



Advocacy Alert Primary Election Edition 2025

Ballots for the **2025 Primary Elections** are arriving in your mailbox, and now is your chance to make your voice heard. Voting is one of the most powerful ways to participate in our democracy—**your vote is your voice**.

This year's election focuses on **local offices**: mayors, city and county councils, school boards, and special districts like hospitals and parks. While national politics often dominates the headlines, it's your **local elected officials** who shape the decisions that directly affect your daily life—from transportation and education to healthcare, environmental protections, and public safety.

Many people are feeling anxious or uncertain about the direction of our democracy. But one thing remains clear: **local elections matter**, and **your participation creates real change**.

✅ Here's How You Can Make a Difference:

- **Vote and return your ballot by Tuesday, August 5th.**
- **Encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to vote.**
- **Register to vote**—there's still time! Visit:
👉 <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections#voters>
- **Seattle residents**: Don't forget about your **Democracy Vouchers**! You can use them to support candidates running for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council.
👉 Learn more: <https://www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher>
- **Get informed**: Attend candidate forums, talk with candidates, research their platforms, and understand where they stand on issues that matter to you.

Make sure your voice is heard—VOTE! Every vote counts.

📁 2025 Endorsement Process

In February, DDI finalized our endorsement procedures and evaluation process. Our **Endorsement Committee** carefully reviewed each candidate's record and platform through the lens of DDI's mission and values.

We are proud to endorse candidates across **Pierce, King, Kitsap, and Snohomish Counties** for the 2025 Primary Elections. We will reconvene in the fall to consider endorsements for the General Election.

The 2025 Endorsement Committee was chaired by Azziem Underwood (11th LD)

👤 DDI Endorsement Committee

- Claude Burfect (37th LD)
- Robert Stephens (37th LD)
- Bereket Kiros (37th LD)
- Julia Bobadilla Melby (Pierce County)
- Kevin Allen (37th LD)
- Lisa Weber (48th LD)
- Clarence Gunn (41st LD) – President of DDI, Ex-Officio

Your Vote is Your Voice. Please review our endorsements, we did the work so you can be an informed voter. Vote by August 5th!



Primary Endorsements 2025

King County Executive

Claudia Balducci or Girmay Zahilay

King County Council

District No. 1 Rod Dembowski

District No. 3 Sarah Perry

District No. 5 Kim-Khanh Van

King County

Proposition No. 1

Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy

City of Seattle

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax for Democracy Voucher Program

Port of Seattle

Port of Seattle Commissioner – Position 1 Ryan Calkins

Port of Seattle Commissioner – Position 3 Hamdi Mohamed,

Port of Seattle Commissioner – Position 4 Toshiko Hasegawa,

Southend Cities Candidates

City of Auburn, Council Position No. 2 Kate Baldwin

City of Burien Position No. 1 Hugo Garcia

City of Federal Way, Mayor Saudia Abdullah

City of Federal Way, Council Position No. 4 Tammy Dziak

City of Kent, Council Position No. 6 Andy Song

City of Renton, Council Position No. 1 Michael Westgaard

City of Renton, Council Position No. 2 Carmen Rivera

City of SeaTac, Council Position No. 2 Caitlin Konya

City of Tukwila, Council Position No. 3 Tosh Sharp

City of Tukwila, Council Position No. 5 Kate Kruller

City of Puyallup Council, District 2, Position 2 Heather Schiller

City of Puyallup School Board, Position 1 Melissa Bedford

City of Gig Harbor Council, Position 3 Emily Stone

City of Parks Tacoma Commissioner Position 3 Bronwyn Clarke

Tacoma City Council, Position 6 Latasha Palmer or Krista Perez



Eastside Cities Candidates

City of Bellevue Nicholas Ton Position No. 1

City of Bellevue Naren Briar Position No. 2

City of Bellevue Pradnya Desh Position No. 4

City of Bellevue Claire Sumadiwiry Position No. 5

City of Carnation, Council Rohana Joshi

City of Kirkland, Council Position No. 3 Shilpa Prem

City of Issaquah, Mayor Lindsey Walsh

City of Newcastle, Council Position No. 6 Paul Charbonneau

City of Redmond, Council Position No. 2 Steve Fields or Vivek Prakriya

City of Redmond, Council Position No. 6 Jeralee Anderson or Vijay Beniwal

City of Woodinville, Council Position No. 3 Amber Wise

City of Woodinville, Council Position No. 7 James Randolph

City of Lake Washington School District, Position 4 Mark Stuart

City of Seattle Candidates

City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell or Katie Wilson

City of Seattle City Attorney Erika Evans

City of Seattle Council District No. 2 Adonis Ducksworth

City of Seattle Council Position No. 9 Dionne Foster

Legislative District Races

5th SENATOR – Victoria Hunt

26th SENATOR - Deb Krishnadasan

33rd SENATOR - Tina Orwall

33rd Position 1 Edwin Obras

34th SENATOR - Emily Alvarado

34th Position 1 Brianna K. Thomas

41st Position 1 Janice Zahn

48th SENATOR - Amy Walen

48th Position 1 Osman Salahuddin

School Districts

Bellevue School District No. 405, Director District No. 5 Jane Aras

Bremerton School District Director position No 4 Shannon Turner

Lake Washington School District No. 414, Director District No. 3 Aiya Kravi

Seattle School District No. 1, Director District No. 4 Laura Marie Rivera

Seattle School District No. 1, Director District No. 5 Janis White

Seattle School District No. 1, Director District No. 7 Jen LaVallee

Tukwila School District No. 406, Director District No. 3 Ara Papyan

Hospital District

Public Hospital District Commissioner No. 1, Position No. 4 Rick Polintan

Outside King County Candidates

City of Everett Mayor Dr. Janice Greene

City of Tacoma Mayor Whitney Stevens

Pierce County Council District 5 Kimber Starr or Byran Yambe