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Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI) Announces 2026 Endorsed Candidates Across Washington State

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The Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI) proudly announces its official slate of endorsed candidates for the 2026 election cycle. These leaders have demonstrated unwavering commitment to equity, justice, and the advancement of Washington's diverse communities. Each has shown a proven record of championing inclusive policies, defending civil rights, and standing firmly against hate and discrimination in all its forms.

DDI's endorsement reflects a rigorous evaluation process centered on accountability, community impact, and alignment with the organization's mission: to ensure that every resident, regardless of race, gender, identity, ability, or background, is represented with dignity and fairness.

U.S. House of Representatives

- Suzan DelBene — Congressional District 1
- Rick Larsen — Congressional District 2
- Marie Gluesenkamp Perez — Congressional District 3
- John Duresky — Congressional District 4
- Emily Randall — Congressional District 6
- Pramila Jayapal — Congressional District 7
- Kim Schrier — Congressional District 8
- Adam Smith — Congressional District 9
- Marilyn Strickland — Congressional District 10

County Leadership

- Leesa Manion — King County Prosecuting Attorney
- Rebecca Saldaña — King County Council District 2
- Toshiko Grace Hasegawa — King County Council District 2
- Teresa Mosqueda — King County Council District 8
- Satin Arnett — Island County Commissioner, District 3

City Leadership

- Nilu Jenks — Seattle City Council, District 5

Washington State Legislature

Legislative District 1

- Davina Duerr — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 3

- Natasha Hill — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 5

- Lisa Callan — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 12

- Stacy Willoughby — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 21

- Lillian Ortiz-Self — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 26

- Deborah Krishnadasan — State Senator
- Renee Hernandez Greenfield — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 30

- Claire Wilson — State Senator
- Jamila E. Taylor — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Kristine Reeves — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 33

- Edwin Obras — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Mia Su-Ling Gregerson — State Representative, Pos. 2
- Tina L. Orwall — State Senator

Legislative District 35

- Carolina Mejia — State Senator
- Maria Littlesun — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 37

- Chipalo Street — State Senator
- Sharon Tomiko Santos — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Jaelynn Scott — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 40

- Debra Lekanoff — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 43

- Nicole Macri — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Shaun Scott — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 45

- Manka Dhingra — State Senator

Legislative District 47

- Debra Jean Entenman — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Chris Stearns — State Representative, Pos. 2
- Claudia Kauffman — State Senator

Legislative District 49

- Kim D. Harless — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Monica Jurado Stonier — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 11

- David Hackney — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Ashley Fedan — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 17

- Diana H. Perez — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 24

- Patrick DePoe — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 29

- Krista Perez — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Natasha Laitila — State Representative, Pos. 2
- Sharlett Mena — State Senator

Legislative District 32

- Cindy Ryu — State Senator
- Jenna Nand — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 34

- Brianna K. Thomas — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Emily Alvarado — State Senator
- Joe Fitzgibbon — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 36

- Julia Grant Reed — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Liz Berry — State Representative, Pos. 2
- Noel C. Frame — State Senator

Legislative District 38

- Julio Cortes — State Representative, Pos. 1

Legislative District 41

- Janice Zahn — State Representative, Pos. 1
- My-Linh T Thai — State Representative, Pos. 2

Legislative District 44

- Brandy Donaghy — State Representative, Pos. 1
- April Berg — State Representative, Pos. 2
- John Lovick — State Senator

Legislative District 46

- Gerry Pollet — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Javier Valdez — State Senator

Legislative District 48

- Osman Salahuddin — State Representative, Pos. 1
- Amy Walen — State Representative, Pos. 2

Judicial Endorsements

Washington State Supreme Court

- Colleen Melody — Justice Position #01
- Mike Diaz — Justice Position #03
- Sharonda Amamilo — Justice Position #05
- Debra L. Stephens — Justice Position #07

Court of Appeals

- Linda Coburn — Division 1, District 2, Judge Position 2
- Meng Li Che — Division 2, District 1, Judge Position 2

County & Municipal Courts

- Karama H. Hawkins — Shoreline Electoral District, Judge Position No. 2
- Leah Taguba — Southeast Electoral District, Judge Position No. 1
- Lisa O'Toole — Northeast Electoral District, Judge Position No. 3
- Bianca Tse — Northeast Electoral District, Judge Position No. 1
- Andrea Samonica Jarmon — Southwest Electoral District, Judge Position No. 2
- Fa'amomoi Masaniai, Jr. — Southwest Electoral District, Judge Position No. 4
- Nyjat Rose-Akins — West Electoral District, Judge Position No. 1
- Pam Nogueira — District Court No. 7
- Jennifer Richardson — Grant Superior Court, Judge Position #03

Statement from DDI Leadership

“Each of these candidates has demonstrated the courage, integrity, and commitment required to advance a Washington that works for all of us. DDI is proud to stand with leaders who champion diversity, protect civil rights, and fight for equitable opportunity across every community in our state.”

— **Azziem Hassan Underwood, 1st Vice President & Endorsement Chair, Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI)**

About Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI)

DDI is an advocacy organization dedicated to holding elected and appointed officials accountable for championing the needs and aspirations of the diverse communities they serve. DDI proudly supports and defends candidates who take bold, principled stands in favor of diversity and inclusion, and who actively oppose hate and discrimination in all its forms.

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