



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.

💬 **About Us: Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI)**

Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI) is an advocacy organization committed to holding elected and appointed officials accountable for advancing the needs and aspirations of the diverse communities they serve. We proudly support and defend candidates who take **principled, courageous stances** for diversity, equity, and inclusion—and who actively oppose hate and discrimination in all forms.



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.

DDI Endorsement Committee

The 2025 Endorsement Committee was chaired by **Azziem Underwood (11th LD)**, who continues to serve in this role with dedication and leadership. Committee members included:

- **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*

Candidate Races Endorsed

The committee met **five times in May, once in June** and **three times in July** reviewing a wide range of races:

King County

- County Executive
- Districts 1, 3, and 5
- Legislative Districts: 5th, 26th, 33rd, 34th, 41st, and 48th

Pierce & Snohomish Counties

- City of Tacoma (Mayor)
- City of Everett
- Pierce County Council District 5

South King County Cities

- Auburn (Council Position 2)
- Burien (Council Position 1)
- Federal Way (Mayor and Council Position 4)

CONTINUED South King County Cities

- Kent (Council Position 6)
- Renton (Council Positions 1 and 2)
- SeaTac (Council Position 2)
- Tukwila (Council Positions 3 and 5)

Eastside Cities

- Bellevue (Council Positions 1, 2, 4, and 5)
- Carnation (City Council)
- Kirkland (Council Position 3)
- Issaquah (Mayor)
- Newcastle (Council Position 6)
- Redmond (Council Positions 2 and 6)
- Woodinville (Council Positions 3 and 7)



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Candidate Races Endorsed

Seattle

- Mayor
- City Attorney
- City Council Positions 2 and 9
- Seattle School Board District 5

Other Races

- Tukwila School Board District 3
- Public Hospital District 1, Commissioner Position #4

A Word of Thanks

As Chair of the Endorsements Committee, I want to express my **deepest gratitude** to each DDI 2025 Committee Member. Thank you for giving your time, insight, and commitment during weekends and weeknights. Your contributions were critical to a thorough and thoughtful endorsement process.

 **View the full list of DDI 2025 Primary Endorsements here:**

 [See](#) Below

Let's work together to make sure every community is represented, every voice is heard, and every vote is counted.

Vote by August 5th!



Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion 2025 Primary Endorsements

King County Executive-2

Metropolitan King County, Claudia Balducci
Metropolitan King County, Girmay Zahilay

King County Council-3

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-3

Ryan Calkins, Port of Seattle Commissioner – Position 1
Hamdi Mohamed, Port of Seattle Commissioner –
Position 3
Toshiko Hasegawa, Port of Seattle Commissioner –
Position 4

Legislative District Races-9

5th LD SENATOR – Victoria Hunt
26th SENATOR Deb Krishnadasan
33rd SENATOR Tina Orwall
33rd Edwin Obras Position 1
34th SENATOR Emily Alvarado
34th Brianna K. Thomas Position 1
41st Janice Zahn Position 1
48th SENATOR Amy Walen
48th Osman Salahuddin Position 1

Southend Cities Candidates-16

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
Heather Schiller, Puyallup City Council, District 2, Position 2
Melissa Bedford, Puyallup School Board, Position 1
Emily Stone, Gig Harbor City Council, Position 3
Bronwyn Clarke, Parks Tacoma Commissioner Position 3
Krista Perez, Tacoma City Council, Position 6
Latasha Palmer, Tacoma City Council, Position 6

Eastside Cities Candidates-15

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 Sumadiwira Position No. 5
City of Carnation, City 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
-Vivek Prakriya
City of Redmond, Council Position No. 6 Jeralee Anderson
City of Woodinville, Council Position No. 3 Amber Wise
City of Woodinville, Council Position No. 7 James Randolph
Vijay Beniwal, Redmond City Council, Position 6
Mark Stuart, Lake Washington School District, Position 4



City of Seattle Candidates-5

-Bruce Harrell for Mayor

-Katie Wilson for Mayor

Seattle City Attorney Erika Evans

Seattle Council District No. 2 Adonis Ducksworth

Seattle Council Position No. 9 Dionne Foster

School Districts-7

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 Pappayan

Hospital District-1

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

Outside King County Candidates-4

City of Everett, Mayor Dr. Janice Greene

City of Tacoma, Mayor Whitney Stevens

Pierce County Council District 5

-Byran Yambe

-Kimber Starr