priorities for the next four years will be **job creation**, building a **mobility-focused transportation system** with healthy transit, bike and pedestrian options, and

keeping **Seattle neighborhoods** not just safe, but sought after for great small businesses, parks and housing for all.

I'll work to position our city and our neighborhoods for a successful rebound by stretching tax dollars further and reprioritizing spending. I'd appreciate your vote!

### Re-Elect Sally Clark: Serving Our Neighborhoods

Seattle's acknowledged leader in serving our diverse, dynamic neighborhoods, Sally brings a commitment to listening and a focus on pragmatic solutions to the tough issues we face:

**Smart Development:** Sally strengthened the rules to curb mega-houses that dwarf neighbors in single-family areas; made it easier to remove derelict homes; improved energy efficiency in new construction.

**Stronger Neighborhood Planning:** Sally believes in community-driven neighborhood planning. The result: revitalization and investment in keeping with the character of our neighborhoods.

**Protecting what we value:** Sally believes we don't have to trade character for economic growth. She works for historic preservation and revitalization in all neighborhoods, especially Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market.

### Re-Elect Sally Clark: Protecting Businesses, Creating Jobs

Sally is committed to job creation and retention:

**Vibrant Business Districts:** Promoting development along light rail and bus routes, facilitating arts jobs, and fighting for effective transit, Sally is helping local business thrive.

**Expanding Clean Jobs:** Sally supports expansion of biotechnology and research jobs, worked to keep Children's Hospital in Seattle, and advocates for middle class jobs at our Port.

### Re-Elect Sally Clark: Protecting People

Sally has used innovation to expand and protect programs that serve the poor, our homeless neighbors and crime victims:

**Protection from Predatory Lenders:** To protect low-income people from high fees and interest rates, Sally launched a bank program that serves more than 40,000 people.

**Preserving Human Services:** Facing unprecedented cuts, Sally protected services for victims of domestic violence. Sally opened City Hall to serve as a winter homeless shelter and is the leading voice for affordable housing so families of all income levels can make a home in Seattle.

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## Council Position No. 9



## Dian Ferguson

### Education

- Masters of Public Administration, University of Washington
- Bachelor of Arts, History, Asian Studies, University of Puget Sound
- Leadership Tomorrow Class of 1995

### “DIAN FERGUSON: PROVEN LEADERSHIP”

Dian Ferguson is a leader who gets things done, and a former executive director of several nonprofits including SCAN-TV, the public access television station. Dian is a small business owner; the proud mom of Elliott, a recent college graduate, and worked as a senior advisor to Mayor Paul Schell. Dian served on the founding board of Town Hall, was a PTA President and is a past chair of NARAL Pro Choice Washington.

### ARE YOU TIRED OF ENDLESS PROCESS?

Are you impatient with a city government that devotes endless meetings to “listening,” and then ignores public sentiment anyway? Ten years ago, Barack Obama was an Illinois state senator, while in Seattle, we had the Nisqually Earthquake. Today, Obama is President and we’re still arguing about what to do about the Viaduct. It is incredible that it has taken *ten years* to decide how to replace a viaduct.

Are you tired of process that wastes time and costs money at the expense of efficiencies and basic needs being met? Dian will listen...to *all* Seattleites...and then she will act in a timely manner not bogged down by process.

### A FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS

Job creation...public safety *and* real police accountability...affordable housing for those making under \$50,000, not favors for developers cashing in on tax breaks under the guise of affordable housing...maintaining a safety net in social services...better use of city education dollars...a business climate where small businesses can thrive...transportation solutions based on moving people and goods...Dian Ferguson will provide a desperately needed voice on city council for Seattleites who can barely afford to live in Seattle, whose kids are not achieving academic success and for those who continue to remain unemployed. In the middle of the worst recession of our lives, the Seattle City Council should have a committee focused on bringing jobs here! Seattle continues to miss opportunities and is failing to reach our potential as a great city.

### TIME FOR A NEW VOICE!

Endorsed by King County Council Chair Larry Gossett, Seattle School Board member Betty Patu, former City Council members Judy Nicastro and David Della, former state legislator Dawn Mason, Tsuguo “Ike” Ikeda, Lembhard Howell, Jeanne Legault, and thousands of citizens wanting to be heard.

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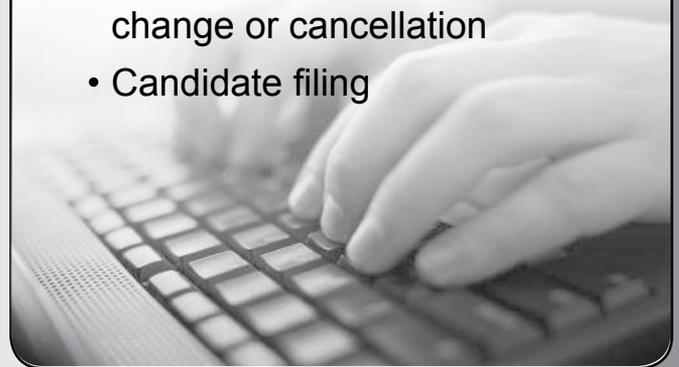
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# Clarification on Seattle School District No. 1 races

In the primary, the director positions are voted on by registered voters living in the director district. In the General Election, these positions are voted at large by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.

## Director District No. 1



### John Cummings

**Occupation:** Educational Consultant

**Education:** Master's Degree Special Education

**Statement:** My name is John Cummings and I am a Candidate for School Board.

The last few years have been tough on our children with a corrupt, toxic, culture that was fostered by our former superintendent and allowed by a School Board that failed to provide the vision and leadership for which

they were elected. The Superintendent is gone, and now it's time for the Board to go as well, so that we can make a fresh start and get this District rolling in the right direction again.

We need to hire a new superintendent and I believe we don't have to look much farther than the District Administrative staff to find a current Seattle community member to fill the post. How refreshing it will be to have someone from this District leading this District. It makes sense for us and our children.

We also need to change this obsession we have developed for testing our kids so much. The MAP is expensive, and completely unnecessary. I will move to have it eliminated, thereby freeing up time, space and sorely needed money.

Finally, let's start treating our teachers with the respect that they deserve. As a former teacher I know that the job has become increasingly unmanageable. The criticism has become ridiculous and needs to stop. Remember, when someone is bad mouthing our teachers, they are disrespecting our neighbors and friends.

It's time to move past the issues that held us down and once again reach for the stars.

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## Director District No. 1



## Peter Maier

**Occupation:** Consumer rights attorney; small business owner

**Education:** Attended Seattle Public Schools. Graduated from Nathan Hale High School. Oberlin College. Harvard Law School

**Statement: Responsible leadership.** It has been an honor representing District One's families and children on the School Board for the last four years. These are challenging times for all of us who care deeply about public

education. It requires **calm, responsible leadership** to manage the budget cuts from Olympia, the changes in our District's leadership, and to keep the focus on helping every student achieve her or his potential.

**Making tough decisions.** I took swift, decisive action on replacing our Superintendent. We installed new accountability systems, and negotiated innovative teacher and principal contracts. These were tough but necessary decisions.

**Fighting for our local schools.** I take my responsibility to District One schools very seriously, visiting each regularly. I have guest taught middle school math and high school social studies and have visited schools District-wide. I lobbied Legislators for full funding and led three successful levy campaigns. I have been twice awarded the PTSA 'Golden Acorn' for service to our schools.

**Achieving successes.** District enrollment has increased to levels not seen since the 1990's. Advanced learning enrollment has grown, as have language immersion programs; a new high school science and technology program has been launched; our teachers are dedicated and hard working; and we have strengthened our principal corps.

**The challenges.** Much remains to be done. We must continue to strengthen schools and achieve better outcomes for children across the city. Over the next five years, 6,000 new students will enroll, and we must provide quality building spaces for them and all our students.

**Endorsements.** 46th District Democrats. King County Young Democrats. 7 City Council members. 10 PTSA Presidents. 4 State Legislators. 6 former School Board members. Many community members.

Answers are not easy! With your vote I will continue to work hard for all our children. Thank you.

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## Sharon Peaslee

**Occupation:** Writer/producer/director

**Education:** MA English Education New York University credentialed to teach English and Speech/Drama

**Statement:** If elected I will help transform our district's top-down culture into one that works in genuine partnership with school communities. A recent state audit found the school district to be fiscally irresponsible with "a culture of intimidation." We must end the corruption

and cronyism that has lost the district millions of dollars. I will be sure our resources are spent exclusively to help students, not hidden agendas. I will work openly and collaboratively with school communities in making decisions that impact their schools and children.

I will address these issues head on:

Stop blaming teachers for the ACHIEVEMENT GAP. We must replace programs that don't work and provide teachers with the best materials. I will push for clear and explicit texts that help all students, including those who have failed in the past.

We need highly effective REMEDIATION and equally effective ACCELERATION to be sure that the learning needs of all students are met.

We must replace one-size-fits-all with SUCCESS-FOR-ALL, offering many pathways to success so that students can pursue their own chosen goals.

We must THINK BEYOND TEST SCORES and support the full development of our schools and students. We must encourage innovative teaching and learning, drawing from resources in our communities.

I'm a credentialed teacher and have pursued my passion for education as a parent and activist. I worked with parents and legislators to improve WA math standards, adopted in 2008. In Lake Washington and Bellevue School Districts I organized the community push for better math, and we won. I also worked to bring greater flexibility to home schooling policies in Bellevue. I co-founded Fast Track Math, a non-profit after school program, and continue to be a Director. I've been a member of PTSA and have two children in Seattle School District.

Endorsements: Cliff Mass, Where's the Math?

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## Director District No. 2



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## Jack Whelan

**Occupation:** Lecturer, Core Coordinator, Business Communications, UW Foster School of Business

**Education:** Boston College, BA; Yale University, MA

**Statement:** The group running the Seattle School District is out of touch with reality. It's time for the reality-based community to assert control over our kids' education.

My name is Jack Whelan. I am running for School Board Position 2, held now by Sherry Carr. Since 1986, I have been on the faculty of the Foster School at the University of Washington. My wife has taught for SPS mostly as a special education teacher since 1992. My son graduated from Green Lake Elementary and Ingraham High School.

Current district leaders have proved that they're out of touch with financial reality. They allowed millions of dollars to disappear in Pottergate and the Martin Luther King sale to the lowest bidder. They blew millions on faddish, ineffective math curricula. They allowed an inexperienced district Director to blindside an effective, straight-shooting educator like Martin Floe at Ingraham. Shall I go on?

Sherry Carr has supported establishment policies that have led to the reality-challenged scandals listed above. We need to replace her with someone who has common-sense ideas about how to deliver a quality education to all our kids.

Here's my platform:

- I will push for curricula and classroom practices that promote competency, confidence, and the ability to learn how to learn. •I will push back against tail-wagging-the-dog, high-stakes testing. •I will push for scarce resources to be allocated to classrooms rather than to consultants and administrative pet projects. •I will push back against top-down, centralized, agenda-driven micromanaging. •I will push back against the corporate-driven, privatizing, anti-union, education reform agenda.

We must insure that our students gain the knowledge and adaptive skills they need to understand the world we live in. We must insure they are prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship in a complex society.

Endorsed by Cliff Mass and 'Where's the Math'.

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## Terrence J. Menage

**Occupation:** Education advocate, researcher/ writer

**Education:** BA; MIT; Ed.S; Ed.D.

**Statement:** I have served as a classroom teacher, assistant administrator and Head Teacher of a district wide program in the Seattle Schools; during my career I have also served as a senior faculty member for a master's in teaching program, assistant principal and principal as well as a consultant to a wide

range of schools and programs and a presenter at various educational conferences. I humbly submit my candidacy for the Seattle Public Schools Board of Directors position 2; I am ready, willing and able to serve the families and students in the city of Seattle.

The Board of Directors for the Seattle Public Schools must serve as the policymaking board that supervises the superintendent, providing the appropriate stewardship of the largest public school district in our state. Recent history has clearly demonstrated that members of the board have not appropriately set policy for the district, they defer to the principals and teachers to set policy; it has also been clear that the board has not adequately supervised the superintendent as evidenced by financial scandals and poor decision-making, and this failure in what is their paramount duty to the district is resulting in harm to the students.

We must bring new members to the board that are determined to end business as usual in headquarters; millions of dollars in taxpayer money and resources are at stake, in addition to the futures of thousands of children.

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## Director District No. 2



## Mark T. Weber

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Education:** B.A. - The Evergreen State College, MAEd - University of Phoenix

**Statement:** Our school district is at a crossroads. It is no exaggeration to say our nation's future depends on the decisions made within our public school systems in the next few years. In 1995, John Stanford came to town and started the process of turning the Seattle School District around. Through

his leadership our school district started on a path toward being a world leader in education by bringing a "business leadership approach to solving educational problems." He did not come from an educational management background. He was a retired Army General and he knew that to lead, you must set high standards, expect the best from your people and students, and hold those who did not meet expectations accountable. Unfortunately, John Stanford's life and work was cut short by cancer in 1998. However, John Stanford left behind a legacy of excellence and high expectations of our school system and our students. Today, the Seattle School District ranks 131st out of the top 258 school districts in the United States. How is it that in just 13 short years the Seattle School District has slid back into a top-heavy bureaucracy where accountability is missing and mediocrity is the expected norm? Instead of touting our nonsensical achievements, we should be hanging our heads in shame. Some of our school leaders have let down our children, the taxpayers, and our future. I do not claim to have all the answers, but what I do know is this; Education is a Team Sport and we need to get all the players on the field. I can ask the hard questions, not accept mediocrity, and never settle for the easy way out.

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## Sherry Carr

**Occupation:** Senior Manager, The Boeing Company; past citywide PTSA President

**Education:** MBA, Seattle University; BA, Business Administration, UW

**Statement:** "Four years ago, I ran for School Board energized by the belief that putting kids first in all we do is the surest path to quality schools – schools that give every child the best possible chance at success in life. That belief has driven my decision making on behalf of our

city's 47,000 students and given me courage during challenging times and tough decisions."

**Sherry Carr: A Record of Accountability and Performance**

A parent of two Seattle Schools students, Sherry was an active PTSA leader and school levy campaign co-chair before her election to School Board. Her experience as a Boeing senior finance leader brings critical financial and managerial expertise to the Board. She has led the development of a new and **stronger oversight and governance structure** for our schools.

Sherry and her Board colleagues instituted a **neighborhood-based student assignment** plan that cuts costs and promotes **student achievement**; negotiated **landmark agreements with teachers and principals** regarding performance evaluation; developed **school and district "report cards"** to improve **accountability**; instituted curriculum changes to ensure **more equitable access to high quality education**; provided new **advanced learning opportunities**; and **prioritized classrooms and reduced central administration** through four years of budget shortfalls. These accomplishments benefit *all* students.

**Let's Keep Sherry Carr Working for Kids!**

*"Despite deep statewide education cuts and local challenges that have tested us as a community, I am immensely proud of the steady and substantial progress we've made. We are well on the road toward schools where excellence is expected and all students achieve at high levels. I appreciate your vote."*

Endorsements include: Women's Political Caucus, King County Young Democrats, education advocates Lisa Macfarlane and George Scarola, state legislators Scott White and David Frockt, City Councilmembers Burgess, Clark, Conlin, Godden and Harrell, PTSA leaders and parents throughout Seattle.

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## Director District No. 2



## Kate Martin

**Occupation:** consulting services related to planning, design & construction

**Education:** 1979, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, NY

**Statement:** Fixing Seattle Public Schools (SPS) is essential to the future of our city. Whether or not you have children, I'm sure we agree that integrity, solid academics and financial responsibility must become the words

we use to describe SPS.

I'm a concerned parent, a professional planner and a seasoned problem solver with a long history working to make Seattle a better place for people, especially children.

Researching education policy at theseattlejournal.com and navigating my two sons through SPS tell me that we need to start doing what works, not what special outside interests dictate.

These are my priorities:

**Do more with less.** I will channel the resources we have into classrooms, not the super-sized ineffective central bureaucracy.

**Put the public back in public schools.** I will welcome the voice of families which has been silenced by special outside interests.

**Challenge every single student.** I will replace the one-size-fits-all approach with one that fully serves top achievers, kids in the middle and at-risk kids so that every student can achieve their personal best.

**Use proven strategies.** I will ensure that every educational move is a winning one. I'll rely on facts and research-based information for guidance, not the business-as-usual politics that brought us expensive failures.

**Eliminate rubberstamping.** I will keep a good eye on SPS so we don't sell our buildings for pennies on the dollar, adopt unsound textbooks, reward poor performance, put temps without credentials in classrooms or mismanage bond and levy money.

**Offer multiple pathways for students.** I'll introduce options so that every student has a fair chance at success in school and in life.

I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

Recommended by the endorsement committee of King County Democrats Personal Endorsement, Justin Simmons, Chair, Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle

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## Director District No. 3



## John Dunn

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Education:** BA Gonzaga University, 1963; MEd University of Washington 1971, and 1983

**Statement:** My name is John Dunn. I have taught in the Seattle Public Schools for 45 years. I have a broad range of experience at different levels of education from kindergarten to twelfth grade. I have taught regular education and special education. I have

been inspired by the literally thousands of children who have been in my classrooms.

This experience has taught me to understand that each child is profoundly different. It has taught me that a great teacher understands the uniqueness of each of his students. The challenge for a humane system of public education is to meet each child where she is and to bring her along to her maximum potential. This is what will bring down the dropout rate and close the achievement gap.

The work of education has to be supported by reasonable class sizes and wrap-around services for the child that the teacher cannot provide by himself. The current board has paid lip service to "educational excellence" while enormous amounts of time are dedicated just to testing and while the curriculum has been narrowed to focus on what is tested.

I believe that I can make changes that will ensure that the School Board will hold the Superintendent accountable for the expenditure of funds so that students come first. I propose an on-going board policy requiring an external audit of District finances and administrative practices.

The board must also require that the District administration will communicate and engage parents, educators, staff and community on issues that affect them.

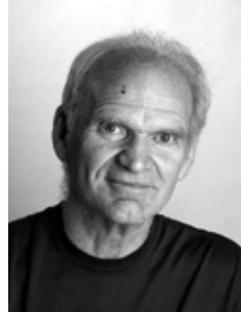
The education of children is our paramount responsibility; all else is secondary. I will work tirelessly to see that this is realized. John Dunn - The Change We Need; The Voice We Deserve.

Endorsed by: MLK County Labor Council; Operating Engineers Local 609; Seattle Education Association.

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## David Blomstrom

**Occupation:** No information submitted

**Education:** BS in ecology

**Statement:** An economic train wreck, endless war, our latest fascist pResident, environmental ruin - from the Gulf Coast oil spill to Japan's ongoing nuclear meltdown to the genetically modified food Bill Gates so adores...where will it all end? Can we fight back?

**Hell yes!**

You roll up your sleeves and start fighting in your backyard. It's called grassroots reform or, if you're really serious, *revolution*.

Children need to be protected from the Gates Foundation, First AME Church, King County Demopublicans, military recruiters seeking unemployed idiots to help rape, torture and murder Muslims and steal their natural resources, and an army of other corporate scum. And even if you don't care about children, do you want the Seattle School District to continue embezzling and wasting millions of dollars? Do you care about your property taxes?

Freedom fighters in Iraqistan have committed suicide in protecting their children from the trailer park trash and sex predators who find a safe haven in the U.S. military. So why can't Seattleites take a stand against the corporate predators that run Seattle and its increasingly privatized public schools?

I worked for the Seattle School District for sixteen years and have been a political activist since 1995. I've run for public office before; I'm the only candidate who snubs endorsement interviews with the corporate media, which include the *Seattle Weekly* and *The Stranger*.

Politics may be sleazy, but it can also be intriguing, even entertaining. If you like whodunits, detective stories and conspiracy theory - or if you're just looking for simple facts about Seattle Schools, Inc. - check out my campaign at [www.seattle-mafia.org](http://www.seattle-mafia.org). Remember: **Knowledge is power.**

In solidarity with the left-wing visionaries who are transforming Latin America, Greek protesters, and the freedom fighters sticking it to Team USA in Iraqistan and Libya, **viva la revolucion!**

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## Director District No. 3



## Harium Martin-Morris

**Occupation:** Software Development Manager - The Boeing Company

**Education:** BS in Education - Cortland State, MBA - Babson College

**Statement:** Harium Martin-Morris is the only former K-12 classroom teacher currently serving on the Seattle School Board. A national education consultant, former Nathan Hale PTSA President, MBA graduate and current Boeing software development manager, Harium

brings a combination of classroom and professional experience, parent advocacy, and business leadership to the school board.

### Independence and accountability

Harium Martin-Morris voted **NO** on the school closure plan, and was right – the district now is reopening schools. Harium **opposed** the sale of MLK Elementary School to a local church – and was right. Now the state auditor is investigating the sale. Harium insisted on accountability and produced report cards for both the district and individual schools.

### Tough decisions in tough times

After financial problems were found, Harium **demand**ed the immediate dismissal of the superintendent. He's working with the state auditor to ensure that tighter financial controls are put in place so that misappropriation of funds cannot happen again.

### Does his homework

Over the last four years, Harium worked to make a predictable student assignment plan, giving parents and students the stability that they need. Harium personally reviewed every school district policy, and reduced the number of redundant and outdated policies. He's accessible, hosting a monthly town hall in his district since 2008.

Endorsements include: Seattle City Councilmembers Tim Burgess, Sally Clark, Jean Godden, and Bruce Harrell; Lauren McGuire, President Seattle Council PTSA, Sharon Rodgers, Past President, Seattle Council PTSA; Lisa Macfarlane, co-founder, League of Education Voters.

Harium lives in the Wedgwood-Ravenna area with his wife, who teaches biology at UW. He has two children, a son who graduated from Nathan Hale High School and a daughter who is graduating from Roosevelt High School.

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## Michelle Buetow

**Occupation:** Communications/Marketing Professional

**Education:** BSJ, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University

**Statement:** Michelle Buetow is a respected community advocate and engaged school volunteer who is a member of two Seattle Public Schools standing committees. The mother of two young SPS students, Michelle led a multi-year effort to unite the Eastlake

neighborhood and the TOPS K-8 school community behind the innovative GeoZone admissions policy recently adopted by the Seattle School Board.

### New energy for the School Board

Michelle is an advocate of higher District standards. She opposed the "D average to graduate" SPS staff-recommended proposal. She wants to ensure that students read at grade level by Grade 3, to prioritize intervention programs to help struggling students, and to grow alternative education programs including arts, language immersion and STEM. She will work to establish a collaborative Board relationship with teachers and paraprofessionals.

### An independent voice

Michelle will be a strong board member who will insist on administration accountability to parents and communities. Michelle will work to eliminate what The Seattle Times has described as the District's "grim reputation for sloppy stewardship of tax dollars," including longstanding fiscal and operational problems identified through highly critical state audits.

### Every school a quality school

Michelle will work to provide excellent programs throughout Seattle. She will ensure more partnerships with non-profits to address the Opportunity Gap through academic and human service support. By respecting parents as core stakeholders in governance decisions, and through Board-driven community relations programs, she will involve more Seattleites in improving our schools. She will partner with government and neighborhoods to resolve school capacity challenges.

### A broad base of support

Michelle is endorsed by the King County Democrats, 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats, King County Young Democrats, plus parents, educators and community leaders from across Seattle. See [BuetowforSchoolBoard.com](http://BuetowforSchoolBoard.com) for a complete list.

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## Director District No. 6



## Nick Esparza

**Occupation:** Self Employed

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**Statement:** I have chosen to run for school board because it is my belief that every student deserves a quality education. One such way in which we can provide better education is through looking at how the board uses its money to fund programs. We need to use

funds for hiring teachers and staff members that can provide consistency in the schools. Use these funds to hire within the schools instead of outside consultants.

I am also against school closures. Closing schools has an adverse effect on staff, students and parents. Relocation is time consuming and costly. Closing schools has shown to be ineffective and costly. Many of the recent schools that were closed have been reopened and cost us more time and money.

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## Marty McLaren

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**Education:** BA, History, UW; Teaching Credential, Pacific Oaks College; endorsements in Math, Science, History, ECE

**Statement:** I'm Martha McLaren. My three children attended Seattle Public Schools, as does my grandson. I became a teacher in 1987 and taught in SPS from 1999-2009.

Nationwide, public education has been squeezed into a narrow definition of what education ought to provide: competence in basic skills. We Seattleites and our children have a much broader vision of what school should be. A school must engage and teach the whole child.

My teaching experience gives me insights that are currently missing on the school board. Since 1999 I've engaged with hundreds of students and families. I've talked in depth with teachers at every level, with administrators, and support staff.

I get results: I helped bring forward the vastly improved 2008 math standards and raised awareness of SPS's inadequate curriculum and texts.

On a personal level, I will work from clear priorities:

- Push for broad communication and collaboration among parents, students, teachers, community, and district staff
- Develop a free and early flow of information from the district to all interested community members
- Foster reconciliation that dispels the current culture of intimidation
- Build consensus for a humane vision of whole-child public education

On a policy level I will:

- Provide rigorous oversight of district finances to prevent further scandals and unsatisfactory audits
- Take a realistic look at programs and structures in SPS to eliminate what doesn't work
- Acknowledge successes within individual schools that can serve as incubators for other schools
- Give guidance to the superintendent about the values that Seattle's citizens want to cultivate in our schools

Together, we can bring the wisdom and guidance of the community back into the Seattle Public Schools. **Vote for Martha McLaren to reclaim our schools!**

**Endorsements: Seattle Education Association; MLKing County Labor Council; 34th District Democrats**

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## Director District No. 6



## Steve Sundquist

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**Statement: Putting Students First**

My youngest daughter just graduated from Chief Sealth International H.S. and my wife Liann and I couldn't be more proud. I'm

inspired by the dedicated teachers and education my daughters received, and I want *all* Seattle children to have the same opportunities. I'm a 21-year resident of West Seattle, life-long Democrat, school and community volunteer, retired finance manager, and Fauntleroy Church leader where I helped build consensus for a co-location agreement with the YMCA to serve our community's youth. I am honored to serve as the current School Board President. My leadership and decision-making is guided by a simple, straight-forward question: What's in the best interest of the students?

**Increased Access, Accountability, and Academic Rigor**

We are making systemic changes to increase access, accountability, and academic rigor, and to foster greater family involvement - all in pursuit of significant gains in student achievement. We reformed the Student-School Assignment Plan so it is neighborhood-based and more equitably delivers education closer to home. We implemented a district-wide School Improvement Framework with plans for every school, including annual on-line scorecards that track progress and increase accountability and transparency. We achieved ground-breaking new contracts with teachers and principals that incorporate student results in the evaluation systems. Despite the severe recession, we balanced the budget through tough decisions that keep resources focused on the classroom where they make the biggest difference.

**All of us working together**

I take the public's trust and confidence very seriously and believe it's fundamental to delivering a quality education for every student in Seattle. Our work is far from finished. It takes all of us working together. It has been a great honor to represent you on the School Board and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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## Joy Anderson

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**Education:** HS Diploma Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, B/A English Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, SCCC Seattle

**Statement:** These are troubling times for Seattle Public Schools. Under the incumbent, schools were pitted against each other, reference areas gerrymandered, siblings split to different schools, and neighborhoods were

NOT equally represented. All this at the expense of our children: not only in terms of money, but also in irreplaceable time in our children's lives. Four years were squandered on a privately funded agenda gone awry.

The incumbent engineered the closure of Cooper Elementary, a debacle which not only harmed children academically, according to the District's own numbers, but also severely overcrowded elementary schools in West Seattle. I know this firsthand, as my daughter attended Cooper. School closures and the "new" student assignment plan shifted burdens onto families and produced awkward schedules, painfully crammed schools, nonsensical boundary lines, and fewer program choices.

In already bleak financial times for the District, this recent newspaper headline appeared under the incumbent's watch: "Financial scandal hits Seattle Public Schools." And, he gave the superintendent a performance raise, then fired her.

I will advocate for all neighborhoods, all schools, all parents, and all children EQUALLY. Current math programs are causing mutinies in households all over the city, further damaging many of our fragile learners. All of the children in this culturally rich city deserve the BEST that public education can offer.

I believe in public schools. I received a good education in public schools, which prepared me to earn a Bachelor's degree at Dartmouth College. I had an on-air radio career in Milan, Italy, as well as in television. For a decade I served as a counselor for at risk children in the Seattle area. My husband is from England and is an aerospace engineer. My daughter is enrolled in Seattle Public Schools.

Please vote for Joy Anderson for School Board Position Number 6.

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### Proposition No. 1 Veterans and Human Services Levy

The King County council has passed Ordinance No. 17072 concerning funding for regional veterans, health, and human services. This proposition would replace an expiring levy and fund capital facilities and services that reduce medical costs, homelessness, and criminal justice system involvement with half of proceeds supporting veterans and their families. It would authorize King County to levy an additional property tax of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and authorize annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

- APPROVED  
 REJECTED

#### Statement in favor

##### RENEW THE KING COUNTY VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

The Veterans and Human Services Levy, approved overwhelmingly by voters in 2005, has improved the lives of over 82,000 veterans, their families, and others across King County.

This is a RENEWAL of an existing levy, not a new tax or increase. Despite tremendous needs of veterans returning from service, the non-partisan citizen oversight boards recommended providing services efficiently and with accountability, holding the line on taxes. The average homeowner would invest only \$17 annually.

Voting YES to renew the Veterans and Human Services Levy supports these essential services:

- Employment training
- Veterans treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Housing with support services
- Behavioral health services
- Services for new mothers and infants

The levy is supported by all nine members of the non-partisan King County Council, Executive Constantine, veterans, human service providers, housing and public health advocates, and leaders throughout King County.

Vote YES to RENEW the Veterans and Human Services Levy—a small investment, with a huge impact for our veterans, our neighbors, and our communities.

Supported by: YWCA, Plymouth Housing, HealthPoint Senior Services, Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation, Catholic Community Services, Hopelink, Kent Youth and Family Services

**Statement submitted by:** Bob Ferguson, Doug Hoople and Sue Sherbrooke  
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#### Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax at the rate of five cents (\$0.05) or less per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County to fund regional health and human services for veterans and military personnel, their families, and other needy residents. The levy would be authorized for a six-year period with collection beginning in 2012 and would replace a levy expiring this year that voters approved in 2005. In years two through six of the levy, annual increases would be authorized up to the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, up to a maximum of 3%.

Services specific to the needs of veterans and military personnel and their families funded by the levy would include treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder, specialized employment assistance, and services that increase self-sufficiency. Services that would also be available to other residents in need would include mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance, housing assistance, homelessness prevention, and services that reduce involvement in the criminal justice system and reduce emergency medical costs. Levy proceeds would also be used to fund capital facilities for these services. Half of the levy proceeds would fund services for veterans and military personnel and their families. The other half would fund services for a wide range of citizens in need.

If Proposition 1 passes, a citizen oversight board created in 2005 would continue to review the expenditure of levy proceeds and make policy recommendations to the King County executive and the King County council on levy expenditures.

*The complete text of this measure begins on page 61.*

#### Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.



## Referendum 1

The Seattle City Council passed Ordinance Number 123542 entering into agreements related to the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement. Section 6 of that ordinance has been referred to the voters for approval or rejection.

Section 6, if approved, would authorize the City Council to give notice to proceed, beyond preliminary design work, with three agreements concerning the State's proposal to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with a deep-bore tunnel. Section 6 states:

"The City Council is authorized to decide whether to issue the notice referenced in Section 2.3 of each Agreement. That decision shall be made at an open public meeting held after issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement."

Should this ordinance section be:

- APPROVED  
 REJECTED

## Explanatory statement

### Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement agreements referendum measure (Ord. 123542, Section 6)

#### 1. Ordinance Number 123542, Section 6, and the referendum process

This ballot measure will neither approve nor reject the deep-bore tunnel as an alternative to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Rather, as explained below, your vote will affect how the City Council will decide whether to proceed with current agreements on the deep-bore tunnel beyond preliminary design work, after environmental review is completed.

The Seattle City Council enacted Ordinance 123542 (the Ordinance) on February 28, 2011, accepting three agreements between the City of Seattle and the Washington State Department of Transportation (the State). The agreements relate to the City's and the State's preferred alternative to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct along Seattle's central waterfront with a deep-bore tunnel. The three agreements address utility design, utility relocation, property issues, environmental remediation, design review, permitting, and construction coordination. Construction of the proposed deep-bore tunnel is the subject of a separate contract between the State and a contractor. The City is not a party to that construction contract.

A sufficient number of Seattle voters signed referendum petitions to refer the Ordinance to a public vote. The King County Superior Court, however, determined that Section 6 of the Ordinance is subject to a public vote. The rest of the Ordinance, now in effect, accepts the agreements (Sections 1 and 2); authorizes the Clerk to sign the agreements (Section 3); directs the Mayor to see that the agreements are faithfully kept and performed (Section 4); provides that the agreements may only be amended as authorized by ordinance (Section 5); ratifies and confirms prior consistent acts (Section 7); and

provides for an effective date (Section 8).

Section 6 of the Ordinance references an identical Section 2.3 in each of the three agreements currently in effect. Under Section 2.3 only preliminary design work is permitted before issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the federal Record of Decision (ROD). An FEIS provides an analysis of the environmental impact of a proposed action and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. In its ROD, the Federal Highway Administration will select an alternative from the FEIS for purposes of federal funding. Section 2.3 specifies that the City Council will decide whether to issue the notices to proceed with work under the agreements beyond preliminary design work if the deep-bore tunnel alternative is selected. If the deep-bore tunnel alternative is not selected, the agreements terminate.

Section 6 authorizes the City Council to decide whether to issue the notice to proceed with work under the agreements at an open public meeting after issuance of the FEIS and ROD without passing another ordinance.

#### 2. The law as it presently exists

The Ordinance accepted the three agreements regarding replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Section 6 of the Ordinance is suspended pending the results of this referendum. These agreements between the City of Seattle and the State are currently in effect as they relate to preliminary design work on the proposed deep-bore tunnel. The three agreements are available on the City's website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/leg/clerk/tunnelagreements.pdf>

In order for the agreements to be effective beyond the preliminary design phase of the project, the following must occur: (i) the Federal Highway Administration must issue a ROD selecting the deep-bore tunnel; (ii) the State must issue a notice of its decision to proceed; and (iii) the City Council must issue a notice of its decision to proceed. After issuance of the federal ROD, the City Council may decide whether to proceed with these agreements. Under present law, the City Council has the authority to make this decision only by enacting another ordinance. An ordinance is subject to potential veto and potential referendum.

#### 3. The effect of Ordinance 123542, Section 6, if approved by the voters

Section 6 would authorize the City Council to issue the notice to proceed with the agreements beyond the initial design phase without requiring an ordinance. A decision by the City Council to issue the notice must still be made at an open public meeting after issuance of the FEIS and the federal ROD.

#### 4. The effect of this referendum vote

If a majority of voters casting ballots in this referendum vote to **approve** Section 6 of the Ordinance, it will become law, and the City Council would have the authority to decide to proceed with the agreements beyond the preliminary design phase of the project without enacting another ordinance.

If a majority of voters casting ballots in this referendum vote to **reject** Section 6 of the Ordinance, then it will not become law, the law will remain as it is now, and the City Council would have the authority to proceed with the agreements beyond preliminary design phase of the project only by enacting another ordinance, which would be subject to a potential veto and potential referendum.

## Statement in favor

### It's Time to Move Forward: APPROVE Referendum 1

Enough is enough. We all know the Alaskan Way Viaduct is dangerous and needs to be replaced.

For ten years, we've studied every conceivable option. As representatives of Pike Place Market, neighborhood businesses, and working families, we participated in many of these discussions, and we were happy to reach consensus with transportation engineers, citizen advisory panels, the Seattle City Council, King County Executive and Governor to move people and freight with a tunnel. Construction contracts have been awarded and work has begun—ahead of schedule and under budget. Why are we second-guessing this now?

The tunnel is the only option with funding from the state and the only option that keeps the Viaduct open during construction.

### APPROVE Ref 1: We Cannot Afford More Delay, Broken Promises

We've talked about replacing the Viaduct longer than it took to fight WW II. Mayor Mike McGinn and other Ref 1 opponents use delay and obstruction to push their own agenda, which is to replace the Viaduct with nothing and force 110,000 cars on city streets and I-5, with no state money for transit or road improvements. What does this "surface option" mean for you? More traffic, more delay, busses and freight caught in gridlock.

### APPROVE Ref 1: To Hold Politicians Accountable

During his campaign, Mayor McGinn promised to NOT stand in the way of the tunnel but quickly broke his promise: creating legal and political paralysis. Mayor McGinn, with Tim Eyman's support, worked to get Ref 1 on the ballot. Tell them to stop by approving Ref. 1.

### APPROVE Ref 1: For Environmental Improvements on our Waterfront

The tunnel package includes bike and pedestrian investments, parks and open space, salmon habitat and storm water improvements that will protect the Sound.

### APPROVE Ref 1: Progress over Endless Process

The text of Ref. 1 is confusing and voters have a right to be angry and impatient. Legal experts and reporters acknowledge it's not an up-or-down vote on the tunnel. But we are at a crossroads: Either we reaffirm the progress we've made, or waste time and taxpayer money with more litigation. We urge you to APPROVE Ref. 1, and let's move forward.

## Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The opponents of Ref. 1 say things that simply aren't true. Here are the facts:

- Despite opponent's legal challenge, the City Ethics and Elections Commission said this vote only determines whether we move forward or get more process.
- We have had ten years of process, with hundreds of meetings and comments. A community stakeholder group—including environmental, bicycle, and transit advocates—recommended the deep-bore tunnel.
- The Viaduct replacement package includes \$32 million for Metro Transit. King County is committed to an additional \$190 million in transit investments.
- The tunnel is fully funded by the state, with \$100's of millions in reserves.
- Opponents don't have a real solution—their "surface option" places the full cost on Seattle taxpayers. It is irresponsible for Mayor McGinn and other opponents to risk \$2.4 billion of state money with no realistic alternative—only delay and obstruction.

Let's move forward: Approve Ref. 1

**Statement submitted by:** Carol M. Binder, former Executive Director, Pike Place Market • David Freiboth, Executive Secretary, M.L King County Labor Council • Patricia Mullen, President, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce [www.letsmoveforward.org](http://www.letsmoveforward.org)

## Statement in opposition

Referendum 1 is your opportunity to tell the politicians to **reject a tolled deep-bore tunnel** replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

In Seattle, we consistently vote to spend our limited public dollars on things that align with our priorities and will create a better future for our city – things like parks, libraries, community centers, transit, families and education, housing, Pike Place Market, and fixing our streets – things we all use and value.

In the past, when politicians have tried to push through projects that don't fit our priorities, like razing Pike Place Market or building an expressway through the Arboretum, we've come together as a city, rejected their plan and told them we deserve better.

In 2009, politicians cut a risky and expensive backroom deal to pursue a tolled tunnel under Seattle. In an economic downturn, they chose a Viaduct replacement option with **no exits downtown**, and a price tag **one billion dollars more than other solutions**. Since that day, they have refused to have a transparent conversation about the project or explain how they will address the project's practical and financial failures.

The facts about the tolled tunnel are clear – it will:

- Result in significant **tax increases** to cover the \$700 million project funding deficit;
- Stick Seattle taxpayers with the bill for **cost overruns**, thanks to a state law enacted by the governor and the legislature;
- Increase congestion with **\$7-9 roundtrip tolls** forcing tens of thousands of cars onto city streets; and
- **Make transit service worse**, since it includes NO money for improved transit service and the proposed mega-interchange in Pioneer Square will cause impenetrable congestion for West Seattle buses.

The tolled tunnel is a terrible idea that does not align with our priorities. We can't afford it, and it puts the future of our city at risk. That's why the politicians fought so hard to prevent a vote on it – because they know that if the public knew the facts about the tolled tunnel, then we would once again come together as a city and **demand a better solution**.

Seattle deserves a solution for replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct that we can afford, makes it easier to get around, improves transit service, and does not threaten our other, more important priorities. The most important step to a better solution is this vote, when we stand up to the politicians and **reject Referendum 1**.

## Rebuttal of statement in favor

The tunnel is not a done deal. It's a bad plan, and we can stop it.

Imagine it was up to you to approve a \$4.2 billion replacement of the Viaduct with the world's largest tunnel, but the design included **no downtown exits**, cost hundreds of millions more than your budget, and stuck **Seattle taxpayers with cost overruns**.

You'd say, "There must be a better way."

There is, and other options that have been largely ignored cost at least \$1 billion less than this luxury project.

Seattle's healthy future depends on a practical solution that **saves money** for other priorities.

Instead of arguing the tolled tunnel's merits, or addressing the project's many serious problems, tunnel backers simply say we're too far down the road to reconsider. They make this about personalities as opposed to facts, and say the vote doesn't matter. **Seattle, we are smarter than that.**

### REJECT Referendum 1.

**Statement submitted by:** Cary Moon, People's Waterfront Coalition • Tim Harris, Real Change News • Kevin Fullerton, Sierra Club [www.protectseattlenow.org](http://www.protectseattlenow.org) • 206-913-3725

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Veterans and Human Services Levy**

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 16, 2011, of a proposition to provide regional health and human services to residents of King County by renewing and replacing authorization of the veterans and human services property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive six-year period at a first year rate of not more than \$0.05 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, with subsequent maximum levy collections being increased by the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as long as that amount does not exceed 3%, for the purpose of providing funding to enable the provision of health and human services such as affordable and supportive housing, mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance and other essential regional health and human services for residents of King County and establishing county citizen oversight boards to review and report on expenditures of levy proceeds, contingent on voter approval of the levy.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

**SECTION 1. Findings:**

A. To enhance the available funding for veterans and other human services in King County, the metropolitan King County council approved Ordinance 15279, placing a six-year veterans and human services levy on the ballot. In November 2005, the veterans and human services levy passed with nearly fifty-eight percent approval, generating much needed funding to help veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county through a variety of regional health and human services.

B. The veterans and human services levy generates an average of \$14.6 million per year. One-half of these revenues are dedicated exclusively for veterans and their families and the remaining one-half is dedicated to other King County residents in need of human services. This levy remains in effect until December 31, 2011.

C. All activities supported by the levy advance one or more of three overarching policy goals:

1. Reducing homelessness;
2. Reducing emergency medical and criminal justice involvement;

or

3. Increasing self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need.

D. Since 2006, the veterans and human services levy has met these policy goals by:

1. Enrolling over one thousand seven hundred chronically homeless individuals in outreach services as a first milestone in ending homelessness. Of those helped, approximately eighteen percent are veterans and at least one hundred had been involved in the criminal justice system due to mental illness or co-occurring disorders;

2. Providing over four hundred homeless veterans with twenty-four thousand bed-nights of emergency shelter and transitional housing, coupled with case management and advocacy;

3. Expanding King County's existing veterans programs and adding one new program to serve over nine thousand military personnel, veterans and their families. These programs include: financial aid and emergency assistance for rent, food, utilities, medical needs and burial; employment services such as job placement, career counseling and job training; transportation; mental health counseling, including crisis and posttraumatic stress disorder counseling and intervention services; case management services for those needing housing, treatment or other assistance; long-term and short-term housing; treatment for trauma; homeless prevention; veterans' incarcerated prevention; and other programs;

4. Serving three hundred eighty veterans experiencing posttraumatic stress disorder with five thousand nine hundred thirty hours of levy-funded counseling in 2009 alone, with a demonstrated success rate of ninety-five percent of clients reducing posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms;

5. Assessing over ten thousand four hundred low-income persons for behavioral health issues. Of these persons, more than three thousand were indicated to have depression or anxiety symptoms and entered treatment by the end of 2009;

6. Treating one thousand primary care clients, including an estimated one hundred fifty veterans or their family members, successfully reducing their depression or anxiety symptoms and improving their long-term health prospects; and

7. Screening over seven thousand one hundred mothers for maternal depression. Of these, six hundred eighty-five received behavioral health treatment services, contributing to the healthy development of their children. Of those measured, sixty-eight percent have reduced depression or anxiety, or both, thereby improving the likelihood of their successful parenting and improved self sufficiency;

E. Although the veterans and human services levy is set to expire at the end of 2011, the need for veterans and human services remains high. Approximately one hundred thirty-nine thousand veterans live in King County representing over twenty percent of the state's veterans. The population of veterans in the state is growing and Washington ranks eighth nationwide for the total number of veterans in the state.

F. King County has a growing homeless population, estimated to be as many as eight thousand five hundred on any given night. Among these, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are as many as two thousand five hundred homeless veterans in the Puget Sound region.

G. The current recession continues to challenge individuals and families throughout the region, as high unemployment and foreclosure rates increase the need for housing and supportive health and human services.

H. King County's current expense fund faces continuing challenges in future years, including anticipated shortfalls in 2012 and 2013 in excess of twenty million dollars each year. As a discretionary service under state law, human service funding has been almost entirely eliminated and faces complete elimination in future years. At the state level, cuts to human services funding are anticipated to have devastating impacts on King County families in need.

I. Given the positive outcomes of the veterans and human services levy on the lives of veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need, and the projected need for sustained veterans and human services funding in future, it is appropriate to ask the voters to renew and replace the veterans and human services levy.

J. The current economic crisis has eroded property values causing jurisdictions to reach the limits of the authorized property tax rate under state law. As a result, any future increase in the veterans and human services levy rate would negatively affect the ability of other jurisdictions in King County to collect needed revenues for flood prevention, hospital maintenance and fire district operations. As such, it is appropriate to maintain the current rate of \$0.05 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year of the levy.

K. Under state law, a levy lid lift is limited to a maximum term of six years if the levy provides for a specified index to be used to determine the limit factor.

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Family" means a veteran's or military personnel's spouse, domestic partner or child or the child of the spouse or domestic partner or

other dependent relatives if living in the household of a veteran or military personnel.

B. "Human services for veterans" means services and projects of the King County veterans' program specifically developed to meet the needs of veterans, military personnel and their families in King County.

C. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purpose and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

D. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of funds raised by the levy and any interest earnings on the funds.

E. "Limit factor" means the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as long as that amount does not exceed 3%. The consumer price index is defined as the ratio of the most recent June Consumer Price Index to the immediately previous June Consumer Price Index (final published CPI-W Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor) expressed as a multiple of one hundred percent to achieve the result of one hundred percent plus inflation.

F. "Military personnel" means those persons currently serving in a branch of the military, including the National Guard and reservists for any branch of the military.

G. "Regional health and human services" means a range of services and related capital facilities, including housing, that meet basic human needs and promote safe and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

1. Prevention and early intervention services that reduce or prevent adverse human behaviors and social conditions that lead to crises, serious dysfunction or disability;
2. Criminal justice linked services that assist individuals and their families in avoiding or mitigating their involvement with the criminal justice system;
3. Crisis intervention services that address life threatening situations and other crises;
4. Rehabilitation and support services that provide treatment for individual and family problems or provide support to maintain or enhance their present level of independence.

H. "Veterans" mean those persons who have served in any branch of the military, including the National Guard and reservists for any branch of the military.

**SECTION 3. Levy submittal to voters.** To provide necessary funds for the provision of regional health and human services to King County's veterans, military personnel and their families and other residents in need of health and human services, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition to renew and replace an expiring levy and authorize a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, commencing in 2011, with collection beginning in 2012, at a rate not to exceed five cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year, with subsequent levies limited by the limit factor as defined in section 2 of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds.** The levy proceeds shall be deposited in two special revenue funds, which funds shall be specified by ordinance. The levy proceeds shall be divided to place fifty percent of the levy proceeds in one fund designated for the provision of regional health and human services for veterans, military personnel and their families. The remaining fifty percent of the levy proceeds shall be placed in another fund designated for the provision of regional health and human services to a wide range of people in need of such services.

**SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures.** If approved by the qualified electors of the county, all levy proceeds shall be used to pay the costs associated with provision of regional health and human services to a

wide range of people in need of such services, including, but not limited to, services that increase self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel and their families, services that reduce involvement in the criminal justice system, services that reduce emergency medical costs, services for children and youth, the elderly, the unemployed and underemployed and for services specific to veterans' needs such as treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder and specialized employment assistance. The provision of services will include a range of regional health and human services and related capital facilities including, but not limited to, housing assistance, homelessness prevention, mental health counseling substance abuse prevention and treatment and employment assistance.

Eligible expenditures shall also include payment of costs to strengthen and improve the health and human services system and infrastructure to provide greater access to services and engender better coordination and integration of regional health and human services addressing the needs of veterans, military personnel and their families.

**SECTION 6. Call for special election.** In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, it is hereby deemed that an emergency exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county at a special election to be held on August 16, 2011, a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The director of the elections department shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of the elections department, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

PROPOSITION 1: The King County council has passed Ordinance 17072 concerning funding for regional veterans, health, and human services. This proposition would renew and replace an expiring levy and fund capital facilities and services that reduce medical costs, homelessness, and criminal justice system involvement with half of proceeds supporting veterans and their families. It would authorize King County to levy an additional property tax of 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and authorize annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved? \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 7. County citizen oversight boards established.** If the levy is reapproved by the voters, the oversight boards established by Ordinance 15279 shall be continued and the criteria identified for board membership shall be maintained.

**SECTION 8. Ratification.** Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of the elections department in accordance with law before the election on August 16, 2011, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION 9. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Ordinance 17072 was introduced on 1/3/2011 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/2/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott

No: 0

Excused: 0