

# VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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& Snohomish County

General Election  
November 5



2024

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Secretary of State

Ballots mailed out by **October 18**  
1 (800) 448-4881 | [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections)

Dear fellow Washingtonians,

I am pleased to present the 2024 November 5 General Election Voter Pamphlet on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State. This general election allows you to have a say in our government at the local, state, and national levels and choose our nation's next president.

Elections are the cornerstone of democracy, and I encourage you to utilize the comprehensive guides provided by the Office of the Secretary of State to make informed decisions.

You must be registered to vote to make your voice heard. Online and mail voter registrations and updates must be received by Oct. 28. You can register in person at a county elections office until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The redesigned [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) portal allows voters to check their registration status and register for text alerts of ballot processing. [VoteWA](https://VoteWA.gov) provides access and security essential for Washington's voter access enhancements, which include Automatic Voter Registration and the Future Voter program.

You can easily vote from the comfort of your home and use the paid postage provided with your ballot, as long as the ballot is postmarked by Election Day. The USPS recommends mailing ballots back at least one week before Election Day.

All voters may cast their ballot up until 8 p.m. on Election Day at a county election office or any of the more than 500 secure drop-boxes and voting centers located throughout Washington.

The Office of the Secretary of State is committed to safe and secure elections for every community across Washington.

Sincerely,



Kevin McMahan  
Assistant Secretary of State

## Register to Vote

Use [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) to:

- Register to vote
- Update your info
- Track ballot status



## Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov).



Or text VOTE to VOTEWA (868392).

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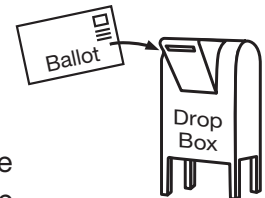


**Deadlines**

Ballots mailed to voters by: October 18  
 Register by mail, received by: October 28  
 Register online by: October 28  
 Register in person by: November 5, 8 p.m.  
 Election Day: November 5

**Voter tip:**

Use an official drop box before 8 p.m. on Election Day. Or, if you choose to mail your ballot, the USPS recommends a week before Election Day. Don’t let a late postmark disqualify your ballot.



**? Who donates to campaigns?**

View information on financial contributors for federal candidates:

**Federal Election Commission**

www.fec.gov  
 Toll Free 1 (800) 424-9530

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

**Public Disclosure Commission**

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**i** Candidates submitted their information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current information, sign in to **VoteWA.gov**.

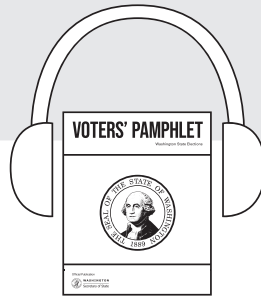
## Are accessible voting options available?

Audio voters' pamphlet available at

**[www.sos.wa.gov/elections](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections).**

No internet access? To receive a copy on a USB drive, call 1 (800) 448-4881.

Contact a county elections office to find an accessible voting unit near you.



## Student Engagement Hubs



Public universities offer Student Engagement Hubs to ensure that students never miss an election just because they're away from home.

**For dates, hours, and locations, contact student leadership at:**

- CWU Ellensburg
- EWU Cheney
- TESC Olympia
- UW Bothell
- UW Seattle
- UW Tacoma
- WSU Pullman
- WSU Tri-Cities
- WSU Vancouver
- WWU Bellingham

## Are language services available?

Los votantes del estado de Washington pueden acceder a un folleto electoral para las elecciones generales y a un formulario de inscripción electoral en español en Internet en **[sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections)**.

Ingrese a **[VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)** para consultar su guía electoral personalizada en Internet o para inscribirse y actualizar su información electoral.

Los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams reciben materiales electorales bilingües. Los votantes del condado de King pueden solicitar sus materiales de votación en español.

Para solicitar una edición impresa del folleto electoral o de un formulario de inscripción electoral en español, llame al **1 (800) 448-4881**.

華盛頓州的選民可以由網上取得中文版普選選民手冊以及選民登記表，網址為 **[sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections)**。

請瀏覽**[VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)**以查看您的個人化網上選民指南，或登記及更新您的選民資料。

金郡的選民可以索求中文版投票資料。

如欲索取中文選民手冊印副本或選民登記表，請致電 **1 (800) 448-4881**。

Cử tri tại tiểu bang Washington có thể truy cập trực tuyến Sách Hướng dẫn Cử tri cho cuộc Tổng tuyển cử và mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt tại địa chỉ **[sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections)**.

Truy cập **[VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)** để xem trực tuyến hướng dẫn dành cho cử tri được cá nhân hóa của quý vị hoặc đăng ký và cập nhật thông tin cử tri của quý vị.

Cử tri tại Quận King có thể yêu cầu tài liệu bỏ phiếu đã được dịch sang Tiếng Việt.

Để yêu cầu bản in của sách hướng dẫn cử tri hoặc mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi số **1 (800) 448-4881**.

*The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.*



### How do I register to vote?

**Online:** Register at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

**By mail:** Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at [sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections).

No internet access? Call 1 (800) 448-4881.

**In person:** Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

### Registration deadlines



**By mail or online:** Your application must be received no later than October 28.

**In person:** Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 5.

Check your registration info at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

### Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a felony.



### What if I'm not 18 yet?

**If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!**

Sign up with your Washington state driver's license, permit, ID, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.



### Felony conviction?

Your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.



You must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

You may re-register to vote by mail, in person, or online at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

### Moved? Update your voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.



**By October 28:** Have your application received by mail or updated online.

**Or**

**By November 5:** Visit a local voting center in person.



The Washington State Legislature established a webpage with interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

**WA Budget Summary:**

<https://fiscal.wa.gov/budgetsummary>

**Legislative Information Center:**

1 (800) 562-6000



**How can you access this webpage?**

- Type the URL into your browser
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet
- Call the Legislative Information Center

**What's in the budget?**

**Operating Budget:** pays for day-to-day operations of state agencies, colleges and universities, and public schools (including federal funds and dedicated funds).

**Transportation Budget:** pays for transportation activities, such as designing and maintaining roads and public transit.

**Capital Budget:** pays for acquiring and maintaining state buildings, public schools, higher education facilities, public lands, parks, and other assets.

**Initiatives and referenda are used by the people to create state laws.**

**Initiative**

Any registered voter may propose an initiative to create a new state law or change an existing law.

**Initiatives to the People** are proposed laws submitted directly to voters.

**Initiatives to the Legislature** are proposed laws submitted to the Legislature.

Before an **Initiative to the People** or an **Initiative to the Legislature** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



**324,516**  
registered voters'  
signatures

8% of all votes in the last Governor's race

**Referendum**

**Referendum Bills** are proposed laws the Legislature has referred to voters.

**Referendum Measures** are laws recently passed by the Legislature that voters have petitioned to be referred to the ballot.

Any registered voter may petition that a law proposed by the Legislature be referred to voters before taking effect.

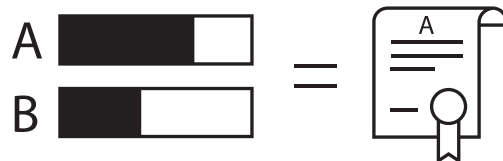
Before a **Referendum Measure** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



**162,258**  
registered voters'  
signatures

4% of all votes in the last Governor's race

**Initiatives and referenda become law with more than 50% of the vote.**



Initiative Measure No.

# 2066

Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification.

This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as It Presently Exists

Earlier this year, the Washington Legislature passed a law that regulates Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a large utility that provides gas and electricity to customers. That law is known as the “Washington Decarbonization Act.”

The Decarbonization Act consolidates PSE’s numerous reporting and planning requirements into a single plan, which must be submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The plan must forecast customer energy demand and provide proposals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from its operations. PSE’s plan must explain how it will transition from natural gas to electricity in a cost-effective way and how it will coordinate with local utilities when it targets an area for further electrification. In deciding whether to accept or reject the plan, the UTC must consider whether it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, meets energy efficiency targets, and results in a reasonable cost to customers.

The Decarbonization Act further prohibits PSE from offering customers rebates or incentives to buy appliances that use natural gas. Instead, PSE must educate its customers about the benefits of transitioning to electricity and the availability of rebates or incentives for energy efficient electric appliances.

The Decarbonization Act also sets requirements for how the UTC determines rates for PSE customers. For example, it would change how the UTC must calculate the depreciation of gas plants when determining rates.

### The Effect of the Proposed Measure if Approved

If approved, Initiative Measure No. 2066 would repeal or amend certain provisions of the Decarbonization Act. Specifically, Initiative Measure No. 2066 would prohibit PSE rate plans that restrict access to gas service and any planning requirements that render gas service cost-prohibitive. It would allow PSE to offer rebates to purchase natural gas appliances or equipment and PSE would not be required to educate customers about the benefits of electrification or the availability of rebates for energy efficient appliances. It would also remove requirements that PSE target certain areas for electrification and coordinate with local utilities to further electrification.

The measure would also require gas utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to customers who demand it, even if other energy services or energy sources are available. It would further prohibit local governments, air pollution control agencies, and the State Building Code Council from prohibiting, penalizing, or discouraging the use of gas.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

If voters approve Initiative 2066, there will be a net increase in state costs for rulemaking activities at state agencies of approximately \$29,100. There could be an increase in state revenues due to gas utilities needing to purchase additional carbon auction allowances and increased public utility tax revenue, but the amount of increased revenue is unknown. Local governments will have increased costs to redo some Growth Management Act planning work, but the total costs of doing so are indeterminate. Two cities that operate gas utilities could have increased costs for carbon auction allowances, but those costs are also indeterminate.

### General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 5, 2024.
- The provisions of the initiative apply prospectively, not retroactively.
- The estimates use the state’s fiscal year (SFY) of July 1 through June 30. State fiscal year 2025 is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

### State Revenue

#### Department of Ecology

Under the Climate Commitment Act, the Department of Ecology administers the Cap-and-Invest Program, which sets a cap on overall carbon emissions in the state and requires businesses to obtain carbon emission allowances equal to their covered greenhouse gas emissions. Under the program, any gas utility that is responsible for 25,000 metric tons or more of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions per year is required to acquire emissions allowances equal to its emissions. Gas utilities currently receive free emission allowances to help ease the cost burden of transitioning away from fossil fuels. In 2024, the utilities receive emission

allowances equal to 86% of their utility’s emissions, and that amount decreases by 7% per year ongoing.

Initiative 2066 would prohibit natural gas utilities from offering incentives to customers to terminate their natural gas service and requires utilities providing natural gas to offer natural gas service to those who demand it. This change could result in utilities being required to buy more emission allowances than anticipated under current law, resulting in greater demand at allowance auctions, which could increase the prices paid for allowances and thereby generate increased carbon allowance auction revenues for the state. Because the future demand for natural gas is unknown, any change in revenue to the state is indeterminate.

**Department of Revenue**

Under the initiative, there could be an impact to public utility taxes collected. The Department of Revenue cannot determine how many customers would use natural gas or how long it would take for utilities to offer it to all users in their service area; therefore, the total impact to state public utility tax revenue is indeterminate.

**State Expenditures**

State agency expenditures are estimated to be a net total of \$29,100 over five state fiscal years as a result of the initiative. Costs and savings by agency are:

Table 1. Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Public Services Revolving Account)

(See Table 1 on page 10.)

**State Building Code Council**

The initiative would require the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to amend various energy and building codes that limit the use of natural gas. To amend those codes, the SBCC would convene technical advisory group meetings, committee meetings, council meetings, and public hearings in various locations in the state. The Department of Enterprise Services estimates the total cost of these activities would be \$49,100

**Utilities and Transportation Commission**

Current state law (Chapter 351, Laws of 2024) requires the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to initiate rulemaking. If the initiative passes, currently required rulemaking activities related to the cost of decarbonization and electrification measures would no longer be required. This would reduce UTC costs for that rulemaking by approximately \$20,000.

**Department of Revenue**

The department may have minimal administrative costs, which are indeterminate at this time.

**Local Expenditure**

**Local Programs**

Revenue and expenditure impacts on local governments are indeterminate.

The initiative would impact Growth Management Act (GMA) planning of the 108 largest cities and counties. To achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals required by the GMA, cities and counties have been assuming the phase out of natural gas in their plans. If the initiative passes, they can no longer assume the phasing out of natural gas to achieve the GHG emissions goal. Therefore, the GMA planning work completed by cities and counties on the GHG emissions reduction goal would need to be redone. The revisions would include marketing and outreach about the new GHG emission targets, revising and implementing local ordinances, and amending local plans, which will vary by city and county. Since too many variables are unknown, the costs are indeterminate.

Two municipalities in Washington are natural gas providers and are required to participate in the Climate Commitment Act’s cap-and-invest program: the City of Enumclaw and City of Ellensburg. If I-2066 passes, these cities may need to purchase additional carbon emission allowances to meet their obligations under the Climate Commitment Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time. However, the total impact on these utilities cannot be known at this time.

Table 1 – Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Public Services Revolving Account)					
	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	SFY 2027	SFY 2028	SFY 2029
State Building Code Council	\$5,400	\$43,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	(\$20,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$14,600)</b>	<b>\$43,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



## Argument for

### Vote “Yes” to Protect Energy Choice and Stop Gas Bans

You deserve the choice to use clean and efficient natural gas for *heating* and *cooking*. The state and big energy companies are striking deals to ban natural gas service from all homes and businesses. I-2066 *protects your* ability to use natural gas – giving *you* control over your energy choices.

### Gas Bans Hurt Everyone

Gas bans will impact everybody, whether you own or rent your home. They drive up energy bills, which is devastating for people with low and fixed incomes. Current law requires homeowners to pay *all* conversion costs to switch from gas to electric appliances—an average of \$40,000/home. Nobody should ever be *forced* to switch to all-electric appliances. Voting “Yes” on I-2066 stops forced conversions and lets people choose for themselves whether they want gas or electric appliances at home.

### Small Businesses Need Natural Gas

Thousands of businesses rely on natural gas. Countless restaurants, breweries, cultural cuisines, manufacturers, and others require gas to make the world-class food and products Washington is known for. I-2066 keeps these businesses open, protects jobs, and brings down costs for consumers.

### Clean Natural Gas Is Safe and Reliable

Protect access to heating and cooking when the power goes out. Corporate energy companies have notified customers they will cut electricity when (not if) the electric grid is overloaded, even in the cold, dark winter. Washington needs clean and reliable natural gas to stay warm and cook. Vote “Yes!”

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## Rebuttal of argument against

I-2066 is very simple. It protects your choice to have natural gas service. The opposition wants to confuse you. They don't mention natural gas because they know it's a popular consumer choice. They want to ban this clean energy source and have you pay the costs. What will you do when the power goes out? Gas bans are already happening, so vote “Yes” on I-2066 to protect the option of gas for heating and cooking.

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## Argument against

### Vote No To Prevent Higher Energy Bills

2066 would mean more expensive energy bills. It would require utility companies to continue investing in outdated technology and aging infrastructure, and the costs would be passed onto families and businesses. *Voting “No” will make energy more affordable, protecting all Washingtonians, including seniors and families living on low incomes.*

### Vote No to Protect Energy Efficiency

2066 would roll back sensible modern standards that make homes and businesses more energy efficient. Efficient buildings lower utility bills and help the power stay on during storms, extreme weather, and increasing heat waves. *Voting “No” will lower costs for families, keep people safe, keep homes comfortable, and ensure a reliable power supply.*

### Vote No To Defend Clean Energy and Clean Air

2066 would undermine our path to clean energy and weaken our Clean Air Act, threatening health protections against harmful air pollution. It would prohibit local communities and utility companies from making responsible plans to reduce the use of dirty fossil fuels. The time to start planning is now: *Voting “No” will keep us on the path to cleaner, more affordable energy.*

### Vote No To Put Communities First and Stop Powerful Interest Groups

2066 is part of a nationwide effort by fossil fuel corporations and well funded interest groups who want to make as much money as possible while Washington families pay higher energy bills. *Voting “No” will prevent powerful interests from increasing their profits at our expense.* 2066 is bad for Washington.

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## Rebuttal of argument for

State law already guarantees people can have natural gas if they want it. The powerful interest groups paying for 2066 will say anything to make money off of us. What this confusing initiative would actually do is stop towns, cities and counties from making decisions that work best for their communities. It would raise costs, threaten energy efficiency, and harm families. That's why nurses, small businesses, and builders say vote “No” to protect energy affordability.

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Initiative Measure No.

# 2109

Initiative Measure No. 2109 concerns taxes.

This measure would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000. This measure would decrease funding for K-12 education, higher education, school construction, early learning, and childcare.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as It Presently Exists

The State of Washington imposes various taxes to raise revenue to fund state government. Those taxes include the retail sales tax, the business and occupation tax, the state property tax, and various other state taxes. In 2021, the Legislature passed a law creating a tax on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets, commonly referred to as a “capital gains tax.”

The capital gains tax applies to only some types of capital assets held for longer than a year, such as stocks, bonds, precious metals, or artwork. The tax does not apply to the sale of certain assets, including:

- real estate;
- retirement savings accounts or deferred compensation accounts;
- cattle, horses, or breeding livestock if more than 50 percent of the taxpayer’s income is from farming or ranching;
- property that is depreciable or that is treated as an expense under identified federal tax laws;
- timber or timberland, including sales of timber or timberland that result in dividends or distributions from real estate investment trusts;
- certain commercial fishing privileges; and
- goodwill received from the qualifying sale of an auto dealership.

The capital gains tax allows an annual, standard deduction of \$250,000 for each taxpayer, which means that the tax applies only to taxpayers who make capital gains over \$250,000 in any tax year. For spouses and domestic partners, the combined standard deduction is limited to \$250,000, regardless of whether they file joint or separate returns.

The tax rate is seven percent for covered gains. So, for example, if a person bought \$150,000 worth of stock and sold it ten years later for \$500,000, they would have a net gain of \$350,000. The first \$250,000 of that gain would be exempt from tax, and the taxpayer would owe seven percent tax on the remaining \$100,000 of gain, for a total capital gains tax due of \$7,000.

The capital gains tax also allows several other deductions, including:

- gains from the sale or transfer of a qualifying family-owned business that had gross revenue of less than \$10 million within the past year; and

- charitable donations above \$250,000, up to a maximum \$100,000 deduction.

The law also sets forth how the tax is administered. It includes provisions for allocating gains to Washington versus other states, credits for certain taxes paid to other states, procedures for filing tax returns, and penalties for attempts to evade payment of the tax. Certain figures, like the standard \$250,000 deduction, the qualifying gross revenue for the small-business deduction, and charitable donation amounts, are adjusted annually based on inflation.

The first \$500 million collected from the capital gains tax each year is deposited into the education legacy trust account, which supports K-12 education, expands access to higher education, and provides funding for early learning and childcare programs. Any amounts collected above \$500 million are applied to the common school construction account, which funds the construction of facilities for common schools.

### The Effect of the Proposed Measure if Approved

If approved, this measure would repeal the capital gains tax law, and Washington State would no longer impose taxes on the sale or exchange of long-term capital assets. This would also eliminate the funding collected from the tax that currently goes to K-12 education, higher education, early learning, childcare, and school construction.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

If approved by voters, Initiative 2109 will result in an estimated state revenue loss of \$2.2 billion over five state fiscal years. This would reduce funding dedicated for K–12 education, higher education, early learning and child care. Future reductions to funds dedicated for K–12 school construction are possible but not currently forecasted. The estimated net savings for administrative expenses for two state agencies are \$10.1 million over five state fiscal years. No local government fiscal impacts are known.

### GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

- The effective date of the initiative is December 5, 2024.
- The provisions of the initiative apply prospectively, not retroactively.

- The Department of Revenue (DOR) ceases all collection activities on the effective date, including those activities that are in progress.
- Estimates use the state's fiscal year (SFY) of July 1 through June 30. State fiscal year 2025 is July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.
- Calendar year refers to January 1 to December 31.

## REVENUE

### Local Revenue

The initiative will not impact local revenue.

### State Revenue

The initiative is estimated to result in revenue loss of \$2,163,000,000 over five fiscal years from the Education Legacy Trust Account. The first \$500,000,000, indexed to inflation, is deposited into the Education Legacy Trust Account each fiscal year. The Education Legacy Trust Account supports K–12 education, expands access to higher education and provides funding for early learning and child care programs. Additional revenue is deposited into the Common School Construction Account to fund K–12 school facility construction.

### STATE REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

Revenue estimates are based on DOR's excise tax data and the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) June 2024 capital gains tax revenue forecast. Capital gains tax year refers to the calendar year.

The following additional assumptions are made for calculation purposes:

- Forecasted capital gains taxes for tax year 2024, due in April 2025, will not be collected and result in a revenue loss for state fiscal year 2025.
- The long-term growth rate used is the rate forecasted by the ERFC in June 2024.
- The June 2024 capital gains tax forecast assumes zero capital gains tax revenue to the Common School Construction Account; therefore, there is zero revenue impact to this account due to the initiative.

### State Revenue Impacts

Table 1. Revenue loss, by account

(See Table 1 on page 15.)

## STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

### State Agency Implementation Cost Assumptions

State agency savings are estimated to be a net total of \$10,147,700 over five state fiscal years as a result of the initiative. Savings by agency are:

Table 2. Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Legal Services Revolving Account)

(See Table 2 on page 15.)

### Office of the Attorney General

The Office of the Attorney General (AGO) will save \$23,000 in each state fiscal year from 2025 through 2029. This amounts to total savings of \$115,000 over this five-year period.

The AGO estimates savings due to less litigation and less need for client advice services. The AGO expects DOR to need minimal legal advice as the department deals with specific cases where taxpayers seek refunds. It is assumed that cases contesting capital gains tax assessments that had not already been paid will drop, because the department can no longer collect the assessed taxes.

### Department of Revenue

The department will save a net of \$10,032,700 over the five-year period between 2025 and 2029. It is assumed that the existing State General Fund appropriation for administering the capital gains tax will end as of June 30, 2025. For state fiscal year 2025, the amount already provided is sufficient to administer the capital gains tax without additional funding. For state fiscal years 2026 through 2029, savings of \$2,703,000 per state fiscal year are assumed for capital gains tax administration duties that will no longer be required. The department will also incur costs of \$779,300 during this period as described below. The department's duties to administer taxes include maintaining records, processing refunds and assisting taxpayers with amended returns for up to five prior tax years. Therefore, the department will continue to have costs related to administering the capital gains tax and the related business and occupation (B&O) tax credit for capital gains tax filers for tax years 2022 and 2023 through December 31, 2028. Starting on January 1, 2029, DOR will have additional costs to decommission the capital gains tax and related B&O tax credit in computer systems. It is assumed that the State General Fund will be the funding source for this work.

In state fiscal year 2025, DOR will have costs that will be paid with existing funds for the following activities:

- Updating special notices and excise tax advisories, canceling interim guidance statements and updating other capital gains tax information on the website.
- Amending two administrative rules.

- Administering computer system changes and testing for capital gains tax and related B&O tax credits.

In state fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 the department will have costs for the following activities:

- Accounting activities related to capital gains tax.
- Processing paper correspondence, responding to web messages, answering phone questions and assisting taxpayers with reporting and navigating the web reporting portal.
- Processing returns, payments and all associated work items, including issuing refunds for overpayments.
- Hearing administrative reviews that provide taxpayers with an informal, non-adversarial dispute resolution process for reviewing a disputed department action, such as a denial of a refund request or tax ruling. The department will incur additional costs if the dispute continues to the Board of Tax Appeals or the courts.
- Making necessary computer system changes and performing required computer system testing as service packs and core system upgrades occur.

In state fiscal year 2029, the department will also have costs to decommission the capital gains tax and related B&O tax credit in the computer system and to perform related required computer system testing.

<b>Table 1 – Revenue loss, by account</b>					
	<b>SFY 2025</b>	<b>SFY 2026</b>	<b>SFY 2027</b>	<b>SFY 2028</b>	<b>SFY 2029</b>
Education Legacy Trust Account	(\$424,000,000)	(\$398,000,000)	(\$422,000,000)	(\$447,000,000)	(\$472,000,000)
Common School Construction Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$424,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$398,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$422,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$447,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$472,000,000)</b>

<b>Table 2 – Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Legal Services Revolving Account)</b>					
	<b>SFY 2025</b>	<b>SFY 2026</b>	<b>SFY 2027</b>	<b>SFY 2028</b>	<b>SFY 2029</b>
Office of the Attorney General	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)
Department of Revenue	\$0	(\$2,364,900)	(\$2,433,800)	(\$2,604,600)	(\$2,629,400)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$23,000)</b>	<b>(\$2,387,900)</b>	<b>(\$2,456,800)</b>	<b>(\$2,627,600)</b>	<b>(\$2,652,400)</b>

## Argument for

### **“Yes” on I-2109 repeals Washington’s new backdoor income tax.**

Washingtonians have overwhelmingly rejected an income tax 11 times, yet lawmakers disregarded the voters’ wishes and passed a capital gains income tax. Voting “Yes” on I-2109 upholds the will of the people. The IRS, every other state, and the dictionary classify capital gains as income.

### **“Yes” on I-2109 protects home sales and retirement savings from tax expansion.**

While proponents claim that “only the rich will pay,” this capital gains income tax is clearly intended to expand and pave the way for a statewide income tax. The Senate author stated, “Adopting a capital gains tax is one of the best things we could do to help advance the possibility of an income tax in our state.” Protect your home and retirement by voting “Yes.”

### **“Yes” on I-2109 maintains the State’s education funding guarantee.**

Washington’s constitution mandates full funding for public education. Our public education system receives over \$18,500 per student per year, one of the highest in the country. Voting “Yes” on I-2109 ensures our children’s education remains fully funded without new taxes.

### **“Yes” on I-2109 protects working families, small business, and tech innovation.**

If we continue down this path, we risk driving family-wage jobs and job creators out of Washington as they relocate to states with lower tax rates. Voting “Yes” on I-2109 helps ensure Washington remains a center of innovation, opportunity, and family-wage jobs.

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## Rebuttal of argument against

The legislature is constitutionally required to fund education and has ample funding. When this tax passed, we had a \$3 billion surplus followed by \$15 billion the next year. Sufficient funding exists. While the current tax has exemptions, it is clearly a steppingstone to a statewide income tax. Vote yes, as voters have 11 times before, to protect your home and retirement from additional taxes and ensure job creators continue coming to our state.

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## Argument against

### **No On 2109: Stop Cuts To Education, School Construction, and Childcare**

I-2109 eliminates billions of dedicated education dollars—worsening our school funding crisis, reducing access to affordable childcare and early learning, and cutting investments in crumbling schools. I-2109 also eliminates funds from pre-K, special education, job training, and community colleges. Cuts will force job losses in childcare and education at a time when we need more support for kids and families— not less.

### **Less Than 1% Of Washingtonians Pay Extraordinary Profits Tax**

*Retirement funds, real estate, small family owned businesses, and farms are all exempt from the capital gains tax.* In fact, less than 1% of Washingtonians will pay this tax; it only applies to stock sale *profits* over \$250,000 per year.

### **Reject Washington’s Upside Down Tax Code**

Washington has the nation’s second most upside down tax code, with middle-class families paying a three times larger share of their income on state and local taxes than the wealthiest households. *Super wealthy Washingtonians should pay a fair share for education and early learning.*

### **Teachers And Childcare Providers: “Don’t Let A Hedge Fund Millionaire Buy This Election”**

I-2109 is sponsored by hedge fund millionaire Brian Heywood, who will personally benefit from this initiative. Teachers, childcare providers, early learning experts, K-12 leaders, parents, and small business owners are united in urging you to vote No. *Don’t give the super wealthy a tax cut that will harm kids, and shift the tax bill to the rest of us.*

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## Rebuttal of argument for

Here are the facts: 99.8% of Washingtonians will not pay the capital gains on extraordinary stock profits – it only applies to stock sale *profits* over \$250,000 per year. The law clearly exempts retirement and college savings, as well as sale of real estate, farms, and small businesses. Join small business owners and workforce development leaders counting on affordable childcare for employees, and tax fairness for middle income families— please vote No.

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Initiative Measure No.

# 2117

Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading. This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This measure would decrease funding for investments in transportation, clean air, renewable energy, conservation, and emissions-reduction.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

- Yes
- No

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## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as It Presently Exists

In 2021, the Washington Legislature enacted the Climate Commitment Act, which directed the Department of Ecology to design and implement a cap-and-invest program to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The program works by setting an emissions limit, or cap, and then lowering the cap over time to help ensure Washington meets the greenhouse gas reduction commitments previously set elsewhere in state law. Under the Climate Commitment Act, large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution subject to the program must either reduce their carbon emissions or pay for “allowances” to cover their emissions.

The cap-and-invest program applies to certain large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution, including large facilities, fuel suppliers, natural gas and electric utilities, waste-to-energy facilities (starting in 2027), and railroads (starting in 2031). Generally, entities with annual emissions below 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent are not required to obtain allowances to cover their emissions. Carbon dioxide equivalent is a measure used to compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases based on their global warming potential. Additionally, the emissions from certain facilities and certain types of fuel are not subject to the law. These include emissions from fuels used for agriculture or the transportation of agricultural products, aviation fuels, marine fuels combusted outside of Washington, and fuels exported out of Washington. The law also exempts emissions from national security facilities and certain municipal solid waste landfills.

Large emitters of greenhouse gas pollution covered by the program must obtain allowances equal to their covered emissions. Allowances are available through auctions administered by the Department of Ecology. The price of allowances sold at auctions fluctuates depending on market demand. Allowances can also be bought or sold through secondary markets at any time based on market prices. A portion of each polluter’s compliance obligation may also be met using offset credits, which are also bought and sold on a secondary market. An offset credit is purchased from developers of projects that the Department of Ecology has verified will result in permanent greenhouse gas reductions. Three types of polluters are issued free allowances that

can be used to cover some or all of their emissions: “emissions-intensive, trade exposed” industries, natural gas utilities, and electric utilities.

All polluters covered by the program must report their greenhouse gas emissions and submit their allowances or other compliance instruments to the Department of Ecology according to a specific schedule. Failure to submit the required number of allowances by the applicable deadline results in an automatic penalty requiring the polluter to submit four allowances for each missing one. Failure to comply with other requirements of the cap-and-invest program is subject to fines of up to \$50,000 per violation, per day.

Proceeds from the allowance auctions are appropriated by the Legislature and must be invested in climate projects throughout the state, including projects to increase climate resiliency, fund alternative-transportation grant programs, and help Washington transition to a low-carbon economy. State agencies that receive auction proceeds must conduct environmental justice assessments when allocating those funds, consistent with requirements set elsewhere in state law. At least 35% of auction proceeds are required to be used for projects that provide a direct benefit to people in communities disproportionately impacted by environmental harms. Additionally, at least 10% of auction proceeds must be used for projects with Tribal support. The Department of Ecology is required to provide an annual report to the Legislature summarizing how the auction proceeds have been used and whether each project produced verifiable emissions reductions. In 2023, cap-and-invest auctions raised \$1.8 billion.

In addition to establishing the cap-and-invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Climate Commitment Act also establishes a program for the Department of Ecology to reduce emissions of certain air pollutants (particulate matter, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, lead, and sulfur dioxide) in communities that the Department of Ecology has determined are overburdened and highly impacted by air pollution. This part of the Act requires Department of Ecology to collect data needed to determine which sources contribute the most to air pollution in these communities. The Climate Commitment Act then requires the Department of Ecology to work with local air agencies to analyze this data and use it to develop and enforce stricter air quality standards where appropriate.



## The Effect of the Proposed Measure if Approved

If approved, Initiative Measure No. 2117 would repeal the Climate Commitment Act, and bar state agencies from implementing carbon tax credit trading programs. Repealing the Climate Commitment Act would eliminate the climate and air quality programs described above as well as the funding source for investments in climate projects throughout the state.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### Summary

If approved by voters, Initiative 2117 will reduce state revenue from carbon allowance auctions by \$3.8 billion and reduce state expenditures by \$1.7 billion between the effective date of the initiative and June 30, 2029. This would reduce or eliminate funding for numerous programs and projects, including for: transportation emissions reduction; transit, pedestrian safety; ferry and other transportation electrification; air quality improvement; renewable and clean energy; grid modernization and building decarbonization; increasing the climate resilience of the state's waters, forests and other ecosystems; fire prevention and forest health; and restoring and improving salmon habitat. Local government fiscal impacts are indeterminate.

### General assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 5, 2024.
- The carbon allowance auction scheduled to take place on December 4, 2024, will not occur, as the auction certification and financial settlement process would extend past the day the initiative takes effect.
- The provisions of the initiative apply prospectively, not retroactively.
- The estimates use the state's fiscal year (SFY) of July 1 through June 30. State fiscal year 2025 is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

## State revenue impact

### Summary

Initiative 2117 would repeal the law that requires the Department of Ecology (ECY) to hold carbon allowance auctions, called the Climate Commitment Act; therefore, the state would no longer collect revenue from those auctions. The Climate Commitment Act also

established a secondary market for private parties to trade allowances and offset credits; therefore, the state would no longer collect revenue from the business and occupation (B&O) tax assessed on certain secondary market transactions.

The Climate Commitment Act carbon allowance auctions began in February 2023 and have generated \$2.15 billion in revenue between then and the auction of June 5, 2024. Under the initiative, the last auction would take place on September 4, 2024. The three remaining auctions scheduled in state fiscal year 2025 would be canceled. For state fiscal years 2025 through 2029, the projected reduction in revenue is \$3.9 billion from the canceled auctions (\$3.8 billion) and a loss of B&O tax collection (\$40 million). Auction revenue projections are calculated using ECY's June revenue forecast.

### Projected revenue impact to Washington State

(See Table 1 on page 27.)

### Revenue impact and fund balance transfers in state fiscal year 2025

The projected revenue loss would be \$758.1 million in state fiscal year 2025. Three of the four annual carbon allowance auctions would not take place and allowance sales generating B&O taxes would end.

The initiative eliminates five accounts created under the Climate Commitment Act. If the initiative is approved, the remaining funds in those five accounts will be transferred to two new accounts: (1) Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account and (2) Consolidated Climate Account (ESHB 2134, Section 614, Chapter 310, Laws of 2024 and ESSB 5950, Section 907, Chapter 376, Laws of 2024).

The Climate Commitment Act and the state operating and transportation budgets direct the distribution of carbon allowance auction revenues and make various transfers between the five Climate Commitment Act accounts and other transportation accounts. Under the initiative, there would not be sufficient revenue to make all the required revenue distributions and budget transfers. These transfers are prioritized as follows: (1) statutory distributions and (2) date of fund transfers specified in the 2023–25 operating and transportation budgets.

An estimated \$1 million to \$300 million would be transferred into the Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account, and \$700 million to \$900 million would be transferred into the Consolidated Climate Account. These amounts would be available to spend

through June 30, 2025.

The exact amount of funding that would transfer into the two new accounts is unknown, because the amounts will be based on: actual agency spending through December 5, 2024; revenue collected from the auction scheduled on September 4, 2024; and implementation of the various fund transfers.

### Other revenue impacts

Beginning in state fiscal year 2025, Business and Occupation (B&O) and Public Utility taxes would not be collected on the purchase, sale or trading of carbon allowances and offset credits by general market participants, resulting in lower state revenue.

Currently, general market participants are not required to purchase allowances, have not voluntarily assumed a compliance obligation by opting into the program, and are not eligible to receive allowances from the state at no cost. General market participants must pay B&O tax or public utility tax on these transactions. These participants may include investment banks, hedge funds, trading firms, and companies that want to invest in offset projects. B&O taxes are credited to the state General Fund, which funds various government agencies and activities, and to the Workforce Education Investment Account, which funds educational and training programs. For estimating purposes, the decrease in public utility taxes collected has a minimal impact. All impacts are shown under the B&O tax.

## State expenditure impact

### Summary

Thirty-seven state agencies have spending authority from Climate Commitment Act funds in the current biennium for programs, projects, and as grants for local governments, community groups, school districts and Tribes. Initiative 2117 would eliminate the revenue source that pays for these programs. The remaining funds already collected would transfer to the Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account and to the Consolidated Climate Account. The 2024 supplemental transportation, operating and capital budgets identify which programs and projects would and would not be eligible for this funding if the initiative passes. Spending authority of \$1.7 billion in state fiscal year 2025 would no longer exist because the budget appropriations would be eliminated along with repeal of the accounts.

Spending authority of \$230.4 million would be available in the Transportation Climate Emissions Reduction

Account and spending authority of \$653.8 million would be available in the Consolidated Climate Account. It is assumed that funding transferred to the new accounts would continue to be spent through the end of the current state fiscal year or until revenues are exhausted.

A net total of approximately \$2.6 billion of spending authority in state fiscal years 2025–2029 would no longer be available under the initiative to operate programs and pay for grants from the state operating, capital and transportation budgets.

Additionally, the transportation spending plan approved by the Legislature assumes \$1 billion would be available in state fiscal years 2026–2029 for projects to improve transit, electrify ferries, advance ultrahigh-speed rail and for initiatives to improve pedestrian safety. This money would no longer be available.

Currently, Climate Commitment Act auction revenue is spent from multiple accounts with different purposes.

### Carbon Emissions Reduction Account

- The Carbon Emissions Reduction Account receives the first deposit of revenue, in an amount specified in law, and must be used to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector, such as projects to reduce single-occupancy passenger vehicle miles driven; for alternative fuel infrastructure and incentive programs; emission reduction programs for freight transportation; and for ferries and other maritime and port activities.
- Seven state agencies have spending authority from the account in the current biennium, which includes funding for the equivalent of more than three full-time staff. Agencies would lose authority to spend \$205.2 million this biennium, and \$230.4 million in spending authority would be transferred to the Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account.
- Two accounts receive funding solely from the Climate Emissions Reduction Account: Climate Active Transportation Account (CATA) and Climate Transit Programs Account (CTPA). These accounts would not be eliminated by the initiative; however, the initiative would eliminate the only revenue source for these accounts.
- Funding provided through CATA and CTPA could still be spent through the end of the biennium, June 30, 2025. This funding pays for grant programs such as Safe Routes to Schools, Tribal transit, active transportation local projects and support to transit agencies and other providers

servicing people with disabilities, seniors, children and people living in rural areas.

#### Climate Investment Account

- Revenue from the auctions is deposited into the Climate Investment Account after the required distribution to the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account and can be used for administering the Climate Commitment Act, tracking spending and reporting, and Tribal capacity grants.
- Seven state agencies have spending authority from the account in the current biennium, which includes funding for the equivalent of nearly 116 full-time staff.
- Agencies would lose authority to spend \$12.2 million through the rest of the biennium, and \$23.1 million in spending authority would be transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account. However, a significant portion of that funding is for activities required by the Climate Commitment Act, and under the initiative, these activities would stop.
- After reserving an amount for administration of the Climate Commitment Act, funds in the Climate Investment Account are distributed to the Climate Commitment Account and the Natural Climate Solutions Account.

#### Climate Commitment Account

- The Climate Commitment Account can be used for development of renewable and clean energy, grid modernization, building decarbonization, industrial efficiency, low-income and worker assistance, climate change mitigation for Tribes, Growth Management Act planning, and the Working Families Tax credit.
- Thirty state agencies have spending authority from the account in the current biennium, which includes funding for the equivalent of nearly 136 full-time staff. Agencies would lose authority to spend \$419.7 million through the rest of this biennium, and \$476.5 million in spending authority would be transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account.

#### Natural Climate Solutions Account

- The Natural Climate Solutions Account can be used to pay for programs and projects that increase the resilience of the state's waters, forests and other ecosystems to the impacts of climate change; conserve forestlands; and increase natural climate carbon-pollution-reduction capacity.
- Twelve state agencies have spending authority from the account in the current biennium, which

includes funding for the equivalent of more than 58 full-time staff. Agencies would lose authority to spend \$147.3 million through the rest of the biennium, and \$134.9 million in spending authority would be transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account.

#### Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account

- The Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account can be used to pay for projects that monitor and improve air quality and reduce health disparities in overburdened communities.
- The account receives auction revenue after the required distribution to the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account. Statute does not specify the amount; however, the Legislature has stated its intention that not less than \$20 million each biennium should be transferred to the account.
- The ECY currently has a total of \$21.8 million in spending authority from the account, which includes funding for the equivalent of nearly five full-time staff.
- Under the initiative \$19.3 million in spending authority would be transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account.

#### **Projected spending impact to Washington State:**

(See Table 2 on page 27.)

#### **Carbon Emissions Reduction Account**

##### **Impact on the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account in the current biennium:**

(See Table 3 on page 28.)

##### **Significant activities that would be eliminated in SFY 2025 under the initiative:**

- Construction of hybrid-electric ferries and ferry terminal electrification – \$42 million, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
- Public-private partnerships, including funding added in 2024 for zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure grant programs for commercial vehicles, fire engines and utility service vehicles; local projects to improve safe routes to schools; and pedestrian and bicycle safety – \$40.9 million, WSDOT
- Rail projects, including Puyallup Tribe and Anacortes port electrification – \$35.5 million, WSDOT
- Local capital projects, including funding to complete the Guemes Island ferry replacement – \$32.9 million, WSDOT

- Public bus and transit facility projects – \$29.9 million, WSDOT
- Zero-emission vehicle supply equipment infrastructure for state agencies – \$13.5 million, Department of Enterprise Services (DES)
- Grant funding for electric boats for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal enterprises and Tribal members – \$5 million, Department of Commerce (COM)
- Zero-emission student transportation grants – \$4 million, ECY
- Transportation planning for the 2026 World Cup – \$1 million, WSDOT
- Impact study of implementing emissions standards for ocean-going vessels – \$477,000, Joint Transportation Committee

#### **Future impacts from SFY 2026–SFY 2029:**

WSDOT would lose anticipated future funding and spending authority for ongoing programs of approximately \$2.8 million each biennium, including:

- Free ferry fares for youth,
- Free youth fares on Amtrak, and
- Assistance and education for state agency alternative fuel usage.

Additionally, money would not be available for future transportation projects. The 2024 supplemental budget transportation spending plan, approved by the Legislature and used to develop future budgets, plans on spending \$1 billion for various projects. These projects include transit grants to improve safety and mobility near schools, ferry vessel and terminal electrification, Tribal port electrification projects, advancing ultrahigh-speed rail, and initiatives to improve pedestrian safety.

### **Climate Active Transportation Account and Climate Transit Programs Account**

#### **Impact on the Climate Active Transportation and Climate Transit Programs Accounts in the current biennium:**

(See Table 4 on page 28.)

#### **Significant activities that would be eliminated in SFY 2025 under the initiative:**

None

#### **Future impacts from SFY 2026–SFY 2029:**

For the purposes of this fiscal impact statement, it is assumed future spending from the accounts will end when the remaining fund balances are exhausted. It's unknown what funding may be available to spend beyond June 30, 2025.

Examples of programs and funding from the current biennium that would no longer have funding include:

- Grants for transit agency operating and capital expenses – \$188.9 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Pedestrian and bicyclist route improvement projects – \$82.2 million, WSDOT, CATA
- Grants to sustain and expand transit services to people with disabilities, seniors, children and people living in rural areas – \$60.1 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Move Ahead WA public transportation projects – \$46.6 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Grants to increase safe walking and biking routes to schools, including crossing improvements, speed management, sidewalks, bike lanes, shared use paths, streetlights, ADA improvements, education and encouragement activities – \$45.4 million, WSDOT, CATA
- Funding to transit agencies for cost-effective capital projects that reduce the carbon intensity of the Washington transportation system – \$39.4 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Grants to support transport vehicles and transit facilities – \$38 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Projects to improve active transportation connectivity for pedestrians along and across current and former state highways in overburdened communities – \$25 million, WSDOT, CATA
- Grants through the Complete Streets Program for projects on city streets or county roads that improve or add facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users to improve safe access – \$19.1 million, Transportation Improvement Board, CTPA
- Support for existing and expanded transit services to people with disabilities and the elderly population throughout rural and small urban areas of the state – \$18 million, WSDOT, CTPA
- Funding for a School-Based Bicycle Safety Education Program for Washington state public schools; safety and skills training; and education materials including bicycles to school districts, educational service districts and community-based organizations – \$16.8 million, WSDOT, CATA

### **Climate Investment Account**

#### **Impact on the Climate Investment Account in the current biennium:**

(See Table 5 on page 28.)



**Significant activities that would be eliminated under the initiative:**

- Grants added in 2024 for Tribal capacity to engage and work on climate related projects – \$5 million, ECY
- Funding to pursue linking Washington’s carbon market with the California/Quebec market – \$1.8 million, ECY

**Activities that would cease in SFY 2025 under the initiative:**

- Implementation of the Climate Commitment Act, including carbon allowance auctions, allocation of no-cost allowances, oversight of the secondary market, regulation of offset projects, tracking emissions reductions produced by expenditures of auction proceeds, and statewide greenhouse gas inventory work – \$9.1 million, ECY, Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office
- Development of a data portal and other strategies to improve public understanding of expenditures from Climate Commitment Act accounts – \$2.6 million, ECY, Office of Financial Management (OFM)
- Grants to Tribal governments to support developing carbon offset projects – \$2 million, ECY
- Setting stricter standards for technology used to limit emissions from stationary emission sources that are the greatest contributors of air pollution in overburdened communities – \$1.5 million, ECY
- Expansion of air quality monitoring in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution, and estimations of the health impacts associated with the air quality experienced in overburdened communities – \$557,476, ECY, Department of Health (DOH)

**Future impacts from SFY 2026–SFY 2029:**

The ECY and other agencies would lose anticipated future spending authority for ongoing programs of approximately \$35 million each biennium to administer the Climate Commitment Act. ECY would lose funding no longer required for administration of the cap-and-invest program. ECY would lose funding to expand the state’s air quality monitoring network and improve air quality standards in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution.

The ECY would also lose \$31.5 million per biennium for grants to Tribes to increase capacity to engage and work on climate-related projects and for carbon offset project development and \$3.8 million to make improvements to Washington’s inventory of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Climate Commitment Account****Impact on the Climate Commitment Account in the current biennium:**

(See Table 6 on page 29.)

**Significant activities in SFY 2025 that would be eliminated under the initiative:**

- Funding to support energy efficiency and decarbonization improvements in multifamily and commercial properties – \$100 million, COM
- Projects and technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in local communities, especially in overburdened communities – \$74.1 million, COM
- Energy renewal projects across the University of Washington’s (UW) campuses and hospital system – \$38.9 million, UW
- Grants to K–12 schools for indoor air quality assessment and air filtration systems – \$30 million, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Matching funds to support participation in a federal Department of Energy loan program for large-scale energy development – \$25 million, COM
- Grants to grow Washington’s clean energy manufacturing economy – \$21.5 million, COM
- Grants to improve the state’s progress towards greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in hard-to-decarbonize industries – \$13 million, COM
- Expansion of Central Washington University’s (CWU) geothermal energy production – \$12.5 million, CWU
- Design and construction of a dairy digester to produce renewable energy and compost from manure sources, post-consumer food and compostable wastes – \$10 million, Washington State University (WSU)
- Sports and Recreation Center energy efficiency improvements – \$10 million, Eastern Washington University
- Funding to support local governments to implement greenhouse gas reduction plans – \$10 million, COM
- Support for Lummi Indian Business Council clean energy projects – \$7.6 million, COM
- Replacement of Western Washington University’s (WWU) steam plant with a mostly electric and water-based heating system – \$7 million, WWU
- Providing equipment to residential, recreational or educational facilities to improve air quality in King County – \$6 million, ECY

- Replacement of windows at the Yakima Valley School to increase energy efficiency – \$5.1 million, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- Grants to support non-emitting thermal energy networks – \$5 million, COM
- Grant funding to reduce food waste and support hunger relief and food assistance needs – \$4.8 million, ECY, Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)
- Improved energy efficiency of the CWU Science Building – \$4.5 million, CWU
- Grants to assist community-based organizations, local governments, Tribes and other eligible entities to write, administer federal grants and track grant opportunities – \$3.6 million, COM
- Funding to help consumers find and take advantage of the home energy improvement funding - \$3.5 million, COM
- Funding to offer education, planning, technical assistance, and community engagement to enable clean energy access - \$3 million, COM
- Conducting building energy efficiency assessments – \$3 million, DSHS
- Funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with manure-handling systems at dairy and livestock farms – \$3 million, Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC)
- Funding to advance campus decarbonization – \$3 million, WSU
- Assistance for community-based organizations, local governments, Tribes and other entities to access federal clean-energy tax incentives – \$2.9 million, COM
- Grants to increase the reuse of industrial waste products – \$2.1 million, COM
- Grants to improve the energy efficiency of buildings at community and technical colleges – \$2 million, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges

#### **Future Impacts from SFY 2026–SFY 2029:**

Sixteen state agencies would lose anticipated future spending authority for ongoing programs of approximately \$200 million in state fiscal years 2026–2027 and \$130 million in state fiscal years 2028–2029 for multiple activities including clean energy development, environmental justice work and climate adaptation planning.

## **Natural Climate Solutions Account**

### **Impact on the Natural Climate Solutions Account in the current biennium:**

(See Table 7 on page 30.)

### **Significant activities in SFY 2025 that would be eliminated under the initiative:**

- Forestland and coastal land preservation:
  - Funding for the Quinault Indian Nation to buy forestland – \$25 million, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
  - Funding to purchase forestlands for conservation and protection of endangered species – \$15 million, DNR
  - Purchasing properties to place into conservation status – \$10.8 million, DNR
  - Grants for coastal restoration and resiliency – \$7.9 million, Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)
  - Algae and other blue carbon sequestration projects – \$7 million, COM
  - Grants to support community forests – \$5.8 million, RCO
  - Grants to improve carbon storage on agricultural lands – \$5 million, WSDA
- Fire prevention and forest health:
  - Funding for forest health treatments to increase resilience to fire – \$3 million, DNR
  - Grants to local governments and private landowners for projects to increase forest health and community wildfire resiliency – \$2.5 million, SCC
  - Community-based wildfire risk reduction and forest-health activities, such as engagement with landowners, removal of fire hazard materials and brush clearing – \$2 million, SCC
- Riparian area and salmon habitat protection:
  - Restoration and protection of salmon habitat – \$25 million, RCO
  - Fish passage barrier removal projects – \$22.2 million, RCO
  - Estuary and salmon habitat restoration – \$11.1 million, RCO

### **Future impacts from SFY 2026–SFY 2029:**

Nine state agencies would lose anticipated future spending authority for ongoing programs of approximately \$50 million each biennium to continue work on programs and projects which increase the resilience of the state’s waters, forests and other vital ecosystems to the impacts of climate change; conserve forestlands; and increase natural carbon-pollution reduction capacity.

## Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account

### Impact on the Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account in the current biennium:

(See Table 8 on page 30.)

### Activities in SFY 2025 that would be eliminated under the initiative:

- None

### Future impacts from SFY 2026–SFY2029:

The account would be eliminated along with \$40 million in anticipated future funding for ongoing programs administered by ECY to improve air quality and reduce health disparities in overburdened communities.

### Other state agency spending impacts

#### Compliance costs:

The University of Washington (UW) and Washington State University (WSU) are covered entities under the Climate Commitment Act and are required to purchase or acquire compliance instruments (carbon-emission allowances and offset credits) to account for their covered greenhouse gas emissions. Under the initiative, this requirement would be eliminated. The UW would save an estimated \$3.4 million in state fiscal year 2025 and \$3.8 million each year in state fiscal years 2026–2029. WSU would save \$3.3 million in state fiscal year 2025 and \$3.7 million each year in state fiscal years 2026–2029.

Both universities receive state funding to cover a portion of this obligation cost. The remainder must be paid for by other funding sources. The UW currently receives \$1,733,000 in State General Fund each state fiscal year to pay for a portion of their obligation. WSU currently receives \$1,718,000 in State General Fund each state fiscal year to pay for a portion of their obligation. The 2024 supplemental operating budget provided an additional \$4.3 million in state fiscal year 2024 and \$2.6 million in state fiscal year 2025 from the State General Fund for WSU to pay for their obligation.

#### Rulemaking:

Under the initiative, ECY would conduct rulemaking from January 2025 through December 2027 to repeal Climate Commitment Act rules and to amend rules regarding greenhouse gas emission reporting. Estimated costs are \$1.2 million from the State General Fund for staff to conduct this rulemaking and for support from the Office of the Attorney General.

#### Lease costs:

WSU has leased a building in Richland, Washington to

house the Institute for Northwest Energy Futures and is paying for this lease with funding from the Climate Commitment Act. WSU is contractually obligated for future expenses through December 1, 2026. Under the initiative, this funding would be eliminated, and WSU would need to find other funds to pay these expenses. The cost is estimated at \$810,000 in state fiscal year 2026 and \$809,000 in state fiscal year 2027 and would likely be paid for with the State General Fund.

#### Federal funding:

Several state agencies and local governments use Climate Commitment Act funding as a required match to receive federal funding, and this match funding is often required before applying for federal grants. Under the initiative, these federal grants would be at risk if the Climate Commitment Act funds are not replaced. It is unknown exactly how much federal funding the state or local governments would receive that would be matched with Climate Commitment Act funding in the future. Therefore, the potential impact of the initiative on the amount of federal funds the state and local governments would receive is indeterminate. Some examples are included.

Currently, Transit Formula and Special Needs grant local projects use Climate Commitment Act funding for federal match. The federal amount that would not be funded each fiscal year is approximately \$12 million. For rural mobility projects, the amount is approximately \$8 million each fiscal year.

The Cascadia High-Speed Rail Program was accepted under the Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program, which is a long-term federal grant pipeline. Federal funding for the next steps for the High-Speed Rail Program requires state matching funds. The program is currently negotiating with the federal railroad administration for a CID grant award amount. These negotiations assume availability of \$25 million of Climate Commitment Act funding in the current biennium for state match – and ability to extend spending, if needed – to align with the reimbursement cycle for the federal grant. Under the initiative, WSDOT would be unable to accept \$391.7 million of federal funding in state fiscal years 2025–2029 through the CID Program without alternative funding.

#### Performance audit:

Under the initiative, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) would not conduct a mandated performance audit of Climate Commitment Act implementation which is required by December 1, 2029. The estimated savings to JLARC is \$200,000 from the State General Fund in state fiscal year 2029.



## Local government impacts

### Grant and award programs

Passage of the initiative would reduce Climate Commitment Act funding provided by state agencies to local governments and K–12 public schools. Currently, cities, counties, K–12 schools and other local entities can receive grants, loan or contract funding from approximately 130 programs across dozens of state agencies. Under the initiative, all these programs would lose funding past June 30, 2025. Between December 5, 2024, and June 30, 2025, approximately 50 programs and \$415.7 million would be eliminated. It is unknown which local governments would apply for grants or loans and be awarded funding, or the amounts of such awards that would be eliminated under the initiative.

### Significant programs in SFY 2025 that would be eliminated under the initiative:

- Local capital transportation projects, including zero-emission infrastructure; public transportation projects; commercial, fire engine and public utility vehicles and infrastructure; port electrification; and clean energy infrastructure – \$119 million, WSDOT
- Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support planning – \$91 million, COM
- Energy efficiency improvements for commercial and multifamily buildings – \$45 million, COM
- Salmon and estuary recovery and restoration projects – \$37.2 million, RCO, SCC
- School District Indoor Air Quality & Energy Efficiency program – \$30 million, OSPI
- Fish passage barrier removal – \$23.2 million, COM, RCO
- Forest health, fire prevention and fire wise grant program – \$13.2 million, DNR, RCO, SCC
- Coastal lands restoration and resiliency program – \$7.9 million, RCO
- King County air quality mitigation – \$6 million, ECY
- Food waste reduction grants – \$4.8 million, ECY, WSDA
- Zero-emission student transportation grants – \$4 million, ECY
- Community forest grant program – \$3 million, DNR
- Sustainable Farms & Fields grants program – \$3 million, SCC
- Forest health and fire wise grant program – \$2.4 million, SCC

### Impacts on publicly owned natural gas utilities

Two cities in Washington provide natural gas to local ratepayers. They participate in the Climate

Commitment Act's cap-and-invest program due to the level of their carbon emissions: the City of Enumclaw and the City of Ellensburg. The initiative repeals the cap-and-invest program, and these two cities would no longer be required to acquire allowances or offset credits equal to their carbon emission levels. The cap-and-invest program currently gives the two cities free allowances in an amount that initially covers all their emissions and then declines at 7% per year through 2030 and 2% per year after 2030. If these utilities decrease emissions (decarbonize) faster than 7% per year, they could return the monetary value of any unused allowances to their ratepayers. Under the initiative, through 2030, the total value of the free allowances that these cities would not receive is forecasted at \$13.4 million.

### Impacts on publicly owned electricity utilities

Currently, 53 cities, counties and other publicly owned entities that provide electricity to local ratepayers participate in the cap-and-invest program that would be eliminated under the initiative. Currently, these utilities receive free allowances to cover the total cost burden of compliance, including administrative costs and the costs of acquiring allowances or offset credits equal to the carbon emissions from the power plants that serve their ratepayers. These utilities can use the free allowances to meet their cap-and-invest compliance obligations. Alternatively, they can use some of the free allowance value to implement programs that benefit ratepayers. Under the initiative, through 2030, the total value of the free allowances that these entities would not receive is forecasted at \$1.3 billion.

<b>Table 1 – Projected revenue impact to Washington State</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>SFY 2025</b>	<b>SFY 2026</b>	<b>SFY 2027</b>	<b>SFY 2028</b>	<b>SFY 2029</b>
Carbon Emissions Reduction Account	(\$672,271,000)	(\$71,823,000)	(\$71,823,000)	(\$71,823,000)	(\$71,823,000)
Climate Transit Programs Account	\$0	(\$201,106,000)	(\$201,106,000)	(\$201,106,000)	(\$201,106,000)
Climate Active Transportation Account	\$0	(\$86,188,000)	(\$86,188,000)	(\$86,188,000)	(\$86,188,000)
Climate Investment Account, portions of which are distributed to the Climate Commitment Account and Natural Climate Solutions Account	(\$79,285,000)	(\$472,765,000)	(\$422,789,000)	(\$402,426,000)	(\$301,837,000)
Air Quality and Health Disparities Improvement Account	(\$2,500,000)	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
General Fund-State	(\$3,400,000)	(\$7,100,000)	(\$7,400,000)	(\$7,800,000)	(\$8,100,000)
Workforce Education Investment Account	(\$600,000)	(\$1,200,000)	(\$1,200,000)	(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,400,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$758,056,000)</b>	<b>(\$850,182,000)</b>	<b>(\$800,566,000)</b>	<b>(\$780,643,000)</b>	<b>(\$680,514,000)</b>

<b>Table 2 – Projected spending impact to Washington State:</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>SFY 2025</b>	<b>SFY 2026</b>	<b>SFY 2027</b>	<b>SFY 2028</b>	<b>SFY 2029</b>
Carbon Emissions Reduction Account	(\$435,594,125)	(\$1,387,000)	(\$1,387,000)	(\$1,387,000)	(\$1,387,000)
Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account	\$230,354,125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Climate Active Transportation Account	(\$0)	(\$9,533,500)	(\$9,533,500)	(\$9,533,500)	(\$9,533,500)
Climate Transit Programs Account	(\$0)	(\$179,850,000)	(\$179,850,000)	(\$179,850,000)	(\$179,850,000)
Climate Investment Account	(\$35,256,884)	(\$35,443,000)	(\$35,443,000)	(\$35,094,000)	(\$35,094,000)
Climate Commitment Account	(\$896,196,884)	(\$102,620,000)	(\$97,523,000)	(\$66,026,000)	(\$64,389,000)
Natural Climate Solutions Account	(\$282,251,136)	(\$25,392,000)	(\$27,953,000)	(\$22,956,000)	(\$25,853,000)
Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account	(\$19,333,611)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consolidated Climate Account	\$653,797,443	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund-State	(\$6,349,000)	(\$6,152,000)	(\$6,364,000)	(\$7,500,000)	(\$7,700,000)
General Fund-Federal	(\$45,000,000)	(\$70,000,000)	(\$70,000,000)	(\$70,000,000)	(\$236,700,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$835,829,954)</b>	<b>(\$430,377,000)</b>	<b>(\$428,053,500)</b>	<b>(\$392,346,500)</b>	<b>(\$590,506,500)</b>

<b>Table 3 – Impact on the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority transferred to the Transportation Carbon Emissions Reduction Account</b>
Department of Commerce	(\$5,000,000)	\$0
Department of Ecology	(\$4,000,000)	\$0
Department of Enterprise Services	(\$13,500,000)	\$0
Department of Natural Resources	\$0	\$671,724
Joint Transportation Committee	(\$477,000)	\$2,243,091
Washington State Department of Transportation	(\$182,263,000)	\$227,439,310
Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$205,240,000)</b>	<b>\$230,354,125</b>

<b>Table 4 – Impact on the Climate Active Transportation and Climate Transit Programs Accounts in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority retained</b>
Transportation Improvement Board	\$0	\$7,067,000
Washington State Department of Transportation	\$0	\$322,984,552
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$330,051,552</b>

<b>Table 5 – Impact on the Climate Investment Account in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account</b>
Department of Ecology	(\$12,081,799)	\$21,058,099
Department of Health	\$0	\$489,012
Department of Licensing	\$0	\$0
Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office	\$0	\$838,354
Office of Financial Management	(\$2,370)	\$565,450
Recreation and Conservation Office	\$0	\$116,800
Washington State Conservation Commission	(\$105,000)	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$12,189,169)</b>	<b>\$23,067,715</b>

<b>Table 6 – Impact on the Climate Commitment Account in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account</b>
Central Washington University	(\$16,973,000)	\$1,300,473
Columbia River Gorge Commission	\$0	\$70,250
Department of Architectural and Historic Preservation	\$0	\$506,755
Department of Children, Youth and Families	\$0	\$3,199,000
Department of Commerce	(\$269,919,794)	\$303,908,217
Department of Corrections	(\$600,000)	\$1,600,000
Department of Ecology	(\$9,792,103)	\$17,917,345
Department of Enterprise Services	(\$1,617,575)	\$0
Department of Health	\$120,000	\$79,236,333
Department of Labor & Industries	\$0	\$3,463,669
Department of Natural Resources	(\$862,000)	\$5,423,409
Department of Revenue	\$0	\$281,500
Department of Social and Health Services	(\$9,958,915)	\$0
Department of Veteran's Affairs	\$0	\$200,000
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	(\$68,000)	\$4,561,612
Employment Security Department	\$0	\$329,837
Eastern Washington University	(\$9,998,000)	\$50,000
Governor's Office of Indian Affairs	\$0	\$495,218
Office of Financial Management	(\$875,000)	\$3,240,284
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	(\$30,000,000)	\$7,525,000
The Evergreen State College	\$0	\$0
University of Washington	(\$39,053,000)	\$9,055,869
Washington State Board of Community & Technical Colleges	(\$2,475,000)	\$5,781,000
Washington State Conservation Commission	(\$3,048,483)	\$22,400,000
Washington State Department of Agriculture	(\$3,407,000)	\$2,553,592
Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife	\$0	\$1,056,113
Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission	(\$950,000)	\$1,462,443
Washington State University	(\$13,000,000)	\$352,823
Western Washington University	(\$7,000,000)	\$0
Workforce Training Board	\$0	\$508,273
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$419,717,870)</b>	<b>\$476,479,014</b>

<b>Table 7 – Impact on the Natural Climate Solutions Account in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account</b>
Department of Commerce	(\$7,975,000)	\$2,600,546
Department of Ecology	(\$2,079,963)	\$21,451,072
Department of Enterprise Services	\$0	\$0
Department of Health	\$0	\$22,828
Department of Natural Resources	(\$54,594,358)	\$26,464,652
Military Department	\$0	\$84,022
Recreation and Conservation Office	(\$72,006,000)	\$57,279,700
University of Washington	\$0	\$486,602
Washington State Conservation Commission	(\$5,603,713)	\$24,331,293
Washington State Department of Agriculture	(\$5,000,000)	\$114,884
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$0	\$1,145,241
Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission	(\$75,000)	\$936,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$147,334,034)</b>	<b>\$134,917,102</b>

<b>Table 8 – Impact on the Air Quality and Health Disparities Investment Account in the current biennium:</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Spending authority eliminated</b>	<b>Spending authority transferred to the Consolidated Climate Account</b>
Department of Ecology	\$0	\$19,333,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,333,611</b>

## Argument for

### Vote “Yes” on I-2117 to repeal Washington’s expensive, unfair, and wasteful CO2 tax

The CO2 tax increases the cost of gasoline and energy and drives up the price of everything we buy. A hidden tax that hurts low-income people most while providing large handouts to special interests. That’s why a bipartisan group of climate scientists, farmers, small business owners, and environmental justice advocates is voting “Yes” on I-2117 to cut energy prices and protect jobs.

### The CO2 tax is built on broken promises

Politicians promised the CO2 tax would make gasoline prices go up by only “pennies.” Instead, the CO2 tax added nearly 40 cents per gallon at the pump, making Washington’s fuel some of the *most expensive in the nation*. Plus, the tax will *double* in just a few years.

### Energy inflation hits low-income families hardest

While working families struggle with higher prices, politicians offer token, election-year “credits” to hide the real costs of the tax. The state even made it *illegal* for utilities to tell people the CO2 tax is hiking up their bills. This tax is unfair and kills small businesses and good jobs.

### The CO2 tax goes mainly to government and special interests—not fighting climate change

The CO2 tax gives *billions* to government bureaucrats, with little left for tackling pollution and climate change. Lots of cash for special interests, but almost nothing to stop wildfires or improve air quality. Vote “Yes” to support environmental action that prioritizes the planet not politics.

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### Rebuttal of argument against

Advocates of the CO2 tax – the largest energy tax in state history – claim it doesn't increase energy costs. They *know* this is false. We all felt the harm from soaring gasoline prices. Repealing the tax lowers prices. Tax supporters also *know* the law prohibits the taxes from maintaining roads and bridges. Ending the tax will *not* hurt transportation. Don't be fooled by dishonest scare tactics. Vote “Yes” to pay less and protect low-income Washingtonians.

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## Argument against

I-2117 is a purposely misleading, poorly written initiative that won't do a thing to guarantee lower costs for working families. It will endanger our health and safety and would devastate our transportation system.

### I-2117 is a threat to our air, land and water - putting our health at risk.

I-2117 would jeopardize vital protections for our waterways, including rivers, lakes and streams. It would mean more toxic pollution in the air we breathe, resulting in more adults and kids suffering with asthma and illness. It would gut programs that protect our communities from wildfires and eliminate efforts to support salmon recovery and fish habitat.

### I-2117 threatens the safe, reliable functioning of our entire transportation system.

I-2117 would cut one-third of funding for our state's already stretched transportation plan, making traffic congestion worse and commutes even longer. These drastic cuts would impact every corner of our state, putting major road and bridge projects addressing congestion, safety and freight mobility in danger of severe delays or outright cancellation. I-2117 reduces funding to restore a ferry system already in crisis and would drastically slash transit service.

### An unprecedented coalition opposes I-2117.

The devastating harm I-2117 would cause has produced a uniquely broad and diverse coalition united in opposition. Over 350 organizations – including firefighters, small businesses, leading companies, doctors, nurses, labor unions and environmental leaders – and Tribal Nations have joined together to fiercely oppose I-2117. *No* to more pollution. *No* to more traffic congestion. *No* on I-2117. It's a bad deal for Washington.

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### Rebuttal of argument for

The people behind I-2117 make many misleading claims. If its supporters wanted to lower gas prices, they should have pushed an initiative to cut the gas tax. There is *nothing* in I-2117 that guarantees lower gas prices – but it *will* mean more pollution in our air and waterways, and more asthma and illness. It *will* devastate our transportation system, increasing traffic congestion and commute times, and costing jobs. Don't be fooled. Vote *no* on 2117.

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Initiative Measure No.

# 2124

Initiative Measure No. 2124 concerns state long term care insurance.

This measure would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW 50B.04 and could opt-out any time. It would also repeal a law governing an exemption for employees. This measure would decrease funding for Washington's public insurance program providing long-term care benefits and services.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).



## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as It Presently Exists

In 2019, the Washington Legislature created a public long term care insurance program that is commonly known as “WA Cares.” The program provides people who meet its requirements up to \$36,500 (plus increases based on inflation) to pay for certain long term care services, such as nursing home care.

The insurance program is funded through mandatory contributions from most employees in Washington. Employers must deduct 0.58 percent of an employee’s wages. Participation is mandatory for most employees whether they are full-time, part-time, or temporary workers. Payroll deductions began on July 1, 2023.

Some employees in Washington do not contribute to the long term care insurance program and are not eligible for the program’s benefit. In general, federal employees, employees of federally recognized tribes, and persons who are self-employed do not participate in the long term care insurance program. However, federally recognized tribes and persons who are self-employed may choose to participate.

Certain employees may apply for voluntary exemptions from participation in the program. Employees who may apply for voluntary exemptions include veterans with service-connected disabilities, spouses or registered domestic partners of active-duty military members, temporary workers on a non-immigrant visa, and, under recent changes to the law, workers whose permanent address is outside Washington. In addition, employees who obtained private long term care insurance before November 2021 were eligible to apply for an exemption until December 2022.

Participants must contribute to the long term care insurance program for a minimum number of years before they are eligible to apply for benefits. In general, participants must contribute for either (1) at least ten years, without a gap of five or more consecutive years, or (2) for three of the last six years before the date a person applies for benefits. A person born before 1968 may receive partial benefits based on the number of years they have contributed to the program.

The long-term care insurance benefit is available only to individuals who need assistance with at least three activities of daily living, such as eating, getting in or out of bed, dressing, taking medications, or bathing. In addition, a person is eligible for the benefit only if they are at least 18 years old. For Washington residents, benefits first become available on July 1, 2026.

### The Effect of the Proposed Measure if Approved

If adopted, Initiative Measure No. 2124 (I-2124) would change how participation in the long term care insurance program works. Employees and self-employed persons who are currently participating in the program would be able to opt out at any time. A person who opts out would not contribute premiums to the program and would not be eligible for the \$36,500 benefit.

I-2124 would also require that employees or self-employed persons in Washington elect to keep coverage under the program.

This measure does not specify the timing or process for employees or self-employed persons to either “elect to keep coverage” or opt out of the program. I-2124 would give the Employment Security Department authority to adopt rules to implement the measure’s requirements.

I-2124 would also repeal the statute that created a voluntary exemption for employees who had purchased long term care insurance before November 2021.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

If voters approve Initiative 2124, there will be additional expenses to the state due to administrative costs. Estimated expenses for the first three state fiscal years combined are in the range of \$12,623,250 to \$31,215,960. There is an assumed decrease in state revenues due to workers opting out of the program and no longer paying premiums. It is unknown how many current and future workers will choose to continue to participate in the program. Therefore, the total impacts to revenue and program costs, including the amount for paying future benefits, are indeterminate. There are no known local government fiscal impacts.

### General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 5, 2024.
- For those choosing to opt out, premium collections would stop the first day of the following calendar quarter after the opt-out request is made.
- The provisions of the initiative apply prospectively, not retroactively.
- Workers who do not have an exemption from the Long-Term Services and Supports program (LTSS) will continue paying premiums unless and until they affirmatively opt out of the program.

- Estimates use the state's fiscal year (SFY) of July 1 through June 30. State fiscal year 2025 (SFY25) July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

## REVENUE

### State Revenue

Unless otherwise exempted from the LTSS program, the Employment Security Department (ESD) collects mandatory premiums from Washington workers at a current rate of 0.58% of a worker's wages. Premiums collected are placed in the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account to cover benefit payments and administrative costs. Workers who choose to opt out of the program if the initiative passes will no longer contribute toward these costs or receive benefits.

Current actuarial projections assume program revenue to reach \$952 million in state fiscal year 2025, sufficient to cover benefit payments beginning in state fiscal year 2027 when combined with previously collected premiums in the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account. If the initiative passes, it is unknown how many workers would choose to opt out of the program. Therefore, revenue impacts are indeterminate. For illustrative purposes only, if 25% less in premiums were collected, the state fiscal year 2025 revenue would be \$714 million. If 75% less in premiums were collected, the state fiscal year 2025 revenue would be \$238 million.

An analysis by the Office of the State Actuary indicates that if rates of non-participation are high enough, the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account could become insolvent as early as state fiscal year 2027.

Once benefits become available to eligible LTSS participants in July of 2026, there may be potential savings to the Medicaid program related to delaying usage of long-term care services and supports covered by Medicaid. The potential impact of this initiative on any Medicaid savings is indeterminate because projected impacts to benefit payments cannot be defined since the demographic makeup of those who would choose to remain in the program is unknown.

## EXPENDITURES

There are currently 4.1 million workers in Washington state, with 3.9 million participating in the LTSS program. It is unknown how many of those workers will choose to remain in the program. Therefore, estimated expenditures for benefits and administrative costs are indeterminate. For this reason, this analysis identifies costs associated with a range of scenarios, from 25%,

50% and 75% of workers electing to opt out of the program. All expenditures noted within this analysis would come from revenue in the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Account.

**Customer Support** (Non-indeterminate costs: SFY25: \$1,310,000; SFY26: \$584,000; SFY27 and ongoing: \$236,000; and indeterminate costs)

Additional customer support teams would be needed at both the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Employment Security Department (ESD) to address an ongoing increase in calls and inquiries from the public. Agencies do not anticipate a decrease in their existing customer service costs if fewer people choose to participate in the program.

DSHS provides customer service and addresses questions and complaints for the LTSS program, including referring individual customers to other appropriate agencies. Depending on the percentage of workers electing to opt out, and assuming that 10% of those individuals will contact DSHS for a call that is five minutes in duration, increased staffing costs would begin in December of 2024.

Ranges of the staff required and costs based on 25% to 75% of workers electing to opt out:

(See Table 1 on page 36.)

In addition to these costs, DSHS will need to purchase software services and technical consulting services required to implement call center technology, costing \$1,000,000 in state fiscal year 2025.

ESD collects and assesses employee LTSS program premiums. Therefore, ESD assumes that the following work will be needed:

- Provide customer service to workers, including self-employed individuals, with questions regarding maintaining and opting out of coverage.
- Upon request, mail documentation to employees that they may provide to employers concerning maintaining coverage in the program.
- Support employers with reporting and premium payments. ESD will process refunds to employers who withheld premiums incorrectly from their employees.
- ESD assumes that in the first year, 15% of the customers who opt out of the program will contact the department with questions or to request technical assistance, with each contact estimated at 15 minutes. In subsequent years, that rate of individuals requiring assistance will drop to 10%

of those choosing to opt out. Using the 25%, 50% and 75% range of opt-outs, ESD assumes increased staffing costs would begin in December of 2024.

Ranges of the staff required and costs based on 25% to 75% of workers electing to opt out:

(See Table 2 on page 36.)

These estimates also assume that eight current positions who process exemptions will be repurposed to provide customer service. To support the additional customer service staff, ESD estimates needing an additional five staff for training, designing operating procedures, fiscal support and conducting administrative actions. The costs for the support staff are \$310,000 in state fiscal year 2025, \$584,000 in state fiscal year 2026 and \$236,000 in state fiscal year 2027 and ongoing.

**Information Technology Enhancements** (Non-indeterminate costs: SFY25: \$883,000; SFY26 and ongoing: \$31,000)

ESD will develop IT system functionality to allow Washington workers the ability to opt out of the LTSS program. This system enhancement will take approximately 12 weeks to build and implement, and ESD will hire IT staffing and vendor teams to complete this work from December 2024 through February 2025, estimated to cost \$835,000 in state fiscal year 2025 and including 3.4 staff. Vendor services and IT staffing teams needed will include development, performance, security and management. Other IT infrastructure costs are estimated to be \$48,000 in state fiscal year 2025 for an additional testing environment and database capacity. Ongoing costs for database capacity are approximately \$31,000 per year starting in state fiscal year 2026.

**Product Management** (Non-indeterminate costs: SFY25: \$587,000)

ESD will hire a product management team, consisting of 4.3 temporary staff working through June 30, 2025, costing \$587,000 in state fiscal year 2025, to ensure legislation is implemented successfully by balancing value, usability, feasibility, sustainability risks and working with stakeholders.

**Communications** (Non-indeterminate costs: SFY25: \$426,000; SFY26: \$262,000; SFY27 and ongoing: \$178,000)

ESD will develop and implement communication plans to prepare employers and employer agents,

such as third-party payroll providers, for changes to wage filing requirements. The cost of creating and disseminating information through mailers to 183,000 employers is expected to be \$89,000 per mailing. ESD anticipates sending four mailings in state fiscal year 2025 (\$89,000 x 4 = \$356,000) and two mailings per year in state fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter (\$89,000 x 2 = \$178,000). In addition, ESD plans to hire a communications consultant for one year starting in December of 2024 to inform workers through their employers about the ability to maintain and opt out of the program and to inform employers about how to manage their employees' program coverage and changes to reporting requirements.

**Legal Services, Appeals, Rule Making** (Non-indeterminate costs: SFY25: \$90,000; and indeterminate costs)

The Office of Administrative Hearings may experience a reduction in projected appeals if fewer workers participate in the program. Therefore, a savings of roughly \$55,000 to \$165,000 may be realized depending on the percentage of workers that choose to opt out.

ESD is authorized to establish rules pertaining to the programmatic changes made within the initiative. Rulemaking is expected to cost \$90,000 in state fiscal year 2025. It is unknown what level of legal guidance ESD will need from the Office of the Attorney General to implement the rules and initiative. Therefore, any costs associated with legal guidance are indeterminate.

**Benefit Payments** (Indeterminate costs)

Benefits become available to eligible participants beginning in state fiscal year 2027. Current actuarial projections assume program benefit payments to cost approximately \$1.837 billion in state fiscal year 2027. Any impacts this initiative may have on future benefit payouts or associated administrative expenses are indeterminate at this time since the demographic makeup of those who would choose to remain in the program is unknown.

<b>Table 1 – Ranges of the staff required and costs based on 25% to 75% of workers electing to opt out:</b>			
	SFY25	SFY26	SFY27
Number of Staff	5.3 to 13.5	7.3 to 17.9	4.7 to 10
Cost Range	\$577,000 to \$1,409,000	\$740,000 to \$1,775,000	\$483,000 to \$994,000

<b>Table 2 – Ranges of the staff required and costs based on 25% to 75% of workers electing to opt out:</b>			
	SFY25	SFY26	SFY27
Number of Staff	18.8 to 66.6	24.5 to 89.5	18.8 to 71.9
Cost Range	\$1,921,890 to \$6,711,045	\$2,508,012 to \$8,990,311	\$1,940,348 to \$7,213,604

*SFY27 costs would continue each year thereafter.*

## If I am a victim of a crime, can I vote safely?

### Keep your voting address confidential

You may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and register as a Protected Records Voter if you are:

- A survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking; or
- A criminal justice participant, election official, or protected health care worker who is a target for harassment.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You meet with a Certified Advocate who can assist with threat assessment, safety planning, and the program application.
- The best time to enroll is when you move or are planning to move to a location that is unknown to the offender and undocumented in public record.



Call 1 (800) 822-1065 or visit [sos.wa.gov/acp](https://sos.wa.gov/acp).



## Argument for

### **Yes on I-2124 makes the long-term care payroll tax program a voluntary choice.**

The long-term care program is a mandatory payroll tax funded directly from employees' paychecks. Washington workers should have the choice over whether their hard-earned money is taken to fund the program. Voting "Yes" makes the payroll tax voluntary and gives workers the choice to remain in or leave the program.

### **Yes on I-2124 gives everyone a choice.**

There is bipartisan support to pass I-2124. Over 500,000 Washington workers have already chosen to opt-out of the program. The opt-out window is closed for the rest of us. Voting "Yes" reopens the window for everyone.

### **Yes on I-2124 creates long-term care flexibility.**

For many families, the long-term care program will only cover a few months of care. Workers may pay more into the program than they will ever use. For married couples, the benefits can't be transferred to spouses. Part-time employees, seniors, and anyone working less than 500 hours/year could be taxed and never receive benefits. Voting "Yes" creates long-term care flexibility for everyone.

### **Yes on I-2124 reduces the financial burden of a payroll tax.**

Inflation is already hitting our pocketbooks and forcing us to make tough financial decisions at the kitchen table. An unpopular tax with an unfair government program is not the solution. Voting "Yes" reduces financial burdens and increases our household incomes.

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### **Rebuttal of argument against**

I-2124 gives all Washington workers the choice to participate or opt-out of the state program and mandatory payroll tax. The healthcare special interest lobby should not determine what decisions are best for you and your family. Washington voters are smart enough to decide what's best for themselves and anyone with a preexisting condition can stay in the program. Vote Yes on I-2124 to give Washington workers control over their long-term healthcare.

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## Argument against

### **I-2124 takes away benefits we need due to injuries, illnesses, disabilities, or age**

Experts report I-2124 will take away Washington's long-term care insurance program that covers us when we are disabled, ill, or aging. It will take away our only affordable and guaranteed coverage available because Medicare and private health insurance do not cover long-term care, which 70% of us will need at some point.

### **I-2124 increases costs, pushes more of us into debt**

I-2124 would take away long-term care benefit payments and will leave 3.9 million working people with the broken private long-term care insurance market as their only option. Private insurance increases expensive premiums, denies claims, and discriminates against women, charging them up to 70% more than men.

### **I-2124 hurts women most**

More than 800,000 Washingtonians, mostly women, are currently unpaid caregivers for a parent, in-law, spouse, or other loved one. I-2124 will increase pressure on women to juggle work, family, and provide unpaid care for loved ones in need, impacting their earning power.

### **I-2124 harms people with histories of cancer, diabetes, or high blood pressure**

Under I-2124, millions of people with pre-existing conditions will be left with no care coverage options since private insurance companies regularly reject those of us with pre-existing conditions. I-2124 is opposed by Washington State Nurses Association, AARP, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Washington State Labor Council, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, League of Women Voters.

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### **Rebuttal of argument for**

I 2124 is misleading. That's why it's strongly opposed by the WA State Nurses Association, AARP, League of Women Voters, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and 100 other organizations representing doctors, caregivers, older adults, women, and people with pre-existing conditions. Medicare won't pay for long term care and I-2124 will take away the only affordable, guaranteed coverage for 3.9 million Washingtonians, leaving us with expensive private long term care insurance as the only option. Vote no.

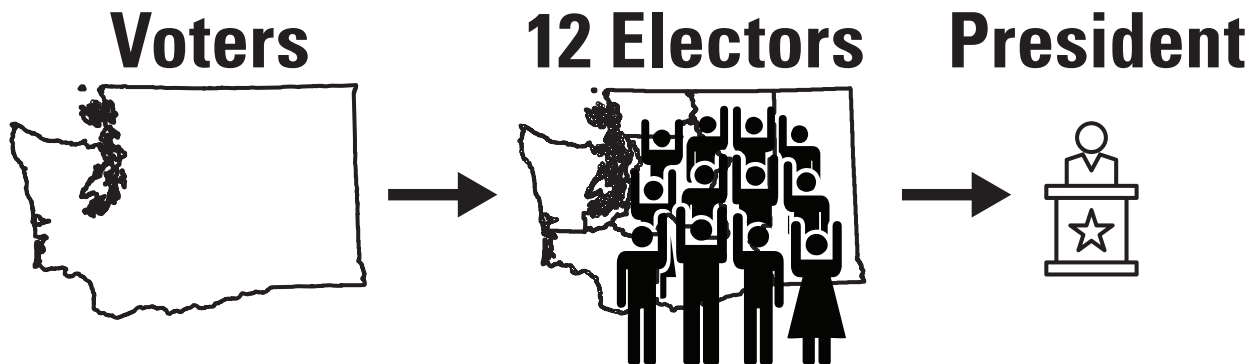
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### The Electoral College is a process, not a place

When you vote for President and Vice President, you determine a group of people called electors (also known as a slate) to represent Washington state in the Electoral College. The electors gather in December to cast votes for President based on the state's election results.

Each major political party chooses their own electors through the caucus and convention process.

### Washington has 12 presidential electors

Every state starts with two because every state has two U.S. Senators. Based on population, each state receives an additional elector for every U.S. House Representative.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \text{ U.S. Senators} \\
 +10 \text{ U.S. House Representatives} \\
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 =12 \text{ Total electors}
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### The magic number

There are a total of 538 electoral votes in the nation. A presidential ticket needs at least 270 electoral votes nationwide to win. If no presidential ticket receives a majority of electoral votes, the U.S. House of Representatives elects the President and the U.S. Senate elects the Vice President.

### How electoral votes are distributed

Washington state is one of 48 states that uses a "winner-take-all" system; the presidential ticket that wins the popular vote in the state is entitled to all 12 of Washington's electoral votes.



## Qualifications & Responsibilities

Except for the President and Vice President, all federal officials elected in Washington must be residents of the state.

### President & Vice President

The President must be at least 35 years old and a natural born U.S. citizen. Voters indirectly elect the President through the Electoral College. The President is elected to a four-year term and cannot serve more than two elected terms.

The chief duty of the President is to ensure the laws of the nation are faithfully executed. This duty is largely performed through appointments for thousands of federal positions, including secretaries of cabinet-level agencies and federal judges (subject to confirmation by the Senate). The President is the commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces, has the power to sign and veto (reject) laws passed by Congress, and makes treaties with foreign governments (with Senate approval).

The Vice President serves as the presiding officer of the Senate. The Vice President becomes President if the office is vacated.



The order of major political parties is determined by the number of votes cast in this state for the President of the United States at the last presidential election. In 2020, the Democratic Party received the highest number of votes in Washington state and must appear on the ballot first.

Independent and minor party candidates follow major parties in the order of their qualification with the Secretary of State. (RCW 29A.36.161)

### Congress

The United States' Senate and House of Representatives have equal responsibility for declaring war, maintaining the armed forces, assessing taxes, borrowing money, minting currency, regulating commerce, and making all laws and budgets necessary for the operation of government.

#### United States Senator

Senators must be at least 30 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least nine years. Senators serve six-year terms. The Senate has 100 members; two from each state.

The Senate has several exclusive powers, including consenting to treaties, confirming federal appointments made by the President, and trying federal officials impeached by the House of Representatives.

#### United States Representative

Representatives must be at least 25 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least seven years. Representatives are not required to be registered voters of their district, but must reside in the state. Representatives serve two-year terms.

The House of Representatives has 435 members, all of whom are up for election in even-numbered years. Each state has a different number of members based on population.



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**Kamala D.  
Harris**

Democratic Party Nominee  
**President**

**Elected Experience**

Vice President of the United States (from 2021 through the present), US Senator for California (from 2017 to 2021), Attorney General of California (from 2011 to 2017), District Attorney of San Francisco (from 2004 to 2011)

**Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

**Education**

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (J.D.); Howard University (B.A.)

**Community Service**

No information submitted



**Tim  
Walz**

Democratic Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

Governor of Minnesota (from 2019 through the present), U.S. Representative for Minnesota's 1st Congressional District (from 2007 to 2019)

**Other Professional Experience**

U.S. Army National Guard (from 1981 to 2005), Teacher and Coach (from 1989 to 2006)

**Education**

Chadron State College, B.Sc., 1989

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

Vice President Harris is a fighter for the people. From her days as a prosecutor to her service as Vice President, she has defended the rights of everyday people by standing up to predators, scammers, and powerful interests. She has been fearless in taking on anyone who threatens the rights and freedoms of Americans.

As a prosecutor, she put murderers and abusers behind bars, standing up for women and children. As California Attorney General, she cracked down on transnational gangs trafficking drugs and guns across the border to make communities safer. She also took on the big banks that committed mortgage fraud, winning back billions in relief for homeowners. As a Senator and Vice President, she took on the big drug companies to cap the cost of insulin for seniors and led the fight for reproductive freedom. She has also advanced America's interests on the world stage, including by taking on Russian leader Vladimir Putin and standing with NATO.

As president, she would make strengthening the middle class a defining goal of her presidency. She will confront price gouging, work to lower costs, and expand opportunity so that every American has the chance to not just get by, but get ahead. And she will continue fighting to restore our freedoms, from reproductive rights to voting rights.

Governor Tim Walz is a champion for working families. He served 24 years in the Army National Guard. After attending college thanks to the GI Bill, Walz was a high school teacher and football coach – taking his team to the state championship for the first time in the school's history. He was a member of Congress in a Republican-leaning district, with a record of bipartisanship. As Governor, Walz cut taxes for working families, lowered the cost of insulin, and protected women's right to choose.

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**Donald J.  
Trump**

Republican Party Nominee  
**President**

**Elected Experience**

45th President of the United States of America

**Other Professional Experience**

Businessman, real estate mogul, television star, and author.

**Education**

Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; New York Military Academy

**Community Service**

45th President of the United States



**JD  
Vance**

Republican Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

Elected to United States Senate from the state of Ohio in 2022

**Other Professional Experience**

Enlisted in U.S. Marine Corps with service in the Iraq War

**Education**

Ohio State University; Yale Law School

**Community Service**

No information submitted

**Statement**

Eight years ago, Donald J. Trump ran on a promise to put America First, and he remains committed to that vision. With Vice President nominee JD Vance, our mission is stronger than ever.

Donald J. Trump will stand up to the radical left that seeks to weaken our nation. He is dedicated to strengthening our borders to stop illegal immigration and ensuring that we put America First. The current administration's failures have led to runaway inflation, crippling the economy and burdening hardworking families. Donald J. Trump will implement policies to bring down inflation, create better trade deals, and prioritize American jobs and industries.

Donald J. Trump believes in a strong and prosperous America. He will restore economic stability, secure our borders, and make America a leader on the world stage again. The threats we face from adversaries abroad, like China and other foreign powers, will be met with decisive action to protect our nation's interests.

Our movement to Make America Great Again is the only force that can bring safety, prosperity, and peace back to our country. We will stand up to powerful special interests, end foreign wars, and ensure that every American has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we will put America First and return power to the American People.

Vote to put America First and to Make America Great Again. Vote Donald J. Trump for President.

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**Robert F.  
Kennedy Jr.**  
We The People Party  
Nominee  
**President**

**Elected Experience**  
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**

Named Time Magazine's "Hero for the Planet," Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has accomplished more for clean water than anyone in American history. Working as an environmental attorney for 40 years, Kennedy won lawsuits against corrupt government agencies to defend the constitutional rights and freedoms of Americans and protect our air, soil, food and health from corporate polluters.

**Education**

Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts; University of Virginia School of Law, Juris Doctor; Pace University, Master of Laws

**Community Service**

Kennedy co-founded the Waterkeeper Alliance, the world's largest clean water advocacy group, and Children's Health Defense, to end childhood chronic disease.

**Statement**

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is running for president as an independent to end the corrupt merger between corporations and government and fix the broken two party system that has undermined the American way of life. Kennedy proposes a "unity government" in which all parties are represented. Nicole Shanahan joined the ticket to bring power back to the people.

As president, Kennedy will end the foreign wars, reign in the military industrial complex and reinvest the trillions saved at home to restore the middle class. He has plans to: 1) redirect 20% of government contracts away from megacorporations that offshore our economy and into small businesses, creating millions of jobs and an economic boom; 2) offer a new GI Bill to anyone willing to serve their community in our domestic Peace Corps, providing corps members with enough life-changing assets to pay their way through college, put a downpayment on a home, or start a small business; 3) assist homebuyers with government-guaranteed 3% mortgages; and 4) cap childcare at 10% of income, so families can achieve the American dream of homeownership and affordable parenthood.



**Nicole  
Shanahan**  
We The People Party  
Nominee  
**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**  
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**

Nicole Shanahan is an attorney and tech entrepreneur. She founded ClearAccessIP in 2013, revolutionizing patent management with AI technology. She is the recipient of the CALI Excellence For The Future Award and has been recognized as a Top 50 Femtech Healthcare Influencer & Longevity Leader.

**Education**

University of Puget Sound, Bachelor of Arts; Santa Clara University, Juris Doctor

**Community Service**

Shanahan established the Bia-Echo Foundation, which supports innovative changemakers addressing major global challenges such as reproductive and metabolic health, criminal justice reform and community safety, environmental sustainability with a focus on regenerative agriculture, and more.

As vice president, Shanahan will work with President Kennedy to solve the chronic disease epidemic, protect our children and secure medical freedom.

Kennedy and Shanahan will champion regenerative agriculture. By promoting farming practices that restore soil health and enhance biodiversity, they will advance a resilient food system, benefitting people and the planet.

Kennedy and Shanahan will secure the southern border and end the migrant crisis that undermines our city budgets. They will address the epidemic of drug addiction and protect reproductive rights.

Restoring honest governance, Kennedy and Shanahan will eradicate corruption and ensure transparency and accountability. They will give the American people a voice in guiding legislation through direct democracy initiatives. #AmericaStrong

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## Jill Stein

Green Party Nominee  
**President**

### Elected Experience

Town Meeting Member, Lexington MA

### Other Professional Experience

Doctor of Internal Medicine, Harvard Medical School  
Instructor of Medicine

### Education

Harvard Medical School

### Community Service

Jill Stein is a longtime environmental health advocate and organizer. As the Green presidential candidate in 2012 and 2016, she led the way on critical issues from a Green New Deal to ending student debt. She has long fought for an end to endless war, an economy that works for working people, and a livable future for our children. She is now running for president as the only anti-genocide, pro-worker, climate action candidate with a path to the White House.

### Statement

The political system is broken. The two Wall Street parties are bought and paid for. Both are abandoning working people, worsening the climate crisis, undermining democracy, and squandering trillions on the endless war machine while tens of millions of Americans lack housing, food, healthcare and more.

Over 60% of us now say the two-party system has failed and we need a party that serves the people. I'm running for President to offer that choice for the people. Our campaign is the only anti-war, anti-genocide, pro-worker, climate action choice with a path to the White House.

Political insiders smear voters who want better choices. But without freedom of choice in elections, there is no democracy. So forget the elites who tell you to ignore your struggle and to keep voting for the politicians who caused it. Change won't come from them; it has to come from the people.



## Rudolph Ware

Green Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

### Elected Experience

None

### Other Professional Experience

Since 2004 Professor Ware has been a full faculty member at Northwestern, Michigan, and now UC Santa-Barbara, teaching in History, Black Studies, and Islamic Studies.

### Education

University of Minnesota '91; PhD (History) UPenn '04.

### Community Service

Professor Ware is a lifelong educator specializing in the history of empire, colonialism, genocide and revolution. For the past two decades he has organized teach-ins, community education curricula, and other activist and organizing initiatives. He has worked across the country and worldwide to challenge imperialism, ethnic cleansing, and endless war, and to build sustainable, just, peaceful alternatives rooted in African, Indigenous, and Abrahamic traditions.

If we come together, we can create an economy that works for all of us with living-wage jobs, healthcare, housing, food, childcare, debt-free education, and guaranteed livable income as human rights. We can create a Green New Deal with millions of jobs to fight climate collapse, secure clean air, water, and food, and protect Mother Earth.

We can end endless war, rampant militarism, and genocide, and launch a new foreign policy based on diplomacy, international law, and human rights. We can revive our democracy with ranked-choice voting, proportional representation, and public campaign financing to get big money out of politics. We can end mass incarceration, fix our immigration system, and ensure our rights, freedoms, and justice for all.

We have the power to do all this and more - and we can use it in 2024 to start building an America and a world that works for all of us.

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**Claudia  
De la Cruz**

Socialism and Liberation  
Party Nominee  
**President**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Claudia De la Cruz is a mother, popular educator, community organizer and theologian.

**Education**

City University of New York, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary

**Community Service**

Born in the South Bronx to immigrant parents from the Dominican Republic, she began her political organizing work when she was 13 at her home church, grounding her work on principles of liberation theology. She actively participated in campaigns to free political prisoners; to get the U.S. Navy out of Vieques, Puerto Rico; to end the U.S. blockade against Cuba; for the freedom of Palestine; and against police terror — to name a few.

**Statement**

Humanity is experiencing a massive existential crisis — climate catastrophe, massive job losses, and war between the U.S. and other nuclear-armed powers. The capitalist government has no answers to these crises, and is in fact driving them forward, acting as a servant for the Big Banks, Big Tech, Big Oil and the Military-Industrial Complex. In every crisis that the people face, whether it's hurricanes, wildfires or pandemics, the government has proven itself to be totally inept and to only care about profit. They can't steer us away from crises — they are part of them.

Most people in the country are living paycheck to paycheck, the cost of everything has skyrocketed, and the ten richest men have doubled their fortunes. But both major, pro-capitalist parties are saying that nothing can be done — that this is just how the economy works. We disagree!



**Karina  
Garcia**

Socialism and Liberation  
Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Karina is a mother, Chicana organizer and popular educator.

**Education**

Columbia University

**Community Service**

As one of the founders of the Justice Center en El Barrio in New York City and member of the Central Committee of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, Karina has dedicated her life to her work as a socialist organizer. As the daughter of immigrants, her family's story inspires her to grow with the courage and determination to fight for a better world.

The resources exist to resolve the problems humanity faces. The only things that stand in the way are the politicians that manage affairs for the billionaires who generate super-profits from workers all over the globe.

We stand for socialism — a system where poor and working people hold political and economic power and use it to meet the needs of all people and to preserve the planet. Every gain working people have attained has been through organized struggle and mass movements. We are part of building a movement of working class people committed to eradicating the dictatorship of the billionaires, and building the future we deserve. Join the movement, vote socialist 2024!

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**Rachele  
Fruit**

Socialist Workers Party  
Nominee

**President**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Active in industrial unions over decades, currently hotel worker in Miami Beach, member of UNITE/HERE Local 355.

**Education**

Participant in movements against the Vietnam War, against Jim Crow segregation and for women’s emancipation, learned that the working class must replace capitalism and fight for political power as workers and peasants did in the 1959 Cuban Revolution.

**Community Service**

Speaking out across the U.S. for the working-class to form a party of labor, independent of the capitalist parties, and to oppose all acts and threats of Jew hatred while defending Israel’s right to exist as a refuge for Jews worldwide.



**Dennis  
Richter**

Socialist Workers Party  
Nominee

**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

Airline food service worker and recent member of UNITE HERE union. Over five decades working as union industrial worker on the railroad, in steel, and in meatpacking.

**Education**

In high school in the 1960’s Richter was drawn to the massive Black-led proletarian movement that tore down Jim Crow segregation, strengthening the U.S. working class.

**Community Service**

Opponent of Washington’s world-wide imperialist exploitation of workers and farmers. Organized and participated in demonstrations against the U.S. rulers’ wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Walked picket lines and built solidarity with UAW strike last year and locked-out Boeing firefighters in 2024.

**Statement**

We live in a deeply class-divided country ruled by a handful of billionaire families and their government. Working people are facing the devastating effects of high prices, lack of good paying jobs, unsafe working conditions and schedules that often make political, family, social and union life impossible. Life expectancy is at the lowest in a quarter century and the birthrate has been cut in half since 1950.

Today workers are in a mood to fight, organizing, and using their unions to defend their lives and livelihoods.

We need to fight for a public works program to put millions to work at union scale wages, for wages and cost of living increases to meet price increases, and for workers control of production to guarantee safety on the job and reverse the profit-driven destruction of the environment.

We must defend constitutional freedoms won in struggle—freedoms of worship, speech, press, association, the right to bear arms and more. Frame-up attempts to jail and silence political opponents deal a blow to rights working people need.

Only the working class of all countries has the capacity to stop imperialism’s march toward fascism and world war by fighting in our common interests. From Vladimir Putin’s murderous invasion of Ukraine to deny its national sovereignty, to Hamas’ October 7 Jew hating pogrom, the U.S.-rulers’ dominated global order since World War II is coming apart. We defend Israel’s right to exist and defend itself as a refuge for the Jews in the face of growing attacks.

We need to build a party to unite all workers and exploited producers, based on the unions, that breaks from all collaboration with the ruling class, fights in our class interests, and wages a struggle for workers power.

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Joseph  
**Kishore**

Socialist Equality Party  
Nominee

**President**

**Elected Experience**

Socialist Equality Party candidate for US President in 2020.

**Other Professional Experience**

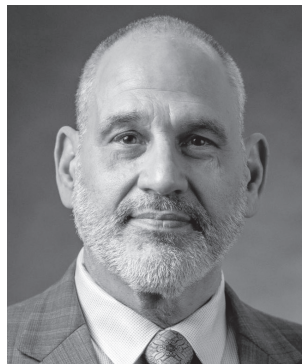
National Secretary of the Socialist Equality Party since 2008; senior writer for the World Socialist Web Site on US politics, social inequality, culture, education, science, workers struggles, the fight against war, and the history of the socialist movement.

**Education**

Bachelor's degree in mathematics and Master's degree in Industrial Operations and Engineering, both from University of Michigan

**Community Service**

Twenty-five years experience in the socialist movement, fighting for the interests of the working class and the oppressed, in opposition to inequality and war.



Jerry  
**White**

Socialist Equality Party  
Nominee

**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

Socialist Equality Party candidate for US President in 1996, 2012, and 2016; Socialist Equality Party candidate for Vice President in 2008; Socialist Equality Party candidate for Michigan's 12th Congressional district seat in 2006.

**Other Professional Experience**

Labor editor for the World Socialist Web Site since 1998; editor of the WSWS Autoworkers Newsletter since 2015; member of the Workers Inquiry into the Bankruptcy of Detroit.

**Education**

York College, City University of New York

**Community Service**

Forty-five years experience in the socialist movement, fighting for the interests of the working class and the oppressed, in opposition to inequality and war.

**Statement**

The Socialist Equality Party calls for the socialist reorganization of society that ends the dictatorship of the corporate-financial oligarchy and transfers political power to the working class; establishes public ownership of and democratic control over multi-billion dollar corporations and financial institutions and, thereby, restructures the economy to meet the needs of mass society—full employment, workplace safety, the abolition of poverty, universal health care, affordable housing, high-quality education, child care, secure retirement, expansion of cultural and recreational facilities—rather than the accumulation of massive corporate profits and private fortunes; secures peace and democracy through the abolition of the military-industrial complex and the massive network of state intelligence agencies.

The Socialist Equality Party declares that the 2024 election is dominated by three critical issues:

First, the reckless militarism of the Democratic and Republican parties—seeking to secure the global interests of the financial-corporate oligarchy—has brought the United States to the very brink of World War III. The US-NATO war in Ukraine and the genocidal war in Gaza are part of a broader struggle for world domination.

Second, democracy in the US is giving way to authoritarianism, in which the Democrats and Republicans are implicated. Political dictatorship is the outcome of unrestrained corporate economic power.

Third, social inequality has reached levels unprecedented in modern US history. This country has the highest concentration of billionaires in the world, whose collective wealth stands at a record \$5.2 trillion. The wealth of the 10 richest billionaires exceeds that of the collective wealth of half the US population. The SEP calls for the expropriation of billion-dollar fortunes and massive increase in taxation of seven-figure incomes.

Capitalism has failed and must be ended. Socialism is the future. Vote for Kishore and White.

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**Chase  
Oliver**

Libertarian Party Nominee  
**President**

**Elected Experience**

No experience raising taxes, sending our troops to fight unnecessary wars, waging the failed War on Drugs, interfering with free markets, or overspending taxpayers' hard-earned money.

**Other Professional Experience**

Experience in various industries, working up from dishwasher to business consultant and maritime logistics management for one of the world's largest shipping firms. Boardmember of a national LGBTQ educational non-profit.

**Education**

Twenty years of on the job training and knowledge.

**Community Service**

Join Chase in taking direct action to improve our communities, like park and road cleanups, donating to food banks and shelters, and volunteering and fundraising for organizations that supply direct aid to the unhoused.

**Statement**

For my entire life as a Millennial, both Major Parties have been complicit in making the American government unjust, unaccountable, and unsustainable. We're being dragged down by an institution that is the product of out-of-touch politicians. I have a different vision.

Let's protect the environment by cutting subsidies for oil producers, allowing safe nuclear energy, and eliminating crony capitalist protections for polluters. Let's restore justice by ending qualified immunity and prosecution of victimless crimes. Let's revive the American Dream by cutting regulations that increase the cost of home construction by over 25%. Let's empower those saddled with predatory student loans by making them interest-free and dischargeable in bankruptcy. Let's reduce healthcare costs by ending evergreen patents that keep prices of drugs like insulin high.

We must balance our budget for future generations. Decades of reckless spending have led to inflation harming every American. Let's end the wasteful War on Drugs, reform immigration, shrink the surveillance state, and close unnecessary overseas military bases.



**Mike  
ter Maat**

Libertarian Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

**Elected Experience**

Lifelong public servant.

**Other Professional Experience**

Mike's career in finance and economics included work with the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a financial economist, and as a consulting economist to three other federal and international agencies in the field of economic development. Mike was an advocate in DC for free markets in the financial services industry.

**Education**

BS in Aeronautical Engineering. MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. MS and PhD degrees in Economics from The George Washington University.

**Community Service**

Mike is a former police officer who now advocates for comprehensive police reform.

Both Major Parties support tariffs which are a regressive tax on consumers. Tariffs lead to trade wars, which especially hurt families in Washington State where approximately 40% of jobs depend on international trade.

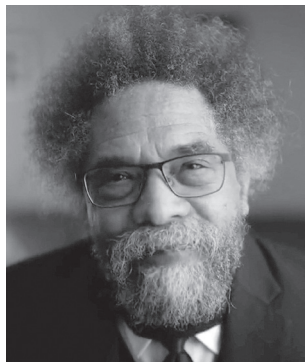
When goods stop crossing borders, armies will. America has long had the moniker 'leader of the free world.' It's time we earn that distinction by insisting that Peace is the way forward through trade agreements and diplomacy.

In all aspects of policy, Libertarians pursue reform with one goal: to empower people, not the government. When did rational ideas become radical ideas? If you're living your life and not using force, fraud, coercion or theft, your life's your life, your body's your body, your business is your business, and your property's your property; it's not mine, and it's certainly not the government's.

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## Cornel West

Justice For All Party Nominee  
**President**

### Elected Experience

First political race.

### Other Professional Experience

Former University Professor at Harvard University and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. Written over 20 books including: Race Matters, Democracy Matters, and Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. Delivered the historic Gifford lectures at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in Spring 2024. Produced three music albums.

### Education

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years, M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton; First Black person to receive a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton University.

### Community Service

Dr. West has participated in numerous protests (for social, racial, environmental and worker justice) and taught in prisons for over 50 years.

### Statement

The West/Abdullah Administration's Blueprint for Transformative Change

The West/Abdullah administration's first 100 days in office would usher in a paradigm shift in American politics, rooted in the tripartite pillars of truth, justice, and love. This comprehensive plan, aptly described as a "revolution of values," outlines a series of audacious initiatives designed to confront systemic inequalities and nurture a more equitable society.

Key initiatives: An executive order to prioritize homelessness and poverty; radical education reform (including a federal mandate to equalize per-pupil spending across districts) and environmental protection measures (beginning with declaring a climate emergency); bold steps on healthcare



## Melina Abdullah

Justice For All Party Nominee  
**Vice President**

### Elected Experience

First political race; first Muslim to run for the vice-presidency.

### Other Professional Experience

Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State University; leader in the California Faculty Association (the faculty union), locally and statewide. Author of numerous articles, book chapters; creator, host, and producer of the radio programs; recognized as an expert on race, gender, class, and social movements.

### Education

B.A. in African American Studies (Howard University); Ph.D. in Political Science (University of Southern California).

### Community Service

Co-Founder and Director of Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles and Black Lives Matter Grassroots.

access and gender equality (like publishing the Equal Rights Amendment and codifying abortion rights and body autonomy); transformative foreign policy and immigration reform (involving immediately halting all funding and weapons transfer to Israel); concrete actions on racial justice and democratic reform (including financial reparations and land back programs); and prioritization of workers' rights and labor protections (beginning with drafting a Worker's Bill of Rights).

Learn more at [www.CornelWest2024.com/100\\_days](http://www.CornelWest2024.com/100_days).

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**Shiva  
Ayyadurai**  
Independent Candidate  
President

**Elected Experience**

Candidate for United States Senate from Massachusetts 2018 & 2020.

**Other Professional Experience**

MIT PhD, The Inventor of Email, Systems Scientist, Engineer, Entrepreneur. Founder of seven successful businesses. Chairman & CEO of CytoSolve, Inc., EchoMail, Inc., Executive Director of International Center for Integrative Systems.

**Education**

Four MIT Degrees: PhD in Systems Biology, Masters in Mechanical Engineering, Masters in Visual Design, Masters in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Fulbright Scholar.

**Community Service**

InnovationCorps.Org, Gifted 5,000+ Full Scholarships to children for Systems Science.



**Crystal  
Ellis**  
Independent Candidate  
Vice President

**Elected Experience**

Precinct Captain in 2020 Iowa Caucus

**Other Professional Experience**

Commercial and Residential Real Estate Operator, Jewelry Designer, Entrepreneur.

**Education**

Organizational Communication, Creighton University

**Community Service**

Volunteer for Siena Francis House, Hindu Temple of Omaha, and Truth Freedom Health®

**Statement**

Since the 1970's, the policies of "The Swarm" - the tightly knit and decentralized elites across Left & Right defined at ShatterTheSwarm.com - have intentionally escalated the cost of living on everyday people and have destroyed the life expectancy of Americans.

If you have a child today, your son or daughter will have a shorter lifespan than you.

This is what happens when you keep voting for the "lesser of evils" thinking one of the evils will "save you." They have no interest in saving you, except killing you. The Solution - The truth is you must want to Save Yourself! We need a *systems overhaul*, which demands a bottoms-up movement by we the people, done by us, and for us. Shiva 4 President - When you vote for Shiva 4 President, you are acknowledging that the "Swarm" and its puppets are out to enslave you. You acknowledge that the only solution is Us, electing one of Us to be our leader.

The Swarm imposes their leaders on us. None of the alternatives are one of Us. Dr.Shiva is one of Us.

He came bottoms-up, escaping the degenerate and oppressive caste system of India. As a 14-year-old, he created the world's first email system, being awarded the first U.S. Copyright for Email, recognizing him as the legal and official inventor of email. He went on to receive four degrees at MIT, and started 7 successful companies, never taking any venture financing from the elites in Silicon Valley. Dr.Shiva has a history of delivering real solutions to transform the lives of everyday people.

Shatter The Swarm: The movement for Truth Freedom Health® and Shiva 4 President offers you the opportunity to Shatter The Swarm to win the life we need and deserve. Vote Shiva 4 President.

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**Maria  
Cantwell**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

U.S. Senate 2001-present, U.S. House of Representatives 1993-1995, Washington State Legislature 1987-1993.

**Other Professional Experience**

Real Networks, Vice President of Marketing & Senior Vice President of the Consumer Products Division 1995-2000.

**Education**

First in her family to graduate college with the help of financial aid. Received B.A. in Public Administration from Miami University.

**Community Service**

Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Former Honorary Council of Advisors; South Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member; Alderwood Rotary, Former Board Member; Apollo Alliance, Founding Board Member

**Statement**

Affordability. Jobs. Rights. Security. That's what I focus on as your representative in Washington, D.C., not hyper-partisan politics.

**Affordability:** Food, energy, housing, education, childcare, and prescription drugs all cost way too much. That's why I helped cap monthly insulin costs at \$35 for Medicare enrollees and am fighting drug middlemen that inflate drug prices. My law made manipulating energy markets a crime, allowing the government to claw back billions in ill-gotten profits. I championed tax credits that built millions of affordable housing units and made childcare more affordable.

**Jobs:** Bringing manufacturing and supply chains back home are the key to creating jobs, raising wages, and growing the middle class. I developed a new law that is bolstering STEM education and apprenticeships, and will triple U.S. semiconductor manufacturing capacity. Our agricultural economy is stronger because we stood up to foreign shippers and reopened markets for Washington apples and lentils. We kept freight moving with record new infrastructure investments. I improved access to credit for small businesses and created more opportunities for women- and minority-owned businesses.

**Rights:** Freedoms we once took for granted are under assault. I've been fighting to codify Roe v. Wade, protect access to contraceptives and IVF, and block anti-choice states from prosecuting women. Washingtonians have a right to clean air and water, which is why I led efforts to protect pristine public lands, restore salmon habitat, and transition away from fossil fuels.

**Security:** Fentanyl is devastating too many Washington communities, so my new law declares fentanyl a national emergency and gives local law enforcement more resources to stop it from crossing our borders. Veterans have served our nation, which is why I have fought to protect their health care, including 124,000 Washingtonians exposed to toxic materials.

I am asking for your support in the U.S. Senate race.

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**Dr Raul  
Garcia**

(Prefers GOP Party)

**Elected Experience**

Dr Garcia isn't a career politician. A leader in his field, he has been elected to national medical organizations such as the American College of Emergency Medicine, the American Osteopathic Association, and the Bureau of Interns and Residents.

**Other Professional Experience**

Doctor, Emergency Medicine, 25 years. Current Chief Medical Officer, Astria Toppenish Hospital. Past medical practice owner; co-founding Dean, two medical schools; Medical Director, two hospitals.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science, Microbiology/Immunology, University of Miami. Graduate, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Community Service**

Co-founder, Partnership for Food Security. Local drives for domestic violence shelter, toys for sick kids, bikes for books, and feeding the homeless.

**Statement**

This election is an opportunity for the people of Washington to change the way we are governed, to stop the cycle of divisive politics that ignores the best interests of our people.

Serious crises aren't getting the attention they should. Fentanyl is an extremely dangerous drug that is killing Americans indiscriminately. Dr Garcia, an Emergency Room physician, sees far too many overdoses, and knows far too many families who've lost loved ones. Dr Garcia is the only Senate candidate with a plan to seriously combat the Fentanyl crisis, using a proven approach that targets dealers with prison time, and helps addicts with a robust program of treatment and recovery.

Another crisis is the cost of living. Washington is the fourth most-expensive state for groceries, and the eighth most-expensive overall. Many people are at or near the end of their financial rope due to rampant inflation. We can help tackle inflation by stopping reckless federal spending that adds to the national debt, and boost productivity to ease prices for consumers. Dr Garcia will be a voice for fiscal sanity.

As an Emergency Room doctor, Dr Garcia spends his days helping people. As a refugee from Cuba who found a home in America, he loves our country deeply. As a son raised by a single mother, he respects the men and women who work so hard to make a life for themselves and their families.

Dr Garcia isn't a career politician. But throughout his life he has been a leader – in the medical profession and in the community. He serves patients as a doctor, and he will serve the people of Washington as their US Senator.

Our state is a wonderful place that has gone a bit off-track. We can definitely do better, and with Dr Raul Garcia we will.

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Suzan  
**DelBene**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

United States Representative, 2012-Present. Ways and Means Committee.

**Other Professional Experience**

Successful 20 year career as a businesswoman and entrepreneur. Former Microsoft executive, led local high-tech startups. Former Director of Washington's Department of Revenue, where I led efforts to simplify the tax system and help small businesses. Advisor to a microfinance non-profit helping struggling families.

**Education**

B.A., Biology, Reed College; M.B.A., University of Washington.

**Community Service**

I've mentored students at UW Business School. Been active in my church, serving as a board member. Volunteered with the PTA, Girl Scouts and YWCA, supporting transitional housing, job training and services to help families get back on their feet.

**Statement**

This election is about our rights, our freedoms, our democracy, and our future. And it's about getting our economy back on track. As your Congresswoman, I've put aside hyperpartisanship to get results: helping middle class families and seniors, supporting veterans, and building a bright future for our children. I'm standing up for our shared values.

There is too much chaos in Congress. Too much angry shouting. Too much dysfunction. Working families in the 1st District want action. That's why I focus on delivering real results on the pocketbook issues, and on avoiding the chaos and dysfunction that defines Congress today.

I support policies to lower everyday costs, lower taxes for working families and ensure the wealthy and well-connected pay their fair share. I helped pass policies that lowered prescription drug prices and capped insulin at \$35 for seniors. But there is still more to do to lower health care premiums, expand access to quality care, and cap the cost of prescription drugs for all Americans.

I've been a leader pushing to permanently expand the Child Tax Credit, which would cut child poverty in half. I've introduced bipartisan legislation to spur the creation of two million new affordable homes. It's past time to reform our immigration system and restore border security – and I am ready get to work on finding common sense, bipartisan solutions. Unlike extreme Republicans, I'm committed to strengthening Social Security and Medicare. I strongly support reproductive rights and am an original cosponsor of the Women's Health Protection Act to enshrine the protections of Roe.

I am honored to have the endorsements from Democratic groups, labor unions, local leaders, and many others.

With a focus on results, not rhetoric, I'm confident we can make real progress to help everyone in the 1st District. I ask for your support.

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**Jeb  
Brewer**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Frustrated citizen who will make a difference, not a career politician.

**Other Professional Experience**

Over 30 years working in operations and construction with a continual emphasis on cost accountability, improving efficiency, and holding people accountable. I've made a career of seeking out, listening, and working with people who have dissenting views to find the right solution to problems, this experience is what our nation needs.

**Education**

Batchelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Colorado State University.

**Community Service**

Active volunteer at my church. Worked with Dwellings Now building houses where I value helping others build their home through sweat equity.

**Statement**

I understand that the sole job of a US Representative is to listen to their constituents and to support legislation that better their lives and our country. Unfortunately career politicians forget this which is why we need representation with fresh ideas and why I support term limits and additional transparency of those who are elected. It is time to end politics as usual and stop electing the same people who make promises of change, but in reality have become the problem.

There are a lot of serious problems we need to address and I encourage you to look at my website for my ideas on fixing them. However my primary focus is our economy and specifically focusing on bringing back manufacturing. America has become a service economy and if we are not producing products we are not creating the jobs, wealth, and stability that we need to maintain a strong country. Without a vibrant economy we won't have the money for quality education, infrastructure, and other programs. Once in office, I will be focusing on legislation that promotes manufacturing through: education with lower cost options, trade policies that promote American manufacturing and exports, and energy & environmental programs that allow us to be both good stewards of the environment while ensuring that we are not increasing burden and costs on the tax payer and businesses.

I'm not complacent with broken, I expect results for your tax money, I expect better than what we currently have. If something is ineffective, fix it, replace it, get rid of it, don't accept it. While I am the only candidate endorsed by the Washington State Republican Party, I am defined by my personal values. I will represent you, work to make your life better and build a brighter tomorrow. I ask for your vote.

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Rick

## Larsen

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

I began trying to make a difference through public service on the Snohomish County Council, and today, it is my privilege to serve as the Representative for Washington's 2nd Congressional District.

### Other Professional Experience

I was previously employed by the Port of Everett and the Washington State Dental Association.

### Education

I graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Washington state and have a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

### Community Service

My parents were an important influence on me, encouraging me to be involved in my local community. Their encouragement continues to be a motivation for my service to our communities.

### Statement

It is an honor to represent Washington's 2nd District in Congress. My family has called Northwest Washington home for over 100 years. My father was a union power line worker and my mom managed the books while raising eight kids in Arlington. They embodied the values that unite us: working hard, caring for each other, and serving the community. My wife and I taught these same values to our two sons and, we are thankful to say, both have launched their own careers.

Our shared values guide my work to serve you - and they are at stake in this election. In the next Congress, I will protect voting rights and reproductive freedom. Healthcare is a right, and I will fight to expand access and lower costs, especially for veterans and seniors. Last Congress, we capped the price of insulin at \$35/month, and we must keep fighting to lower prescription drug costs.

Our economy should work for everyone, but right now, too many hard-working people are struggling to make ends meet. My top priority is to bring economic investments to the 2nd District that create good-paying jobs that support families.

Fentanyl is a growing threat. I believe that addiction is a disease, and I am working to bring funding to local prevention and recovery services as well as strengthen law enforcement's ability to hold accountable those who bring these drugs into our communities.

Washington's environment is vital to our way of life and economy. As the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's top Democrat, I am committed to mitigating climate change and advancing Northwest Washington's leadership in renewable energy.

Serving you in Congress is about fighting for our shared values. I ask for your support to continue to invest in the middle class and stand up for vulnerable communities.

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**Cody  
Hart**

(Prefers MAGA Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

I am a political outsider with years of experience holding corrupt government officials accountable.

**Other Professional Experience**

Small Business Owner, Professional Civil Engineer, American Public Works Association (APWA) Committee Co-Chair, United States Navy Veteran.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering (BSCE) from the Oregon Institute of Technology including courses from the U.S. Navy and Skagit Valley College.

**Community Service**

From a young age, my parents and grandparents taught me the importance of serving my community. I am most proud of my active duty service in the United States Navy at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and my family's small scale farming sustainable lifestyle.

**Statement**

As a government watchdog, proud father, Navy Veteran, small business owner, and Civil Engineer I am confident I have the unique background needed to better address the challenges our region and country are facing as Washington States 2nd Congressional District Representative.

I am committed to stopping the criminal invasion at our southern border, restoring election integrity, and ending the excessive spending in Washington D.C. that has resulted in the worst inflation our nation has ever seen. I offer my real experience with election integrity and as a government watchdog identifying hundreds of millions of dollars of waste, fraud, and abuse in our infrastructure system to those who want real accountability.

As a veteran, I oppose America entering into unprovoked wars or that our country needs to act as the world's police force. American security begins at home and having strong borders with a thoughtful immigration system reflects we are a strong nation.

Being a father of three daughters in the public school system, I believe in fighting for parent's rights, fighting for a girl's right not to have to compete with biological males in school sports, and fighting to stop activist teachers from pushing their beliefs in the public school system.

Our nation was founded on the belief Americans have the right to bear arms and in this time of increasing violence and crime I will defend this right to ensure it is not infringed upon.

As a state leader in the election integrity fight, I am ready on day one to fix what has been happening to our nations elections system, stop those who do not want free and fair elections, and restore faith in election results. By supporting me you are supporting accountability, fairness, and rejecting partisan politics as usual – I ask for your support.

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Kim  
**Schrier**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

United States Representative, 2019-Present, Committee on Energy & Commerce

**Other Professional Experience**

Issaquah pediatrician for 17 years; Voted Best Pediatrician, greater Seattle area (Parent Map Magazine, 2013)

**Education**

Pediatric residency at Stanford University, 2000; UC Davis School of Medicine, 1997; UC Berkeley, B.A., Astrophysics, 1991

**Community Service**

Green River habitat restoration, work with Mountains to Sound Greenway

**Statement**

You sent me to Congress because you knew I would advocate for you the same way I stood up for children and families for over 20 years as a pediatrician. I promised to be an independent and effective voice for our district, someone willing to work with both parties to deliver results.

I've taken on big oil and grocery store chains to stop corporations from price gouging. I voted for the PACT Act to ensure millions more Veterans receive the healthcare they deserve. I've increased funding to federal law enforcement to fight against fentanyl and secured \$4.4 million for body cameras, co-responders, and training for local police. Everyone deserves to feel safe in our communities.

As the first pediatrician in Congress, I've helped pass laws to lower the cost of prescription drugs, including capping the cost of insulin at \$35 a month for seniors. As a doctor, I will always fight to protect a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions without interference from the government.

I have worked with both parties on behalf of our farming communities to encourage sustainable agriculture, advocate for commonsense immigration reform, and fix supply chain disruptions so farmers can get their goods to market. I will continue to be an advocate for our cherished public lands, clean air, and water.

With over 100 town halls, I've listened, learned, and gone to bat for you in Congress. It is an honor to serve you, and I humbly ask for your vote.

*Endorsements: League of Conservation Voters, Washington State Labor Council, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison, and mayors across the district, including Issaquah Mayor Pauly and Wenatchee Mayor Poirier.*

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**Carmen  
Goers**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Auburn Human Services Committee; Special Events Center  
Public Facilities District

**Other Professional Experience**

I am a commercial banker by trade and have worked in the  
8th Congressional District for 20+ years. Previously, while our  
family was deployed overseas, I served in finance supporting  
service members.

**Education**

University of Phoenix - Bachelor of Science- Business  
Administration

**Community Service**

South Sound Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition,  
Eileen & Callie's Place- Board of Directors, Christian Faith  
Center Women's Prison Ministry Team, Pacific Christian  
Academy Board of Trustees, Kent Chamber of Commerce-  
Government Affairs Committee, Ventures (formerly  
Washington Community Alliance for Self Help), New Horizon  
School Board of Directors

**Statement**

I have lived and worked in Washington for 20+ years. My  
daughters were raised here and now I have the joy of  
seeing my grandchildren raised here as well. I'm running  
for Congress because I want your family and mine to have  
a better Washington with opportunities. I announced my  
candidacy for Congress in 2023, and for over a year we  
have been traveling all 7,000 square miles of the district. The  
message I hear from voters is they want a Congresswoman  
who will listen and take action!

Based on my experiences, I bring a unique perspective  
to this position. As a former military spouse, I've seen the  
cost of freedom and the sacrifice required to keep us safe. I  
volunteered with a microfinance organization that supports  
entrepreneurs with a mission of self-sufficiency through  
self-employment. I served as the chair of the Government  
Affairs Committee for our local Chamber, supporting and  
advocating for business owners. In Congress, I will continue  
to support entrepreneurship and clear the way for small  
businesses to prosper.

As a commercial banker, I analyze financials. In Congress, I  
will look closely at our budget and find ways to support small  
business owners and families. For too long we have been  
taxed to the extreme: it's time we have a Congresswoman  
who knows how to balance a budget. I will work towards  
helping our agricultural producers, many of whom have been  
asking for help but have been ignored. It's time to support  
first responders. I look forward to tackling the drug epidemic  
and providing first responders with the tools they need.  
Community leaders throughout the district have recognized  
we need a change, and I have been endorsed by local  
elected officials and voters from all parts of the district.

Washington needs a Congresswoman who will take action!

**Contact**

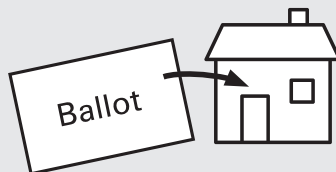
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## How do I vote and return my ballot?

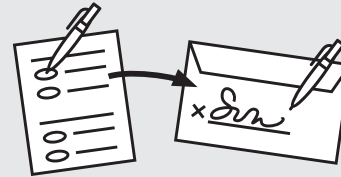
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 18** to the address you provided on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



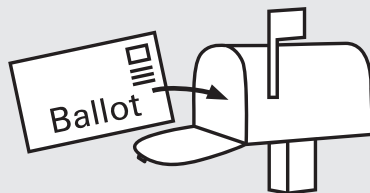
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



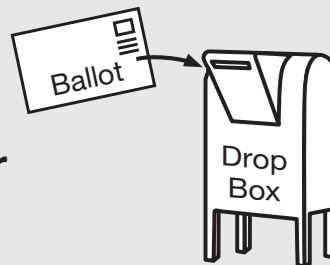
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 5**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 5**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.

Or



If you cannot personally return your ballot, only let people you trust deliver it for you.

4

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

### View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **results.vote.wa.gov**.

Results are updated as counties report and are unofficial until certification.



## Qualifications & Responsibilities

Statewide-elected executives must be registered Washington voters and are elected to four-year terms.

### Governor

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and makes appointments for hundreds of state positions, including directors of state agencies (subject to confirmation by the Senate). The Governor has the power to sign or veto (reject) legislation, and annually submits a budget recommendation and reports on state affairs to the Legislature.

### Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor is elected independent of the Governor, and serves as the presiding officer of the state Senate. The Lieutenant Governor is first in line of succession and becomes Acting Governor whenever the Governor leaves the state or is otherwise unable to serve.

### Secretary of State

The Secretary of State leads the state Elections Division, Corporations and Charities Division, state Archives and Library, and other programs and services. The Office of the Secretary of State manages corporation and charity filings, collects and preserves historical state records, and governs the use of the state flag and seal. The Secretary of State is second in line of succession for Governor.

### State Treasurer

As the state's finance officer, the Treasurer manages the cash flow, investments, and debt of all major state accounts. The Treasurer serves on the State Investment Board, providing guidance for the management of long-term debt and investments, and Chairs the Public Deposit Protection Commission, ensuring the safety of public deposits in qualified banks.

### State Auditor

The Auditor works with state and local governments to conduct independent financial and performance audits. The Auditor publicly investigates state employee whistleblower claims about agencies and reports of fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer money received through its citizen hotline.

### Attorney General

The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, members of the Legislature, state officials, and more than 200 state agencies, boards, commissions, colleges, and universities. The Office of the Attorney General protects the public by upholding the Consumer Protection Act and provides public information about consumer rights and scams.

### Commissioner of Public Lands

The Commissioner of Public Lands is the head of the Department of Natural Resources, overseeing management of more than 5 million acres of state forest, agricultural, range, aquatic, and commercial lands. The Commissioner manages the state's largest on-call fire department, preventing and fighting wildfires on 13 million acres of private, state and tribal-owned forest lands.

### Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Superintendent heads the state education agency and is chief executive officer of the state Board of Education. The Superintendent is responsible for the administration of the state's kindergarten through twelfth grade education program. The office certifies teaching personnel, approves and accredits programs, and distributes state and local funds.

### Insurance Commissioner

The Insurance Commissioner regulates insurance companies doing business in Washington, licenses insurance agents and brokers, reviews policies and rates, examines the operations and finances of insurers, and handles inquiries and complaints from the public.



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**Bob  
Ferguson**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Attorney General. Reelected with 67%, winning 37 of Washington's 39 counties. An independent leader, Bob manages Washington's largest law office. He protects the rights of all Washingtonians, prosecutes criminals, and stops price-gouging that harms families.

**Other Professional Experience**

Bob began his professional career in Eastern Washington. He worked with federal judges appointed by presidents of both parties. Bob represented taxpayers, local governments, and small businesses. Growing up, he worked delivering newspapers and washing dishes at a senior home.

**Education**

University of Washington; Law Degree, NYU.

**Community Service**

Bob served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, managing an emergency services office assisting vulnerable individuals and tutoring kids.

**Statement**

Son of a special education public school teacher and a Boeing employee, Bob takes on the toughest fights, solves problems, and gets things done for you—not powerful interests. He is the only candidate who refuses campaign contributions from corporate PACs and large corporations. Never satisfied with the status quo, he'll protect your rights and deliver change for Washington.

As Governor, Bob's top priority is improving public safety. He'll hire more police officers to combat crime and fentanyl. He took on powerful drug companies, winning \$1.2 billion for increased treatment and first responders. Nurses, firefighters, and prosecutors endorse Bob because they trust him to combat public drug use and improve the mental health system. Bob worked alongside law enforcement to end the rape kit backlog and bring justice to survivors. He knows how to bring people together to solve big challenges.

Bob and his wife Colleen, who works at a community college, are raising teenage twins. Bob knows high housing prices make it hard for too many families. He'll work with both parties for commonsense solutions to address homelessness and rising housing costs—building 200,000 affordable homes in four years. Bob will increase opportunities for every Washingtonian to get ahead by investing in career education, skills training, and apprenticeships.

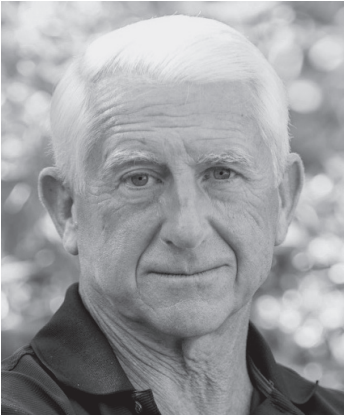
Bob understands our democracy is threatened and successfully blocked dozens of illegal Trump administration actions. As Governor, he'll defend our democracy and protect Washingtonians. A champion for reproductive freedom, Bob is the only candidate endorsed by Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood.

In contrast, Congressman Dave Reichert said, "I love Donald Trump's policies," and voted with Trump 92.5% of the time. Reichert repeatedly voted to impose a nationwide abortion ban that criminalizes doctors and to abolish the Affordable Care Act. Reichert opposes marriage equality.

Bob fights for us.

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**Dave  
Reichert**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

King County Sheriff, 1997-2005; US House of Representatives, 2005-2019

**Other Professional Experience**

US Air Force Reserve (1971-1976). Joined the King County Sheriff's Office in 1972. In 1997 became King County's first elected sheriff in 30 years. Vice President, Gordon Thomas Honeywell from 2019 to 2023.

**Education**

Concordia Lutheran College, AA

**Community Service**

Served on King County's Domestic Violence Council. Board of Directors for The Borgen Project. Founder of King County Violent Firearms Coalition. Former Member of King County Committee to End Homelessness. Founder of King County Sheriff's Police Activities League. Youth coach and counselor. Two-time Washington Medal of Valor Recipient. National Sheriff of the Year.

**Statement**

For nearly 40 years our state has been lost in a wilderness of one-party rule. What has that gotten us? The highest violent crime rate in our history, friends and family dying from fentanyl, record homelessness, and the worst maintained roads, highways, and ferries in America. As your governor, I will work tirelessly to foster an economy that works for everyone, safe streets and neighborhoods, and ensure the children in our state get a world class education.

From the United States Air Force to the King County Sheriff's Office, I witnessed examples of selfless sacrifice, individuals who put others before themselves. That experience taught me what it means to have a servant's heart, honored by an opportunity to help, and driven to show the courage and humility it takes to get things done. As King County Sheriff, I arrested violent criminals and locked up human traffickers who preyed on women and children. On my watch crime was down as we enforced the law and everyone was accountable. This experience served me well when the people of Washington sent me to Congress where I worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass big and bold policies on everything from taxes to trade to protecting our beautiful environment.

We've been living in a state where our leaders have pit region against region, generation against generation, and yes even family against family. Dividing people is not the answer. We must work together, side by side, to tackle the issues we all face. I have been endorsed by nearly every sheriff in the state and people of all party affiliations – Republican, Independent, Democrat – are joining our campaign because they understand that business as usual is no longer an option.

I would be honored to have your support to be your next governor.

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## Denny Heck

(Prefers Democratic Party)

### Elected Experience

Lieutenant Governor. U.S. Representative, member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Financial Services Committee. Washington State Representative, elected to five terms. Chaired historic Basic Education Subcommittee. Democratic Precinct Committee Officer.

### Other Professional Experience

Co-Founder, Intrepid Learning Solutions; Co-Founder and President, TVW – Washington’s version of C-SPAN; Chief of Staff, Governor Booth Gardner.

### Education

B.A., The Evergreen State College.

### Community Service

Denny and his wife of 48 years, Paula (a retired middle school principal), founding members of the Olympia School District Education Foundation’s Principals’ Emergency Fund, providing low income children with help to be successful in school.

### Statement

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your Lieutenant Governor for the last four years. The most important part of being Lieutenant Governor is serving as President of the State Senate and presiding in an impartial way, fairly applying the rules to everyone and to both parties. We have done this.

But the office of Lieutenant Governor also affords the opportunity to advocate for important policy priorities. We have advocated long, consistently and clearly for the need to more forcefully address the housing crisis in our state, especially for affordable homes for low and moderate income families. Our work helped lead to many accomplishments last year, causing the 2023 session to be called The Year of Housing. So much work remains to be done. We will stay at it.

We have also worked hard and in a bipartisan way, to improve our civic health. We all know it needs to change. We need more respectful discourse in the public square, more inclination to try to find principled compromises and when we cannot, a greater ability to disagree better. Here, too, we will doggedly stay at it.

In this spirit, I humbly ask for your support.

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## Dan Matthews

(Prefers Republican Party)

### Elected Experience

Former School Board member: Advocated for children, parents, education issues in Wash., D.C.; Snohomish County Charter Review Commissioner

### Other Professional Experience

Veteran Pilot: Vietnam, and Desert Storm; US Air Force Lt. Colonel. Commercial Airline 747 Captain Instructor; Boeing Contract Instructor, 747 Pilot Consultant; Disaster Preparedness Consultant; Airline Pilots Association Union member.

### Education

BA, Political Science, University of Puget Sound; Washington State Senate Intern; Master’s Degree Public Administration, Government.

### Community Service

Nature Conservancy, Cousteau Society (Founding member), Rotary International, Little League Coach, STEM Skills Task Force, WA Policy Center, Domestic Violence Abuse Services, Hope House, American Legion, Combat Veterans, Local church leadership, Union Gospel Mission.

### Statement

Professionally, my role has been to safely navigate to every destination, knowing people’s lives depended on me. As your Lieutenant Governor, my focus will remain: People working together. From presiding over the State Senate to building bridges throughout government, I seek to establish a climate of cooperation and constructive leadership, restoring confidence in our government.

Career politicians fail us when they deliver dictates, division, and dependency rather than diplomacy and respect. I have stepped forward to help fix a broken system. One political party has controlled our state for decades, representing powerful, big-money interests, growing more extreme, even radical. We must resolve to change course, finding common ground.

JFK challenged: “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” I will seek to always advance relationships, balance, and communication, providing a unifying voice and vision for all.

Compelled by faith, hope, and love, I will stand for your rights and our children’s future, fulfilling the high calling of serving the public trust with honor and integrity, of service above self. This is my commitment to you. Thank you for trusting me as a thoughtful, deliberate change agent for our future.

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**Steve  
Hobbs**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Washington Secretary of State, 2021-present. As state Senator from 2007-2021, Hobbs earned a reputation as a champion of bipartisan solutions.

**Other Professional Experience**

More than three decades of military service in the United States Army and National Guard, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Deployed to Kosovo and Iraq. Task Force Commander - Western Washington's COVID-19 response mission. Western Regional Vice President, National Association of Secretaries of State.

**Education**

Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington. United States Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Information School.

**Community Service**

Rotary, American Legion, Nisei Veterans Committee, Special Olympics Washington.

**Statement**

As your Secretary of State, my top priorities are ensuring Washington's elections are secure and accessible for every eligible voter. Since 2021, I've safeguarded the integrity of our elections by investing in cyber and physical security, fighting malicious election disinformation, and providing eligible voters every ability to participate in our democratic process.

I will protect Washington's proven and dependable vote-by-mail system. I fought to expand automatic voter registration and increase civic engagement, lowering barriers for eligible citizens.

Overseeing Washington's State Library, I confronted book bans and censorship in public libraries across our state. I've increased access to business services and secured resources to preserve our state's history. I'm endorsed by County Auditors who conduct elections, the Washington State Labor Council, business leaders, voting rights advocates, prominent state and federal leaders, and former Governors Gary Locke and Christine Gregoire.

I am proud of my career in public service working alongside Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Washington's Secretary of State must possess the highest standards of integrity and leadership and serve as a strong advocate for voter access. It is the privilege of my life to serve as your Secretary of State, and I would be honored to earn your vote.

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**Dale  
Whitaker**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience**

Chief Financial Officer - Augusta Precious Metals; Currently owns and operates a small tax practice in Spokane

**Education**

Graduated with Honors with a B.A. in Accounting from the Forbes School of Business & Technology at Ashford University; IRS Enrolled Agent Certification

**Community Service**

Executive Director, WBWV for the last 2 ½ years

**Statement**

I am running for Secretary of State because Election Transparency is the most important issue on the ballot. We must instill confidence in the electorate that our elections process and infrastructure are accessible, transparent, and secure. This includes giving the public a closer look inside our elections process and bringing back in person voting in addition to our mail-in voting.

The Secretary of State's office also has an important duty to the incredible businesses throughout Washington in making sure the government red tape does not impede on entrepreneurs ability to create and run their businesses in the state. When I am elected Secretary of State I will work with the Governor and State House to make Washington the most business friendly state in the country.

I have lived in Spokane since 2008 when I emigrated from the United Kingdom to the United States. My wife and I both run small businesses in Spokane, we have two children and a grandchild, we have established our roots here, and we truly love the beauty we have here in Washington State.

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**Mike  
Pellicciotti**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Treasurer, 2021-present; State Representative, 2017-2021.

**Other Professional Experience**

An economic crimes prosecutor (Assistant Attorney General), Mike managed a unit of financial examiners, auditors, and analysts that returned \$30 million to taxpayers from financial fraud and government waste. As a legislator, he created laws to get “dark money” out of politics and combat corporate crime.

**Education**

Bachelor’s Degree (Business Administration, economics minor); Master of Rural Development (Fulbright Scholar, economic development); Law Degree, Gonzaga.

**Community Service**

As Equal Justice Coalition Chair, Mike advocated for homeowners unlawfully foreclosed upon, veterans denied benefits, and predatory lending victims. Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. Served on Gonzaga University Board of Regents.

**Statement**

Mike rejects all corporate campaign donations. He puts your financial interests first. As State Treasurer, Mike refinanced all eligible debt, redirecting over \$550 million in Wall Street profits back to the people.

Mike implemented a policy prohibiting Washington State Treasurers from investing in corporations that fund their campaigns. His investments earned Washington \$1.8 billion over the next four years to reduce taxpayer burdens. Mike’s local government investment returns are 50 times higher than 2021, sending \$3 million more *each day* to local governments for schools, first responders, and other community needs.

Under Mike’s leadership as State Treasurer, Washington now has budget guardrails. U.S. News just ranked our state’s long-term fiscal stability *the best in the nation*. Our state pensions are one of America’s best funded. Washington maintains a Moody’s AAA-credit rating, the top mark for strong financial management. This makes housing, road, ferry, and school construction more affordable. Mike lowered GET/529 education costs for families, while keeping this important program fully funded.

Mike expanded financial education opportunities. He also created an online “Transparency Portal” to show how *your* public dollars are managed. Endorsed by Washington State Labor Council and Planned Parenthood, Mike will always put working families and retirees first!

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**Sharon  
Hanek**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Chair of the Pierce County Charter Review Commission and Treasurer for non-profits and political organizations, including Little League and a private school.

**Other Professional Experience**

Owner of a CPA firm and founder of a public policy research company. Pierce County roles: Planning Commissioner, Birth to 25 Board, Redistricting Commissioner.

**Education**

BA in Business Administration and Accounting, University of Washington; CPA since 1980; President of UW International Business Students Association.

**Community Service**

Involved in youth/family service boards, community councils, Little League, private schools, political organizations, property rights alliances, and Kent SD finance and strategic planning committees.

**Statement**

As your State Treasurer, I will advocate for the protection of our state’s assets and ensure retirement accounts make sound investments. I will strive to make the accounting system transparent and accountable to citizens. With my professional expertise, I will scrutinize the books and challenge the legislature to exercise greater caution in tax and spending decisions.

As a CPA, I have dedicated my career to helping clients preserve their bottom lines, reduce taxes, and securing their futures. I developed and taught a financial literacy class to junior high students and testified before the legislature against raising taxes and over-regulating our businesses.

My experience includes advising taxpayers and businesses in our community on wise investments and job creation. In an era of job uncertainty, rising prices, and constant demands for education funding, Olympia’s typical solution is to raise taxes and fees. My approach is to account for past expenditures and prioritize sensibly. I will be the accountant Treasurer who leads our state into a new era of fiscal responsibility.

Vote to preserve our fiscal future. Vote for accountability. Vote for Sharon Hanek.

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**Pat (Patrice)  
McCarthy**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Current Washington State Auditor 2017-present; Pierce County Executive 2009-2016; Pierce County Auditor 2003-2008; Tacoma School Director 1987-1999.

**Other Professional Experience**

President-elect, National Association of State Auditors; Executive Committee, National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

**Education**

B.A., University of Washington Tacoma

**Community Service**

Asian Pacific Cultural Center Advisory Board. Pierce County Sexual Assault Center, Emeritus. Tacoma South Rotary 1999-2016, Honorary Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, 2005-2009. Key Award, Washington Coalition for Open Government. Star of Destiny Award, Tacoma Historical Society. Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Washington Tacoma; Secretary of State's Auditor of the Year, 2005.

**Statement**

As the first woman to serve as Washington State Auditor, I lead an office responsible for conducting independent audits across all local governments and state agencies, ensuring accountability and transparency in public fund usage. Over my eight-year tenure, responsibilities have expanded, including significant audits of federal COVID-19 pandemic funds. My administration has also greatly reduced the number of "unauditable" governments, increasing our audits' scope and effectiveness.

Under my leadership, we exposed nearly \$7 million in misappropriated funds at a local housing agency, the largest fraud case in our state's history. We have strengthened our capabilities by training more fraud examiners and launching innovative programs. These include a pioneering audit of law enforcement's use of deadly force, bolstering cybersecurity with increased IT audits and preventive "cyber-checkups," and a new data analytics program to detect fraud and waste more effectively.

I will continue these efforts in my next term, focusing on managing public resources wisely. My vision includes advancing our technological capabilities to protect public assets and promote integrity across Washington State.

Many have endorsed me; details are on my website. I have a proven and tested public record of leadership. I humbly ask for your vote to continue our progress.

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**Matt  
Hawkins**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Spokane County State Committeeman (R) 4 years, District Leader 2 years, elected by the PCO's from the general membership, PCO 4 years.

**Other Professional Experience**

36 years of senior level business experience working with business owners and industry leaders, including Commercial and Investment Real Estate, Investment Banker, Investor, and Trustee for an Involuntary Bankruptcy. Various National advisory boards. Work with Audit teams.

**Education**

BS in Finance from Brigham Young University, Professional certifications CCIM and CM&AA.

**Community Service**

Election Integrity State Committee to promote transparency. Boy Scouts of America- various roles, Camp Fire Girls- Board member, youth programs-Coaching, University High School Theater, Various PTO's and PTA's.

**Statement**

Working in the private sector for 35 years, within a variety of industries, Hawkins has the skills to work with teams of professionals to improve process and systems. Solutions to our challenges with education, the homeless, mental health, parental rights, property rights, taxes and energy policy can all be found through transparency in audits.

Observing the divide within our country over the past 4 years, Hawkins began asking questions to learn what is happening. An active study of the election system within Washington during this time has revealed the fact that there have been no Audits of the election systems in Washington State, to the same professional standards as are expected in the private sector. Hawkins further learned of the newly created roadblocks to public transparency, as the public is looking for answers. Taxpayers benefit from transparency and accountability. A search for Truth matters.

Hawkins is married to Paula and together they have a family of 10 children. They realize that strong communities benefit from family centered policies. Transparency and Accountability are key building blocks to ensure that children become valued contributors to society.

Audits are a great way to understand our past, as we make decisions for our future.

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**Pete**  
**Serrano**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Mayor of Pasco; City Councilmember since 2018.

**Other Professional Experience**

General Counsel, Silent Majority Foundation; Environmental Attorney, United States Department of Energy, Energy Northwest; Environmental Supervisor—New Nuclear Project, Energy Northwest; Adjunct Professor, Washington State University

**Education**

Vermont Law School, LLM—Environmental Law, 2010; Florida Coastal School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009; University of California, Davis, Bachelor of Arts, Italian, 2004

**Community Service**

Board Member, Franklin County Solid Waste Advisory Commission; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

**Statement**

Moving to Washington nine years ago was one of the best decisions of my life. I came to protect the environment through working at the Hanford Site as an environmental attorney. Since then, I've successfully fought to make Washington safer and to increase government transparency. I have challenged unconstitutional laws from Olympia and *won!* I have also *stopped* bad regulation in its tracks! I've led the City of Pasco as a councilmember, and now its mayor.

Washington has world class resources, but our politicians are failing. We lack safe streets; drugs, like fentanyl, fill the streets. As Attorney General, I will apply what I learned at Hanford to clean this mess.

According to the FBI, Washington is the 8th most dangerous state in the country. We have the resources to do better, but we need an Attorney General who will make sure Law Enforcement and County Prosecutors can enforce the law to make Washington Safe Again!

As your next Attorney General, my focus will be on Washington State, not Washington D.C. As Attorney General I will remove the partisan blinders to protect *all* Washingtonians. I look forward to representing you as your next Attorney General. Thank you for your vote!

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**Nick**  
**Brown**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

U.S. Attorney for Western Washington; General Counsel to Governor Inslee; JAG Officer in U.S. Army, serving at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (WA), Fort Bliss (TX), received the Bronze Star for his time serving in Iraq; Partner, Pacifica Law Group.

**Education**

Harvard Law School (Harvard Law School Council, International Law Journal); Morehouse College, B.A. Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude (Army ROTC, Student Government)

**Community Service**

Campaign for Equal Justice, Board of Directors (2018-2021); Treehouse, Board of Directors (2014-2021); Seattle Works, Board of Directors (2007-2013); Commissioner, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (2019-2021); Soccer Coach for 11-year-old daughter, 9-year-old son.

**Statement**

Nick Brown was raised in Pierce County where his parents, a nurse and an Army veteran, taught him the importance of service and giving back to the community. Nick went to Morehouse College on an ROTC scholarship and after Harvard Law School, served as an Army JAG officer and federal prosecutor.

As General Counsel to Governor Inslee, Nick oversaw work to end the death penalty and coordinated the administration's response to Donald Trump's hateful Muslim ban. In 2021 President Biden appointed Nick as the first Black U.S. Attorney in state history. There, Nick prioritized addressing the fentanyl crisis, protecting consumers, cracking down on sex trafficking, and combatting violent crime.

As Attorney General, Nick will work to keep all Washingtonians safe – from crime, gun violence, discrimination, and the growing housing crisis. Nick believes Donald Trump poses an unprecedented threat to our country and will fight to protect our state from attacks on civil liberties. Nick believes the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her family, and doctor. He will fight any attempt to take away reproductive rights.

Nick is proudly endorsed by Governor Inslee, the Washington Education Association, Washington Conservation Action, and Washington State Labor Council.

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**Jaime**  
**Herrera Beutler**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

U.S. Congress, 2011-2023, where I advanced bipartisan laws to improve our wildland firefighting capabilities, increase pay for firefighters, improve proactive and science-based forest management, improve forest roads and expand access to public lands, protect wildlife habitat and salmon runs, support shellfish habitat, protect family wage jobs and secure funding for Washington schools. Washington State House of Representatives, 2007-2010.

**Other Professional Experience**

Strategic Advisor, Children's Hospital Association. Senior Legislative Aide, U.S. House of Representatives.

**Education**

B.A., University of Washington, Communications.

**Community Service**

Recipient of the National Association of State Foresters' highest honor, the Bernard L. Orell Award for Partnership. Board of directors, National Kidney Foundation.

**Statement**

Decades of neglect have turned our forests into overcrowded, diseased tinderboxes. Fires scorch our forests and choke our communities every summer. They fill our lungs with smoke, destroy old growth and critical habitat, emit tons of carbon, drive up the cost of home insurance and make housing even more unaffordable. And they cause unimaginable heartache for those unfortunate enough to live in their path.

I won't leave our kids a legacy of burning forests and choking smoke. We can and will do better to remove dead and dying trees that serve as fuel, quickly fight fires when they occur, preserve jobs, and protect the lives and livelihoods of communities.

I'll lead our state Department of Natural Resources to withstand political pressures and overcome bureaucratic obstacles so that the brilliant foresters and environmental scientists who work there can do their jobs. Working with Tribes, scientists, landowners, sportsmen, the forest industry and conservation groups, I'll restore health to Washington's forests with science-based management practices so our diverse array of species and ecosystems can thrive. And I'll always preserve recreational access to public land for its owners -- the people of Washington.

Please vote Jaime Herrera Beutler for healthy forests and healthy air.

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**Dave**  
**Upthegrove**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Chair, King County Council, first elected 2013; State Representative (33<sup>rd</sup> District), 2001-2013, Chair, House Environment Committee; Chair, House Select Committee on Puget Sound.

**Other Professional Experience**

Chair, King County Flood Control District; Natural Resources Policy Staff, Washington Senate Democratic Caucus; Basketball Referee, Pacific NW Basketball Officials Association.

**Education**

B.A. Environmental Conservation, University of Colorado; Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy, University of Idaho.

**Community Service**

Scoutmaster; Program Director, Camp Parsons BSA; Matt Griffin YMCA Board Member; Governor's Climate Action Team; Highline Citizens for Schools; Sponsor, Washington Voting Rights Act; Sponsor, Marriage Equality Legislation; Humane Society Legislative Leadership Award; NW Marine Trade Association Legislator of the Year.

**Statement**

A conservation leader strongly backed by the environmental community and Democrats across Washington, I am committed to protecting our clean air, clean water and habitat, improving wildfire prevention, and increasing recreational opportunities on state lands.

With the threat of climate change, wildfires, and droughts, running the Department of Natural Resources is a big, complicated job. I have both the experience and values to ensure our public lands support our high quality of life. As Lands Commissioner I'll bring bold new ideas to the table. I have a plan to protect Washington's 77,000 acres of critical legacy forests, and to launch a clean energy trust to help our climate and spur rural economic development. I'll honor tribal rights and restore Puget Sound to protect our iconic salmon and orca.

I'm the only candidate in this race not taking contributions from the timber industry. A former Washington Conservation Voters "Legislator of the Year," I'm the only candidate supported by Washington Conservation Action and the Sierra Club.

I invite you to join grassroots conservation leaders, former Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark, Democrats and elected leaders across Washington in supporting this campaign to protect and enhance our public lands. I ask for your support.

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**Chris  
Reykdal**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Local School Board Director, State Legislator.

**Other Professional Experience**

Classroom Teacher, Higher Education Budget and Finance Executive, Fiscal Analyst for the Washington State Senate.

**Education**

Baccalaureate Degree in Social Studies and a Teaching Certificate, Washington State University. Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on Budget, Finance, and Performance Management, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

**Community Service**

Parent volunteer in schools, youth soccer coach, local city planning commissioner, food bank volunteer, education foundation board member, education scholarship founder, and non-profit fundraiser.

**Statement**

Thank you Washington Voters! I am grateful to serve as your State Superintendent. This job requires experience and tested leadership to maintain our post-pandemic recovery. Our strong learning acceleration is at risk without sustained funding and a relentless focus on keeping our schools public and accountable to local voters. The paramount duty in our state is to fully fund our public schools. Investing in our public schools and our educators to empower student achievement is my number one priority!

Innovation drives our work with expanded career and technical education pathways, a record high graduation rate, a measurable improvement in student mental health following targeted investments, and free school meals for over 700,000 students. We are a top performing state in math and reading, and civics is once again a graduation requirement under my leadership!

Over two-thirds of our students now earn college credit while in high school, saving families over \$100 million per year in foregone tuition, and we've doubled our investments in rural school facilities. Every child deserves a high-quality, individualized, and equitable learning opportunity in every community!

Endorsed: Washington State Labor Council, Public School Employees, Washington Education Association, American Federation of Teachers-WA, Washington Conservation Action, and more.

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**David  
Olson**

(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**

Peninsula School Board Director (2013 – present); Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner (2016); Previously elected to the WSSDA Legislative and Resolutions Committees; served as school board Legislative Representative for 10 years.

**Other Professional Experience**

Finance and Banking; Defense Contractor; U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer (retired)

**Education**

SNHU, B.S. Organizational Leadership, Magna cum Laude; Officer Candidate School, U.S. Navy; Saturation Diver Training, U.S. Navy; Technical School, U.S. Navy

**Community Service**

Board Member, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation; Gig Harbor Rotary; President and Board Member, City Club of Tacoma; Vice President, Hilltop Business Association; Board Member, World Trade Center Tacoma

**Statement**

*Less than 50% of Washington students can read and write at grade level yet your property taxes have skyrocketed. Your children and schools deserve better. OSPI is not fulfilling their duty to advocate for adequate school operational funding. As Superintendent, I will push to change the approach, ensuring resources reach the schools and students who need them most – regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.*

*Under the incumbent, chronic absenteeism has doubled, depriving children of crucial learning opportunities. Drawing from my district's success, where strong parental engagement has led to one of the state's lowest absentee rates, I will advocate for policies that encourage partnering with parents.*

I am committed to restoring local control to school boards, empowering those who understand their communities' unique needs, ensuring a fair and effective education for all. *I will push to expand skilled trades programs, preparing our students for future diverse careers.*

To combat the distractions of the digital age, I will promote policies restricting cell phones and social media in schools, creating safer, more focused learning environments. *The Seattle Times stated the Superintendent is a "cheerleader for mediocrity." Average Is Not Good Enough! It is time for change. I'll appreciate your vote.*

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**Patty  
Kuderer**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Senator, 2017-present, State Representative, 2015-2016. Chair, Housing Committee 2019-present; former Vice Chair, State Government & Elections 2018-2022; former member Healthcare - Labor & Commerce - Business, Financial Institutions & Insurance Committees.

**Other Professional Experience**

Trial attorney for 35+ years; former prosecutor and city attorney; significant experience handling insurance claims, employment discrimination and serious injury cases.

**Education**

BA, University of Minnesota. JD, William Mitchell College of Law.

**Community Service**

Awarded the "Golden Acorn" for my volunteer service with Chinook Middle School PTSA. Volunteered with my kids' schools, Sacred Heart Social Concerns, Congregations for the Homeless, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Virtue's Children Nepal, and Chrysalis Domestic Violence Center.

**Statement**

Ever since my daughter was born critically ill in the NICU and I had to fight my insurance company to allow her doctors to provide life saving care, I have made it my life's mission to ensure no family ever has to go through that same trauma. With my experience as a litigator representing workers in employment discrimination cases and my strong background in advocacy and public service, I bring a unique set of qualifications to the role of Insurance Commissioner.

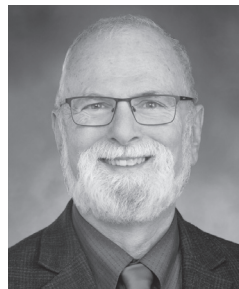
As a legislator, I've been a leading voice on healthcare issues, sponsoring legislation to create a public option for healthcare in Washington, and advocating for greater access to mental health services and protections against surprise medical billing.

As Insurance Commissioner, I'll work tirelessly to enact policies that prioritize consumer protection and lowering costs, promote transparency within the insurance industry, and expand access to essential healthcare services for all Washingtonians. I'll also lead on addressing the increased insurance costs being created by climate change and protecting coverage of reproductive healthcare.

I have spent my life helping the powerless stand up to those with the most power, and I respectfully ask for your vote so I can fight for you too.

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**Phil  
Fortunato**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

31st District State Senator since 2017; 31st District State Representative elected 2016; 47th District State Representative 1998-2000

**Other Professional Experience**

Environmental training and consulting. International trade in Europe and Asia. Owner of small contracting business. Founding Director and first President of the PNW Erosion Control Association.

**Education**

Rutgers University, Cook College of Agriculture; Landscape Architecture.

**Community Service**

I've been married for 45 years, have 5 children, 3 of whom are decorated U.S. Marines Corps veterans. Knights of Columbus member - 4th Degree, Project Rachel, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons & Daughters of Italy, Liberian Association of WA.

**Statement**

I'm running to make Washington's insurance market more affordable for families and seniors. Misguided activist policies of the Legislature and the Insurance Commissioner have limited choice and made insurance unaffordable.

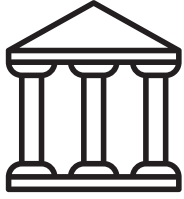
How much businesses pay for insurance has a direct impact on the prices you pay for things, including groceries and even your rent. Add to that a 20% increase in insurance costs, and it's even harder for seniors on fixed incomes and families to make ends meet. The insurance industry needs reasonable, not burdensome regulations. As a state Senator, I fought for affordable and consumer-driven options that encourage more competition, more choices, and lower costs for consumers. I know what works and it's not agenda driven regulations that drive up costs without providing better and more affordable care.

I've experienced firsthand the health insurance challenges faced by my own grandson who has a rare disease. For him it is a life and death struggle. You and your doctor should be determining your health care decisions, not the insurance companies.

A Vote for Phil Fortunato will lower costs, provide predictability and availability in Washington's insurance markets, so you can get the insurance protection your family deserves.

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# Qualifications & Responsibilities

Legislators must be registered voters of their district.

## Legislature

Legislators propose and enact public policy, set a budget, and provide for the collection of taxes to support state and local government.

### State Senator

The Senate has 49 members; one from each legislative district in the state. Senators are elected to four-year terms, and approximately one-half the membership of the Senate is up for election each even-numbered year. The Senate's only exclusive duty is to confirm appointments made by the governor.

### State Representative

The House of Representatives has 98 members; two from each legislative district in the state. Representatives are elected to two-year terms, so the total membership of the House is up for election each even-numbered year.



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### What is “party preference?”

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that they prefer.

A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Candidates may choose to not state a political party preference.

In each race, the two candidates who received the most votes in the August Primary appear on your November General Election ballot.



**Derek**  
**Stanford**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

State Legislator since 2011; Chair of Business, Financial Services, Gaming, and Trade Committee; member of the Labor and Commerce Committee and the Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee

**Other Professional Experience**

Derek has built a career as a statistician and data scientist. Currently working in the aerospace industry, his background also includes leadership roles in analytics and data science for tech and telecom companies.

**Education**

BS Mathematics, Harvey Mudd College; MS Mathematics, Claremont Graduate University; PhD Statistics, University of Washington

**Community Service**

Canyon Park Middle School PTSA, Cub Scouts, Shelton View Forest Stewardship Association

**Statement**

As the only statistician in the State Legislature, I will always rely on science, data, and facts to make the best decisions for the people of Washington. My goal is to build consensus, reach across the aisle and get results for our district and the state.

We have made progress increasing the supply of affordable housing, but we have much more work to do. The state needs to step up and help local governments reduce the backlog of permits and urgently increase housing so young families can afford to live here. We must also ensure first responders have the tools and resources to keep our neighborhoods safe. I will prioritize expanding access to affordable healthcare and always defend your right to reproductive freedom.

We need to make sure every tax dollar is spent with transparency and accountability. I know it's your money, and our responsibility is to spend it wisely. This means crafting a sustainable budget for the long term that prioritizes schools and builds opportunity for everyone.

Endorsed by: Washington State Labor Council, Pro-Choice Washington, Washington State Nurses Association, and many more.

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**Davina  
Duerr**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative, Chair of Local Government Committee; Former Bothell City Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience**

Architect committed to sustainable, affordable design; Served on Eastside Transportation Partnership; WSDOT Executive Advisory Group; Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit Elected Leadership Group; PSRC Transportation Policy Board representing Sound Cities Association, and Board of Directors of the Sound Cities Association

**Education**

Bachelor of Architecture, Syracuse University

**Community Service**

Served on Northshore Schools Foundation as Vice President and Board member, 2009-2015; Co-founder and co-chair of the M.I.L.K. Money program; Served on Bothell Landmark Preservation Board, Board Chair 2008- 2015, Board Member 2005-2015

**Statement**

Public service is about listening to our community and finding common-sense solutions. I'm proud of our progress on building affordable housing, taking urgent action on climate change, and improving transportation including transit and walkability. We need to do more to ensure excellent public schools, address homelessness, expand behavioral health services, tackle the fentanyl crisis, and improve neighborhood safety. Keeping Washington a 100% pro-choice state is imperative.

My door is always open for you – and your ideas.

Endorsed: Washington Education Association, Washington Conservation Action, WA State Labor Council, Planned Parenthood, Suzan DelBene, Executives Dave Somers & Dow Constantine, and more...

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**Mark  
Davies**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

President Lockwood Elementary Student Council 1967/68

**Other Professional Experience**

IT Programmer/Analyst/Project Manager 35 years, (32 years with Boeing). Former Small Business Owner and Journeyman Log House Builder. In my youth, I worked as a berry picker, babysitter, newspaper boy, waiter, caterer, house painter, shipping and receiving clerk, small engine and auto mechanic, chimney sweep, hod carrier, and grave digger.

**Education**

Northshore Schools, Brigham Young University - Mechanical Engineering

**Community Service**

20 years of service as an adult leader in Boy Scouts, lifelong church service to youth and adults, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and frequent blood and platelets donor.

**Statement**

I am a senior, and with the increasing high cost of living, I am still working and caring for my partially disabled wife. I understand the struggles of life. As your elected representative I will help bring common sense back to Olympia.

I support constitutional rights and liberties, reducing government spending, lowering onerous taxation, election integrity, parental rights, school choice, local zoning and planning, single family housing, and reducing crime (drug trade, and human trafficking). I am opposed to state and local income tax, expansive executive powers of our governor, defunding the police, cap and trade, and government insurance schemes.

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**Shelley  
Kloba**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

State Representative; co-Chair Regulated Substances and Gaming Committee; member of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Capital Committees; Ex-Officio member of WA State Gambling Commission; National Conference of State Legislators Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy Task Force; National Council of Legislators from Gaming States Executive Committee member. Kirkland City Councilmember 2013-2016

**Other Professional Experience**

Licensed healthcare provider for more than 20 years

**Education**

B.S. Kinesiology, University of Illinois; Certificate of Energy Policy Planning, University of Idaho; Seattle Massage School

**Community Service**

Kirkland Kiwanis Club member; formerly: Lake Washington Schools Foundation Trustee, Kirkland Park Board member, WA State PTA Legislative Director

**Statement**

It has been my honor to serve four terms as your representative. My deep community advocacy roots inform my approach to governing. My priorities include universal access to healthcare, protection of consumer data privacy, reducing crime, gun violence, and homelessness, increasing opportunities for working families, ensuring civil rights for LGBTQIA people, enhancing transportation options, and protecting our environment. Working together, we can rise above our current challenges to create opportunity, justice, and security for all.

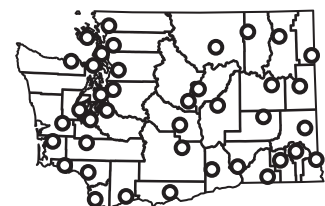
Endorsements: 1st legislative District, King, and Snohomish County Democrats; Pro-Choice Washington; National Women's Political Caucus; Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, WA Alliance for Gun Responsibility

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**Ron  
Muzzall**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

*"When you elected me as your State Senator, I promised to be different than you were used to. I've rejected pointless virtue signaling. Every bill I've passed has had bipartisan support. Even if you didn't vote for me, I'm still your Senator and I work for you."*

**Other Professional Experience**

Fourth generation farmer: family farm with grass-fed beef and lamb, barley-fed hogs, free-range eggs, and fryers that they sell at 3 Sisters Market and other stores.

**Education**

WSU (Go Cougs!)

**Community Service**

Firefighter and commissioner, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue. Senate Committees: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources and Parks; Health and Long-Term Care.

**Statement**

*Making things affordable:* Senator Muzzall is fighting to roll back taxes that dramatically increased fuel prices to a dollar a gallon over the national average. This was a poor idea that hurts low income and working families the most by making everything more expensive... from gas to groceries to housing.

*Women's health:* Ron passed legislation to prioritize maternal healthcare, prenatal care, and reduce maternal mortality rates. *Investing in schools:* Ron secured funds that launched \$133 million in school construction in our district.

*Our natural environment:* Ron expanded programs to preserve timber near waterways and remove derelict structures in waterways, like old piers or crumbling bulkheads.

*"As I talk with people I serve, they express concern over the divisiveness in politics. I agree we must do better! Rather than look for areas where we disagree, I would rather find common ground we can agree on. My job as your Senator is to represent all of you: Democrat, Republican, Independent. I will steward your tax dollars and protect our natural resources like clean air and water. I will defend civil rights. I will treat all people respectfully. I'd be honored to have your vote again this election."* -Ron Muzzall (The Happy Farmer)

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**Janet  
St Clair**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

Island County Commissioner 2018—present. As commissioner, I have served as Chair of the Board and elected by my peers three times to chair the Board of Health.

**Other Professional Experience**

I was a teacher and social worker. As a senior executive for multiple nonprofits, I balanced budgets, developed policy, and managed large teams. I also served as Executive Director for an environmental nonprofit.

**Education**

BA and MSW from University of California

**Community Service**

I served on the Board of Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center and as Council President for Camano Lutheran Church. As County Commissioner, I serve on numerous boards addressing economic development, healthcare and transit.

**Statement**

I was taught at a young age to serve our community, honor our veterans, and nurture our children. I spent my career working in nonprofits, as a community volunteer, and as a foster parent. As commissioner, I worked with both Democrats and Republicans to increase veterans services, improve mental health programs, protect clean air to breathe and water to drink, and improve access to broadband internet for rural communities.

High prices for housing, gas, groceries, childcare, and healthcare are harming working families. I understand how hard it is to raise a family and will work to lower the cost of living and honor hard-working taxpayers.

Access to healthcare in rural communities is essential and I will never stop fighting to protect our local hospitals and clinics. I will work to make healthcare more affordable and reduce the costs of prescriptions, especially for people with disabilities, seniors and people on fixed incomes. As commissioner, I helped keep the Women's Health Clinic on Whidbey open. I'm the only 100% pro-choice candidate in this race.

As commissioner, I supported law enforcement and fully funded our sheriff's department. Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, Machinists District 751, law enforcement officers, environmental groups, nurses, firefighters and teachers.

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**Clyde  
Shavers**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative (current) – Vice Chair of the House Education Committee (Kindergarten-12th Grade), Member of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force

**Other Professional Experience**

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Clyde served in the U.S. Navy stationed in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. He lives on Whidbey Island and is a practicing attorney. He studied environmental law at Yale Law School with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

**Education**

U.S. Naval Academy, B.S.; Yale Law School, J.D.

**Community Service**

Skagit Friendship House, Board Member & Volunteer; Goosefoot, former Board Member; Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, former Board Member; Hearts and Hammers, Volunteer

**Statement**

With soaring costs, our economy isn't working for us. That's why I fought to lower property taxes for more seniors, veterans, and the disabled; and cap medication costs. I increased retirement benefits for teachers and public employees; and funded affordable housing for Langley, Coupeville, Stanwood, and Arlington. I'll keep fighting to lower costs.

I'm 100% pro-choice, an environmental advocate, and champion for veterans and military families. After nearly a decade defending our nation, I'll stand up for our American freedoms, fight for what's right and fair, and defend our democracy. Endorsed by Washington State Labor Council, police, nurses, teachers, VoteVets.

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**Carrie R.  
Kennedy**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

None

**Other Professional Experience**

2020, 2022 US Congressional candidate, WA CD-2. Administrative assistant for military departments, organizations and companies. Manager, assistant manager, professional buyer, procurement clerk, central cashier, bookkeeper, salesclerk, construction QC, contacts specialist assistant, ER-Ambulatory intake clerk, WA State Developmental Disabilities admin assistant, WA State Liquor Control clerk, English teacher in Japan, waitress, bartender, US Navy Seabee wife, mother.

**Education**

Monterey Peninsula College, A.A. Degree. College of the Redwoods. Skagit Valley College.

**Community Service**

Volunteer: detention facility, domestic violence victim advocate, Navy Family Service Centers, Command appointed Ombudsman, Girls Scouts, school parent volunteer, Precinct Committee Officer. Devoted supporter of Veterans, law enforcement, their families.

**Statement**

Legislative District 10 Position 1 deserves representation by an honest, trustworthy individual who will fulfill their entire term in office. I am a thirty seven year resident of Island County, wife and daughter of career naval servicemen. A defender of our United States Constitution, I align with traditional American values and beliefs.

I will represent interests and concerns of my constituents with integrity, honor and dedication. My common sense decisions will defend and preserve our freedoms, rights and traditional family values. I am a dedicated patriot representing you to ensure there is prosperity for future generations of Washington citizens.

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**Dave  
Paul**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State representative, serves as Vice Chair of Transportation and on the Innovation, Community & Economic Development & Veterans, and the Postsecondary Education & Workforce committees.

**Other Professional Experience**

Dave is a community leader, parent, and educator. At Skagit Valley College, Dave expanded financial aid opportunities and career pathways to living-wage jobs.

**Education**

BA, Seattle University; MA, Miami University (Ohio); and doctorate, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign).

**Community Service**

Supporting job creation and business retention through the Island County Economic Development Council; Board Member and Past President, Oak Harbor Educational Foundation; Member of Rotary; and formerly served on Oak Harbor School District Budget Committee and Sustainable Whidbey Coalition.

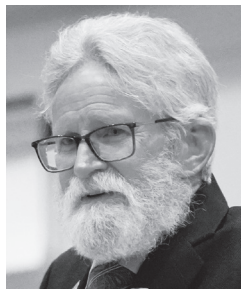
**Statement**

Dave is a trusted, bipartisan leader and educator. As our representative, Dave reduced the cost of college education, improved local mental healthcare, and lowered tuition for veterans and military families. He helped eliminate taxes for small businesses and improved transportation without raising gas taxes. He's working hard on community priorities, including improved ferry service and housing affordability. Dave wrote legislation that lowered the cost of asthma inhalers and EpiPens.

Dave works closely with law enforcement to improve public safety, create better officer recruitment programs, and increase funding for police training. Dave is pro-choice and is endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

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**Gary  
Wray**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

US Navy Veteran Gary Wray is a long-time Island County builder and owner of Laser Construction and Development. He was a Petty Officer Second Class, serving on nuclear submarines during his six years in the US Navy before pursuing a career in construction.

**Education**

Marysville High School, US Naval Nuclear Power School, Everett Community College Construction Program

**Community Service**

Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association (SICBA): Past president and board member. Habitat for Humanity of Island County: Chair. Civility First: Board of Directors. Hearts and Hammers. Building Industry Association of Washington: 2023 President and board member, various committees. National Association of Home Builders, Special Voting Member.

**Statement**

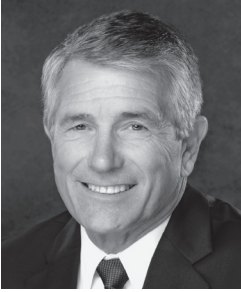
As a local business owner and a leader in Washington's largest trade association, I understand the issues facing our district and our state. Despite budget surpluses, the legislature never reduces taxes. We must cut costs for families and businesses instead of always increasing the state budget. We should expand trades education to help more students succeed. We must protect against rising crime and ensure reliable ferries to replace Washington's aging fleet.

As your state representative, I'll fight protect your budget, promote education opportunities for all, ensure transportation options meet our area's unique needs and make public safety a priority.

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**Keith W.  
Goehner**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

House of Representatives 2019-2024, Ranking Member Local Government Committee, Chelan County Commissioner 2003-2018, Winter Pear Committee, Peshastin-Dryden School Board, Republican PCO, Chelan County Republican Chair, WA Counties Risk Pool President

**Other Professional Experience**

Moses Lake Elementary School teacher, Third generation orchardist, President of K&L, Inc., WA State Realtor, Washington Agriculture & Forestry Education Foundation, Partner Leavenworth Coffee Roasters, Farm Bureau member

**Education**

Peshastin-Dryden High School, Wenatchee Valley College, Seattle Pacific University (BA in Education)

**Community Service**

Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Resource Advisory Committee, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene Board, Rotary, Confluence Hospital Foundation Trustee, Cascade Education Foundation, youth basketball and baseball coach

**Statement**

It has been a privilege to represent the 12th District the past 6 years. As we have worked through difficult challenges and look to the future, we must learn from past decisions and the consequences they have created. Residents of Washington should be safe and secure in their communities. Adequate energy resources will be a critical issue that must be addressed to protect the most vulnerable. Maintaining roads, bridges, and ferries is a core function of government and needs to be a high priority. State government must respect the role of local government and refrain from making it difficult to provide public services. The State should encourage personal success for all of its residents. We have created programs to assist communities and service providers and we have an obligation to fully fund these services. Although we have critical social, fiscal, and environmental issues to tackle, there is still great promise for Washington. We must support creative and innovative businesses to continue providing good jobs for Washington's families. Together, we can restore our State to prominence by establishing our priorities and working to achieve them. It would be my honor to serve the 12th District as your senator.

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**Jim  
Mayhew**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

City of Snoqualmie City Council 2017-2023 – proud to serve in a nonpartisan office providing basic services, public safety, and budget expertise.

**Other Professional Experience**

A 30-year career in business finance– first with an international accounting firm and then as CFO with a Fortune 1000 company helping ensure stability, growth, and resources to create and protect jobs– skills we could use in Olympia!

**Education**

I worked for three years to earn money for college, earning a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Washington and a Certified Public Accountant license.

**Community Service**

Wildcat Junior Football and Cheer Association Treasurer, PTA Event Volunteer, and more!

**Statement**

Are you getting maximum value for the tax dollars you send to Olympia? That's the question I ask neighbors throughout our district, and I think everyone believes we can and must do better to ensure results, efficiency, and transparency from state government.

With your vote I'll bring nonpartisan elected experience and a career in business finance and accounting to take on the status quo and maximize resources we invest in public safety, affordable housing, addiction and mental health treatment, roads and bridges, and K-12 education.

Raised by a single mom who struggled to make ends meet, I know the challenges facing too many families. We cannot leave people behind, or let kids suffer with housing instability and education shortfalls. I'm committed to economic stability and opportunity– workforce training, affordable childcare, and investments in education that help all kids achieve their potential to pursue a career or college.

I am proud to be endorsed by law enforcement, frontline workers and leaders in our small towns and rural communities. I am also the candidate in this race who will protect reproductive health care from partisan attack. Let's work together to build bridges– uniting around shared values to get the results we deserve!

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**Heather  
Koellen**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

North Bend City Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience**

Professional/Work Experience: Registered Nurse, Neuroscience ICU, Harborview Medical Center, 2003-Present

**Education**

Education: Bachelor of Science Nursing, University of Washington (Bothell)

**Community Service**

Community Service: Former North Bend Planning Commission Member, Board member, King County Board Of Health, Alternate Board member, Eastside Fire And Rescue, Member, American Association of Critical Care Nurses

**Statement**

As an Intensive Care Unit Nurse at Harborview Hospital, I am on the frontlines of addressing some of our most urgent challenges. I decided to run for State Representative because our first responders need leadership in Olympia. We urgently need to address drug addiction, especially the fentanyl crisis and mental health treatment. We need a pro-choice health provider who support's women's access to reproductive health care.

I bring a common-sense, pragmatic approach that builds consensus to get results. Endorsed: Snohomish County Democrats, Chelan County Democrats, Douglas County Democrats, King County Democrats, Rep. Bill Ramos, King County Councilmember Sarah Perry

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**Brian  
Burnett**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

3 - Term Chelan County Sheriff and Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**

Current Washington State Sheriffs Association Administrative Liaison. President, VP, Treasurer Washington State Sheriffs Association. President, VP, Board Member Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs. Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commissioner (appointed by Governor). Washington State Mass Shooting Committee. Sex Offender Notification and Registration Committee Co-Chair. Wellness Committee Co-Chair. Chelan County Regional Drug Task Force Chair.

**Education**

The West Point Model Leadership Training, FBINA National Academy, Command College, Law Enforcement, Corrections and Sergeants Academies.

**Community Service**

Royal Family Kids Camp Director (Foster Children), UVCares Mental Health Services, Family Lines, NCW Chaplain Foundation.

**Statement**

With a deep-rooted commitment to the community and a proven track record of effective leadership, Brian is poised to bring a fresh perspective to the legislative arena. After a successful and rewarding career in Law Enforcement, Brian is excited to utilize his life skills to serve the citizens of District 12. Brian will leverage his extensive experience to work collaboratively with other legislators to safeguard and enhance the quality of life for all residents. Join Brian to ensure a bright future for generations to come as we address the real issues at hand. Together we can make a difference.

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**Mike  
Steele**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

2016-Present: State Representative, 12th District, Deputy Minority Leader State House of Representatives; Two Terms City Council, City of Chelan

**Other Professional Experience**

The White House Office of Political Affairs, Staff to Washington State House Republican Leadership, Executive Director for the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, CFO of 5th generation Family Apple and Cherry Orchard.

**Education**

Salutatorian, Manson High School. Graduate of Pacific Lutheran University with degrees in Business Administration and Political Science.

**Community Service**

Past President, Rotary Club of Chelan, Past President Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation, Trustee Community Foundation of NCW, Past Chair Washington State Chamber of Commerce Executives. Trustee, Association of Washington Business

**Statement**

Mike Steele is currently serving his fourth term in the Washington State House of Representatives. Mike has spent his legislative and professional careers advocating for the needs of small businesses. His families' deep roots in the agricultural industry and working directly with hundreds of businesses in a variety of industries daily, provided insight on how the issues and policies directly impact economics in the 12th district. Mike is uniquely qualified to work on their behalf in Olympia. Mike looks forward to a fifth term in the State House to continue proactively serving the people of the 12th District.

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**Daniel  
Scott**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Cashmere City Council

**Other Professional Experience**

Currently working in the Transmission and Distribution engineering department, Chelan County PUD.

**Education**

Cashmere High School; Wenatchee Valley College; Washington State University, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

**Community Service**

Member of the Mission Ridge Volunteer Ski Patrol and Leavenworth Winter Sports Club Ski Patrol. Volunteered at many community activities through the years. Daniel Scott is a native of Washington; born in Everett and raised in the Wenatchee Valley. Daniel is a proven leader, as demonstrated in his service as a Cashmere City Councilor. He also has deep ties throughout Washington, with many supporters residing in the district.

**Statement**

The Washington State Legislature has lost its focus and drifted away from public safety. A refocus back to supporting law enforcement and fire departments, as well as renewed student and educator focused support is needed. A shift in how we are currently addressing the mental health and addiction deficit is desperately needed.

The average working-class person is paying new and higher taxes to support programs many people cannot utilize. Most of these new programs and taxes originated from the State Legislature, not by the vote of hardworking citizens. Washingtonians need an advocate that is in step with their values.

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**Strom  
Peterson**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative, Chair of Housing Committee, member Capital Budget Committee and Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee, serves on Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Committee (LEWPRO); Snohomish County Councilmember, Chair Community Safety and Justice Committee, Co-Chair Public Safety Commission; Former Edmonds City Councilmember, Precinct Committee Officer EDM22.

**Other Professional Experience**

Former small business owner (Cheesemonger's Table), former president Downtown Edmonds Merchants Association, former board member Edmonds Chamber of Commerce

**Education**

B.A. University of New Mexico

**Community Service**

Volunteer Board Member Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), Board Member Community Transit

**Statement**

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. As Housing Committee Chair, I led efforts to invest record amounts in affordable housing, build more workforce housing, and meet our permanent supportive housing needs. Committed to safe and healthy communities, I prioritized expanding our behavioral health system and invested in addiction treatment for struggling neighbors. I remain 100% pro-choice, have an A+ rating from Alliance For Gun Responsibility, and believe in urgent action on climate change.

Endorsed: Senators Cantwell and Murray, Congressmembers Larsen and DelBene, Teachers, Nurses, Firefighters, State Labor Council, Pro-Choice Washington, and many of your neighbors.

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**Riaz  
Khan**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Mukilteo City Councilmember 2019–2023; Boeing SPEEA Council Representative 2019–2024; Snohomish County and Washington State Labor Council delegate 2015–2024

**Other Professional Experience**

Riaz Khan is a Field Service Operations Representative, Boeing Global Services at the Boeing Company (25 years) and well-known Mukilteo activist. Substitute teacher in Mukilteo school district. Managing Director of a successful financial company.

**Education**

MBA in Leadership, Webster University and Certified Public Manager, Texas State University.

**Community Service**

I believe we should all give back to our community. I volunteer in the Mukilteo school district, serve as a neighborhood watch captain, am a Kiwanis club member, and organize an annual peace rally in Mukilteo.

**Statement**

As a Mukilteo City Councilmember, I collaborated with my colleagues and advocated to balance the budget without raising taxes.

In this election, my top priorities are keeping housing and density decisions at the local level, maintaining public safety, and lowering crime. I do not think the state should eliminate the use of natural gas in our homes and businesses. I do not support a state income tax. I believe in preserving parental rights. I pledge to represent the people of this district to the best of my ability. I hope to earn your vote. Thank you!

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**Lillian  
Ortiz-Self**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative; Majority Caucus Chair; Education Committee Member; Children, Youth and Families Committee Member; Labor/Workplace Standards and the Rules Committee Member

**Other Professional Experience**

Everett School District School Counselor, Mental Health Counselor, Former Small Business Owner, Mental Health Center Clinical Director, Illinois State Board of Education Regional Coordinator, Department of Children and Family Services Education Advisor

**Education**

Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Counseling, Drake University

**Community Service**

Chair, Governor's Commission of Hispanic Affairs; Chair, WA State Latino Democratic Caucus; Co-Chair, Legislators Education Opportunity Gap Statewide Committee; WA Achievement Accountability Education Workgroup and Discipline Task Force; President's Advisory Council Member, Everett Community College

**Statement**

As a school counselor, I am proud to have delivered on equitable investments in early learning, education, and technical and career training. As a mother, I've prioritized community health and safety through increased behavioral health care, a diverse and highly trained law enforcement workforce, and gun violence prevention. As your representative, I will continue to focus on a thriving local economy with small business support, worker protections, and the infrastructure for a clean economy.

With your continued support, we can achieve a more fair, just and affordable future for all Washingtonians.

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**Kristina  
Mitchell**

(Prefers Conservative Party)

**Elected Experience**

I have served as an appointed PCO for 2+ years. I now hold an official elected PCO title.

**Other Professional Experience**

I work with local Nonprofit Organizations, Schools, Courts, chair committees and foundations, as well as engaging with residents from all walks of life.

**Education**

CBC: AAS-T, WSU: BSPsychology, ASU: MS Certificate in Applied Behavior, Behaviors in Education, MA/Certification in Business and Communications, Legal Studies, and Family Law.

**Community Service**

Volunteering for foundations and community needs. While serving our community such as, School Fundraisers, Community Outreach, Food Banks, GAL, Jr. Achievement, Child Advocate, CASA, Rotary, etc.

**Statement**

I am committed to representing the people of WA, as your House Representative. My community is my world, I'll be your voice. As a life resident, Wife and Mother of 3, I have a deep understanding for the needs and concerns for *all*.

Including unincorporated communities. I am committed to promoting policies that prioritize Education, Inflation, Crime and Economy. Washington's *tomorrow* begins *today*! I humbly ask for your vote, let me be your voice.

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**Cindy  
Ryu**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative 2011-present. Chair of Innovation, Community & Economic Development and Veterans Committee. Member: Appropriations and Consumer Protection & Business Committees. Shoreline Mayor, Councilmember 2006-2009.

**Other Professional Experience**

Insurance agent. Small business owner. Commercial property manager. Records Management and Systems Analyst, City of Seattle. Medicaid Intake Officer, University Hospital. Admitting Officer, Harborview Medical Center. Transcriptionist.

**Education**

UW-Seattle MBA and B.S. in Microbiology

**Community Service**

Boards: Shoreline Schools Career and Technical Education; UW Consulting and Business Development Center; Lynnwood Economic Development; Richmond Beach Community Association; Shoreline Chamber; Dollars for Scholars; Women in Government Foundation; Pacific Northwest Economic Region. Presbyterian Church USA Sunday School Teacher, Summer Feeding program.

**Statement**

I am honored to serve as your Representative, championing bills to reduce crime, expand broadband access, support economic development, and invest in infrastructure and emergency preparedness. My priorities are protecting education funding, ensuring public safety, safeguarding the environment, and increasing affordable housing. I will continue advocating for local businesses and jobs, making Washington a better place to live, work, and raise our families. I'd appreciate your vote.

*Endorsed by:* Mayors of Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, Seattle; Washington Conservation Action; Snohomish Democrats; Women's Political Caucus; Pro Choice WA; Washington Education Association, Labor Council and Building and Construction Trades Council; and more

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**Lisa  
Rezac**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

LD32 Republican Party Chair, 2023 – present; Precinct Captain 2024 – present

**Other Professional Experience**

Facilitated over 150 charitable team-building events to non-profits delivering hundreds of bikes to the Boys and Girls Club, care packages to military men and women, and STEM kits to a school 100% below the poverty line. Fundraising auctioneer raising over \$1,000,000; clients include Crime Stoppers, United Indians of All Tribes, Survive the Streets, Mary's Place, and school PTA's.

**Education**

University of Washington, BA, Political Science; Columbia Business School, Leader As Coach Program; Landmark Education, Leadership Training

**Community Service**

Union Gospel Mission, PAWS, Food Bank at St. Mary's, Community Lunch homeless shelter.

**Statement**

The course we are on is not sustainable, leaving little hope for hard-working families, individuals or young people. As a voting Democrat for 25 years, the policies of the Democratic party no longer serve us.

The Republican-backed Let's Go Initiatives are a voice of what the people want. My priorities include returning our schools to academic excellence while protecting parental rights; creating policies that support small businesses; putting money back into the hands of hard-working men, women and families; and ensuring what is being put into our water, food, or sprayed in the air is safe for everyone.

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**Lauren  
Davis**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative (2019 – present); Committees: Appropriations, Healthcare, Community Safety, Rules; Co-Chair, children’s mental health subcommittee

**Other Professional Experience**

As the founding Executive Director of the Washington Recovery Alliance, I shaped public policy regarding addiction treatment. I also taught mental health policy in the Master’s program at the UW School of Social Work. Previously, I worked in international development at the Gates Foundation, as a Fulbright scholar in West Africa, and started a small business in Ghana to support education for girls. I began my career as a preschool teacher.

**Education**

Brown University (Bachelor’s, Ethnic Studies)

**Community Service**

UW Suicide Care Research Center Advisory Board

**Statement**

It’s my greatest honor to represent you! My legislative work centers on the intersection of behavioral health, housing, and public safety. I’ve authored landmark legislation to combat fentanyl and expand recovery services statewide. I secured funding for our district’s only jail to launch a reentry program and spearheaded the creation of a behavioral health crisis center in Lynnwood. I also garnered millions of dollars in services for domestic violence survivors. I hope to earn your vote!

*Endorsements:* Mayors of Seattle, Shoreline, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace, Bob Ferguson, nurses, teachers, and grocery workers, Washington State Labor Council, Alliance for Gun Responsibility

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**Lori  
Theis**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Chair, 32<sup>nd</sup> District Republicans; Executive Board Region 7, King County Republican Party.

**Other Professional Experience**

Founder and president of a successful small business in Seattle operating since 2011; policy consultant; event planner; homeschool curriculum consultant; public historian; independent scholar.

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature/Art History, University of Washington.

**Community Service**

Contributor to numerous community organizations, ranging from homeless youth programs, veterans’ programs, and animal shelters - to educational, patriotic, and historic conservation service activities.

**Statement**

Voters are tired of being ignored by state representatives who are grossly out of touch, and who consistently pass legislation making things worse. Democrats handcuffed police, and crime exploded. Washington is now the 8th most dangerous state, and is the epicenter of the fentanyl crisis. Our incumbents voted for higher gas prices and raised taxes on top of record inflation.

I look forward to serving as your representative in Olympia where, among other things, I will support the six common sense initiatives put forward this year restoring police pursuit, ensuring parental notification, and cutting taxes. I would appreciate your vote!

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**Julio  
Cortes**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative; 2022-Present

**Other Professional Experience**

Manager of Economic Development and Marketing, City of Everett– working in the Communications and Economic Development Departments to sustainably grow the economy via business support, promotion and partnership development. Formerly at Cocoon House supporting at-risk and homeless youth and families.

**Education**

BA, Western Washington University

**Community Service**

Everett Arena Public Facilities District, Board of Directors; Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, Board Member; Greater Seattle Partners, Global Marketing Council; Leadership Snohomish County, former Board Member; Everett School District, former Fiscal Advisory Committee Member; Tourism Promotion Area Board, former Board Member; City of Everett, former Diversity Board Member.

**Statement**

As your Representative, I've worked to support families and small businesses, increase economic opportunity and equity, improve public safety, and expand affordable housing. My career has focused on service: supporting vulnerable youth and families, improving Everett's economic vitality, and fighting for marginalized communities. With your vote, I will continue working to improve affordability for working families, community safety, and I'll always stand up for reproductive rights.

Proudly endorsed by Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Machinists & Building Trades Unions, State Labor Council, WA Conservation Action, Nurses, Teachers, Sno Co and 38th Dems, Planned Parenthood, US Congressman Rick Larson, and more!

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**Annie  
Fitzgerald**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

None

**Other Professional Experience**

I have experience working for several years as a in home caregiver for elderly and disabled people. Then after college, I worked for 12 years on and off as a licensed private investigator. I learned quickly and became a successful investigator. I conducted worker's compensation investigations, wellness checks, and accident investigations.

**Education**

Crown College AS in Criminal Justice

**Community Service**

Current volunteer for 5 years in Democratic Socialists of America working in various advocacy areas like Medicare for All, Healthcare, Labor and strike support for unions in Western Washington and Palestine Solidarity Organizing. I have also been a lifelong disability activist.

**Statement**

As a lifelong Washingtonian, I have always felt blessed to live in such a beautiful state. I was born and raised in Snohomish Washington and although I was born with multiple chronic disabilities and illnesses, I persevered and overcame adversity. It instilled in me compassion and empathy for others and a desire to serve my community.

As your state representative, I will represent everyone, but especially disabled and minority populations. My platform focuses on disability justice, expanding social safety net programs, healthcare, supporting unions, increasing the minimum wage, and lowering the cost of living. I also support a Free Palestine.

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**Mary  
Fosse**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative for LD 38; Everett City Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience**

Two decades of business and public service experience, former Everett small business owner and staff at the State House of Representatives.

**Education**

BA History – Whitman College; Institute for a Democratic Future Fellow

**Community Service**

Former Delta Neighborhood Association Chair; Everett Districting Commissioner; Everett Public Schools Fiscal Advisory Council; Council of Neighborhoods; Delta Kids Program Founder; 2020 Snohomish Conservation District Conservation Leader of the Year; Everett Essentials; Food Bank Produce Grower; Downtown Everett Flower Program Volunteer; Denney Juvenile Justice Center Volunteer Teacher; America Reads Youth at Risk Tutor; Community Emergency Response Team

**Statement**

In my first term, I was proud to champion legislation for working families, but there is more work to do. From childcare and housing to rising inflation, too many of us are getting priced out of our community. I experienced childhood poverty and want better for my neighbors; I remain committed to the needs of families, workers, seniors, small businesses, and our most vulnerable. Priorities: housing affordability, homelessness, education, childcare, public safety, workforce issues, & mental health.

Endorsements: Senator June Robinson, Sheriff Johnson, SnoCo Democrats, Washington State Labor Council, Everett & Marysville Firefighters, Tulalip Tribes, WEA, Pro-Choice Washington, and more!

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**Marnie  
Claywell**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

The 2024 election cycle is my first time running for public office. I am running because we need representation supporting human life (in all forms), combating over-taxation, and public safety.

**Other Professional Experience**

With a robust 30 years of experience in finance, administration, and customer service, I have honed my skills in various capacities. I possess a well-rounded background that will enable me to partner with my colleagues in Olympia to serve you, the valued citizens of the 38th District.

**Education**

I received my Bachelor of Business Administration from Western Michigan University.

**Community Service**

I am an active volunteer at my church.

**Statement**

Do you feel our legislature is not delivering legislation supporting our shared values, wallet, and safety? Do you believe that life starts at conception, parental rights, we are grievously overtaxed, and enforcing our laws is not optional? I am in complete agreement with you!

The Declaration of Independence refers to the rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness and states, “That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.” Please join me in “altering” the course of Olympia to support our God-given rights!

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**Keith L.  
Wagoner**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Senator 39th Legislative District 2018-present (Minority Whip), Mayor City of Sedro-Woolley 2016-18, Sedro-Woolley City Council 2010-15

**Other Professional Experience**

Served United States Marine Corps and U.S. Navy for 23 years as a Naval Aviator flying helicopters, including 13 years in overseas locations conducting resupply and Search and Rescue missions. Retired with the rank of Commander. Diplomatic assignment to U.S. Embassy Tokyo, Japan.

**Education**

Washington State University (freshman year); United States Naval Academy, Annapolis MD. (BS, Physical Oceanography); University of San Diego (MS, Global Leadership)

**Community Service**

Fraternal Order of Police 2020 Legislator of the Year, Sedro-Woolley Rotary; Fraternal Order of Eagles #2069, American Legion Post 41

**Statement**

My twenty-three-year military career as a naval officer coupled with executive experience as a mayor has provided a unique perspective on leadership and working with others to accomplish mutual goals. Growing up in rural Skagit County instilled a deep and personal connection to our district and its people.

In an increasingly divisive political environment, now more than ever, we need people who reflect the values and needs of our rural communities and can provide steady, pragmatic leadership. I understand the importance of promoting our farms and businesses and am fortunate to serve on the three most important committees to our district; Ways and Means, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Law and Justice.

We must ensure that gains made in behavioral health are maintained and that the government works to create jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities by reducing burdensome regulations. I will continue working across the aisle toward collaborative solutions and to bring more of your tax dollars back to our district for important projects.

Priorities include: reducing your tax and inflation burdens, supporting first responders to keep our communities safe and crime free, ensuring decisions in education included parents and are kept at the local level, and protecting your constitutional rights.

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**John  
Snow**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

First-time candidate.

**Other Professional Experience**

Enlisted and Served in the US Navy performing many simultaneous and standalone positions such as a Battlefield Medic, Logistics Officer, Food Service Officer, and Barracks Manager. Medically retired by the Navy as a Petty Officer First Class (E-6) and deemed permanently and totally disabled by the VA in 2023 after nearly 14 years from Service Connected Disabilities.

**Education**

University of Maryland Global Campus (AA, General Education); Columbia College (BA, History); United States Navy Training Command (Military and Professional Leadership).

**Community Service**

Snohomish County Veteran Homelessness Committee; Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2100; American Legion Post 96.

**Statement**

In 2020, when the Navy transferred me to Washington State, I fell in love with this place and the people who live here. I am grateful to call Washington my home. As a gay man serving during the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” era, I overcame significant adversity while serving my country. I stuck to my principles, making a commitment to defend my fellow service members no matter the personal cost I often suffered. I learned the value of perseverance and dedication, and I became an unwavering advocate for my peers and subordinates as I rose through the ranks, excelling at finding efficient human centered solutions for tough problems. In 2023, I was found to be permanently and totally disabled by the VA. This experience gave me a unique perspective on the challenges faced by Veterans and those who live with disabilities.

As an independent thinker, I will fairly represent everyone, regardless of party affiliation or background. I will focus on lowering taxes and cost of living, supporting unions, increasing wages, and improving funding for public education. I am dedicated to making our state a place where everyone can thrive.

*Endorsed by 39th LD Democrats and Snohomish County Democratic Party.*

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**Sam  
Low**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Your current Washington State Representative LD 39; Snohomish County Council (re-elected twice); Lake Stevens City Council (Council President/ Mayor Pro Tem); Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (current Chair); Washington State Traffic Safety Commissioner

**Other Professional Experience**

Successful local small business owner; Elementary school teacher; Snohomish Health District 8 years (Chair 2015); North Sound Behavioral Health Skagit County 7 years

**Education**

Masters Degree Organizational Leadership- MBU; Bachelor of Arts in Theology- PCBBC

**Community Service**

Current Lake Stevens Rotary Club (President 2016-2017); Granite Falls Boys and Girls Club recognized volunteer; Roadside cleanups; Sky Valley Arts Council supporter of the year (2022); Basketball coach; Lake Stevens Food Bank

**Statement**

I have successfully passed 5 bills into law during my first term. HB 1962 voter roll cleanup; HB 1271 Organ transport vehicle bill saving lives; HB 1961 Holding animal abusers accountable; HB 1987 Workforce housing; have all been universally praised.

Prioritizing public safety, providing tax relief, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting family-wage jobs are why I am endorsed by Association of Washington Business. Endorsed by over 30 current Members of the State House of Representatives, many local elected officials, Law enforcement, labor, former 39th leaders Senator Kirk Pearson; Representatives Dan Kristiansen, and John Koster. I humbly ask for your vote.

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**Robert J.  
Sutherland**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Washington State Representative (2019-2023). Snohomish County Republican Party, LD Vice Chairman. Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**

Biochemist. Lung and breast cancer drug development; DNA Research, Seattle. Developed new DNA extraction and purification method. My research disproved claims of a new form of DNA, allowing valuable research funds to be redirected to more productive cancer research laboratories.

**Education**

Biochemistry degree, Gonzaga University, Spokane.

**Community Service**

US Air Force Veteran. Raised critical funds for Children's Hospital in Seattle. Gospel Mission Donor. Officer/Treasurer of a Scottish-American 501(c)3 non-profit. Boys and Girls Club youth basketball coach. Snohomish County 4H equine club volunteer. 'Cigars for Veterans' charitable volunteer.

**Statement**

*Endorsements:* Snohomish County Republican Party; Skagit County Republican Party; 39th Legislative District Republican Party. Rated "Outstanding" by Citizens Alliance for Property Rights; NRA "A." Senator Val Stevens, et al.

*Priorities:* We need Election Reforms; only American citizens should be allowed to vote; Results should be transparent. Property taxes should be lowered. Reduce traffic congestion by building additional lane capacity. \$30.00 car tabs. Education dollars should follow child to school of choice. Solving the homelessness crisis. Adequately fund police. No: Tax dollars used to support individuals entering WA illegally; Income Tax; Per Mile Tax; Tolls. Let's build a better community.

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**Carolyn  
Eslick**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative 39th LD 2017-present; serves on the Education, Capital Budget, and Human Services and Youth committees; Sultan Mayor for almost ten years from 2008-to-2017; Sultan City Council from 1995-2001

**Other Professional Experience**

Founder and Director for Grow Washington; Owner of Dutch Cup Restaurant 20 years; NW Agriculture Business Center 2001; NW Women's Business Center 2004

**Education**

Everett Community College; Portland State University - computer programming; WSU County Extension Master Food program

**Community Service**

Boys and Girls Club - Board Member; Everett Community College - Business Advisory Board; Sultan Education Foundation; Sultan Food Bank Founder; Snohomish County Timber Resource Council; Volunteers of America - Board Member

**Statement**

Representative Eslick is a champion for our families and children in Olympia. Carolyn has fought for public safety, lower taxes, and mental health investments. Families in Washington are facing ever-increasing taxes and rising crime. Carolyn has the experience and track record to stand up for families.

Our children are struggling. Learning loss and mental health issues caused by school closures must be addressed through her work on the Education committee. Help send Carolyn back to Olympia to fight for families and children.

**Contact**

(425) 327-2093; eslick4state@gmail.com; Eslick4State.com



**Jackie  
Huey**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

Republican Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience**

Co-Owner of Grassroots Enterprises, a button business, and Event Organizer.

**Education**

Ballard High School in Seattle, Shoreline Community College, Numerous Trainings and Seminars mostly focusing on Leadership Skills.

**Community Service**

March of Dimes Division Leader of team raising \$80,000, Vice President of Mother's Guild Crista Schools; I had the Vision that reestablished their Auction, Dinner, and Carnival, President of Shorewood High School Boosters, reconstruction of their by-laws, Director of ANCC Food Bank in Everett associated with Volunteers of America, Planned the First Inauguration Ceremony of the Shoreline City Council Elected Officials, Numerous Volunteer Activities over 40 years!

**Statement**

I believe you should have a choice of where your money is being spent. The well being of your family is affected greatly by the higher gas, property, and sales taxes the list goes on and on! I am not in favor of funding migrants, unlawfully in our country with your money. I am running to oppose outrageous spending that will bankrupt Washington. In addition, my priorities include protecting Constitutional Rights, Right to Bear Arms, support Law Enforcement and Parental Rights everywhere! I am running for office to voice your vote "you the people!"

Endorsed by Members of 39th District

**Contact**

(206) 724-9395; hueylinc@Juno.com; jackie4staterep.com



**Brandy**

**Donaghy**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**

State Representative since 2021. Vice Chair of House Transportation Committee. Vice Chair of Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans Committee. Member of Consumer Protection & Business Committee. Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**

US Navy Veteran (Aviation Ordnance). Real Estate Agent.

**Education**

BA, Business Administration, Management Information Systems concentration, UW Bothell

**Community Service**

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Certified. Disaster Preparedness Education. School District Volunteer. EmergeWA and more.

**Statement**

I believe deeply in public service. I've demonstrated that commitment by making the choice to serve my nation, my community, and the people of Washington. Like many of you I'm exhausted by the extremism and partisanship within our politics. As your Representative, I've prioritized safety in our communities and on our roadways, affordability, job creation, quality education, housing, consumer protection, and environmental preservation. I'd be honored to earn your vote for my re-election.

Endorsements: Washington State Labor Council, Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council, Planned Parenthood, Washington Conservation Action, 44th LD Democrats, Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee, and more!

**Contact**

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http://brandydonaghy.com

**Voter tip:**

If you would like help voting in person, you can request assistance from your county elections office. Every county offers an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) at each voting center.





**April  
Berg**

(Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience**

State Representative; Chair, House Finance Committee; Member of Appropriations and Local Government Committees; Member of the Bipartisan Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Economic, Revenue and Forecast Council; former Everett and Edmonds School Board Director

**Other Professional Experience**

City of Mill Creek Planning Commissioner; Director of Business Development, local tech companies; former Program Manager, Boeing Company; former Owner, Edmonds Inn Bed & Breakfast

**Education**

BA History, Oregon State University; Student Body President

**Community Service**

HopeLink Board Member, Economic Opportunity Institute Board Member, Snohomish County Juvenile Justice Cultural Competency Committee Member, Everett School District Capital Bond Planning Committee Member, YWCA Volunteer, Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Board Director

**Statement**

I work hard to deliver for our families and small businesses—leading efforts to invest in affordable housing, secure resources for schools, and improve public safety. I'm proud of the results, but know we must do more: expand affordable childcare to ease the burden on working parents and help all kids prepare to learn; address the fentanyl crisis with both accountability and compassion; protect reproductive rights from relentless partisan attack.

Endorsed by teachers, nurses, firefighters, law enforcement, gun violence prevention leaders, State Labor Council, Snohomish Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Planned Parenthood, more. With your vote, I'll continue fighting—and getting results!

**Contact**

(425) 200-4668; [contact@aprilberg.com](mailto:contact@aprilberg.com); [www.AprilBerg.com](http://www.AprilBerg.com)



**Sam  
Sim**

(Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience**

VP, Greater Seattle Korean Association; VP, America Korea United Society; Chairman, Outreach, Snohomish County GOP Party; PCO, Legislative District 44

**Other Professional Experience**

CoFounder, MobiFUN, Digital Advertising; CoFounder, Apptronic, Lead Generation; CoFounder, EngageADX, Programmatic Advertising; Founder, Teriyaki, etc! Restaurant; Founder, Go!Teriyaki, App Delivery; Founder, Go!Bento, Wholesale

**Education**

BA, University of Washington; MS (in progress), Grand Canyon University; MDiv (in progress), Gateway Seminary

**Community Service**

Family Coordinator, Korean Community Service Center; Youth Leader, Community Church of Seattle; Fathers Program Director, Father School; Board Member, Korean American Coalition; Co-Founder, UNITY Non-Profit; City of Bothell, Outreach Committee; Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce; Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, Outreach Committee

**Statement**

Growing up as the eldest child of Korean immigrants in challenging financial circumstances taught me the importance of diligence and perseverance in securing life's essentials. Despite our limited means, the unwavering love of family served as our steadfast anchor. This unity fueled our determination, giving us a shared purpose to strive for. Motivated by these experiences, I've dedicated myself tirelessly to serving my community through educational initiatives and youth empowerment programs. Furthermore, my firsthand experience as a small business owner underscores the necessity of safeguarding the rights and protections vital for the prosperity of hardworking families. Families and education first

**Contact**

(425) 350-1445; [samsim1@gmail.com](mailto:samsim1@gmail.com); [www.samsim.org](http://www.samsim.org) (in development)



## Qualifications & Responsibilities

Washington judges are nonpartisan. Judges must be registered Washington voters.

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### Judges

Judicial candidates must be in good standing to practice law in Washington and are prohibited from statements that appear to commit them on legal issues that may come before them in court.

#### **State Supreme Court Justice**

The Washington Supreme Court is the highest judiciary in the state. State Supreme Court justices hear appeals and decide cases from Courts of Appeals and other lower courts. Nine justices are elected statewide to serve six-year terms.

#### **Court of Appeals Judge**

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals from Superior Courts. A total of 22 judges serve three divisions headquartered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. Court of Appeals judges serve six-year terms.

#### **Superior Court Judge**

Superior Courts hear felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from the lower courts. Superior Courts are organized by county into 30 districts. Superior Court judges serve four-year terms.



Candidates submitted their information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current information, sign in to [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).



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Sal  
**Mungia**

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Career litigator with diverse trial and appellate experience; Former Law Clerk, Washington Supreme Court and Western Washington Federal District Court; Current Pierce County Superior Court Arbitrator; Former President, Washington State Bar Association & Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association.

**Other Professional Experience**

Instructor, Emory School of Law, Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques; Instructor, National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

**Education**

Pacific Lutheran University—B.A. Political Science, Magna Cum Laude; Georgetown University Law Center—J.D., Cum Laude.

**Community Service**

Board of Regents, Pacific Lutheran University; Vestry Board, St. Luke's Episcopal Church; Past President, Legal Aid for Washington; Past Chair, Access to Justice Board; Former Commissioner, Tacoma Human Rights Commission.

**Statement**

I am the only candidate endorsed by 8 of the 9 current Washington Supreme Court Justices. Over 100 judges believe I'm the most qualified candidate for this office. I am also the only candidate with significant appellate experience having argued at every level of state and federal appellate courts including the U.S. Supreme Court.

I was raised in a working class family in Lakewood. My parents taught me the value of hard work, fairness, family, and faith. I have always given back to the community, including by representing people for free when they couldn't afford a lawyer, serving on boards of directors of nonprofits devoted to improving access to justice, and lobbying lawmakers to increase funding for civil legal aid. Promoting equal access to the legal system has been an important part of my practice.

Over the past 40 years as a lawyer I have been recognized for my legal skills, including being named to "Best Lawyers in America" since 2011. I am rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by six bar associations, and am endorsed by the Washington Labor Council, Gov. Inslee, Attorney General Ferguson, and by over 40 other elected leaders.

I would appreciate your support, and your vote.

**Contact**

(206) 375-1374; [info@salforjustice.com](mailto:info@salforjustice.com);  
[www.salforjustice.com](http://www.salforjustice.com)



Dave  
**Larson**

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Judge Larson is the only judge running for this position; with 16 years as a judge and 23 years as a trial attorney.

**Other Professional Experience**

Judicial Committees: Legislative, Therapeutic Courts, and Council on Independent Courts. Member of the Civic Learning Council, recipient Judge William Nevins Award for civics education, and DMCJA President's Award for protecting judicial independence.

**Education**

B.A., Public Administration, University of Puget Sound; J.D., Seattle University Law School.

**Community Service**

2022 "Best Community Leader", 2018 and 2020 "Hero" of Federal Way Schools. He attends St. Vincent DePaul Parish. A member of Kiwanis, where he founded the Aktion Club, for people with developmental disabilities.

**Statement**

Judge Dave Larson is the only candidate with judicial experience. Judge Larson is the only candidate with a record of keeping our communities safe from crime. Judge Larson is the only candidate running a traditional bi-partisan campaign. Judge Larson knows Washington has the best state Constitution in America, offering stronger protections for our civil rights than the U.S. Constitution. He will protect individual rights.

We all know crime is a serious issue and Judge Larson has a nearly two decade record of keeping us safe from crime as a trial judge. His innovative reforms have been recognized nationwide; many of his ideas have been adopted by our legislature. These reforms are supported by other judges, police chiefs and sheriffs, mayors, legislators, and the people who work directly with those suffering from addiction and untreated mental illness.

Judge Larson is the only candidate running a campaign that reaches out to Democrats and Republicans, Labor and Business, Eastern and Western Washington, and everyday citizens. We can return to a less political and more trusted court system by voting for Judge Larson.

Judge Larson's leadership, innovations, intellect, ethics, and commitment to fairness make him exactly what we need on our state Supreme Court.

**Contact**

(206) 805-4024; [campaign@larsonforwa.org](mailto:campaign@larsonforwa.org);  
<https://larsonforwa.org>





Steve  
**Gonzalez**

(Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

### Legal/Judicial Experience

Current Supreme Court Chief Justice and Justice since 2012. Ten years as King County Superior Court Judge. Former Assistant US Attorney, Domestic Violence Prosecutor, and business lawyer.

### Other Professional Experience

Co-Chair of Board for Judicial Administration. Former Chair, statewide Access to Justice Board, Interpreter Commission and Traveling Court and Court Security Committees. National instructor on prosecuting international terrorism. State Constitutional Law Instructor at Gonzaga University.

### Education

JD, UC Berkeley. BA with Honors, Pitzer College. Rotary International Scholar in Economics. Honorary Doctorates from Gonzaga and University of Puget Sound.

### Community Service

Board member, Washington Leadership Institute, Northwest Minority Job Fair. Teaches civics in schools, and mentors students.

### Statement

Chief Justice Steve Gonzalez is a husband and father with a distinguished career serving the people of Washington and protecting the integrity of our judicial system. He writes clear opinions that support our rights and the rule of law.

He spent a decade as a King County Superior Court Judge and earned a reputation as a fierce advocate for judicial access and fairness. As a lawyer, he prosecuted terrorism, hate crimes, and domestic violence. He was also a business attorney and regularly did free work for people who could not pay.

Justice Gonzalez was named “Mentor of the Year” and “Outstanding Judge of the Year” by several organizations, including the Washington State Bar. He is rated “Exceptionally Well Qualified” by ten bar associations, including the Veterans Bar, Joint Asian Bar, and Washington Women Lawyers.

Justice Gonzalez has bipartisan support. He is endorsed by his Supreme Court colleagues and by judges and elected leaders across the state. He also enjoys broad community support. A longer list of his supporters can be found at [JusticeGonzalez.com](http://JusticeGonzalez.com).

### Contact

(206) 682-7328; [info@justicegonzalez.com](mailto:info@justicegonzalez.com);  
[justicegonzalez.com](http://justicegonzalez.com)

## Voter tip:

Remember to sign and date your ballot return envelope. Your signature is important, and we need it to accept your ballot.



**Sheryl Gordon****McCloud**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed****Legal/Judicial Experience**

Elected to the Washington Supreme Court in 2012 and re-elected in 2018 after more than 25 years as an accomplished lawyer; taught part-time at Seattle University School of Law

**Other Professional Experience**

Chair, Supreme Court's Gender & Justice Commission; liaison to Bar Association's Council on Public Defense; member, Court's Rules Committee, responsible for rules governing trials throughout the state – such as rules targeting race discrimination in jury selection; recipient of awards from Washington Women Lawyers and Cardozo Society

**Education**

J.D., University of Southern California Law School; B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo

**Community Service**

Frequent speaker at school, community, legal, and court-related events

**Statement**

Justice McCloud has participated in all the significant cases the Court has considered in the last decade. Her decisions reflect careful attention to constitutional rights and civil liberties. McCloud's judicial independence was foreshadowed by her long career as a lawyer, starting as a public defender. She always made time to serve indigent clients, often in the most difficult contests with the government.

As a justice, her fairness, hard work, clear writing, and intellect have earned her awards, endorsements, and ten "Exceptionally Well Qualified" ratings from groups with varying points of view across the state. She is endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and community leaders – all of whom believe in the importance of an independent judiciary and the rule of law.

Endorsements include 12 current & former Supreme Court justices; 150 judges statewide; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; former Attorney General Rob McKenna, current Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association; Washington State Labor Council; Washington Conservation Action; Washington Education Association PAC; King, Pierce, and Snohomish County Democrats. For a complete list of ratings and endorsements see: [www.justicesherylmccloud.com](http://www.justicesherylmccloud.com)

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## Whitney Rivera

(Nonpartisan)

### Legal/Judicial Experience

Snohomish County Superior Court Judge; previously elected Edmonds Municipal Court Judge; prior to becoming a judge, served as a respected Snohomish County Public Defender, advocating at all levels of trial and appellate courts in Washington

### Other Professional Experience

Washington Judicial College Faculty; District & Municipal Court Judges' Association – Board Member, Legislative Committee Co-Chair, and President's Award Recipient; Washington Pattern Jury Instructions Committee Member

### Education

J.D., Boston College Law School; B.A., University of Washington; Edmonds Woodway High School

### Community Service

Weekly volunteer at Everett High School's Introduction to Law class; Board Member with the Edmonds Food Bank, Edmonds College Foundation, and Hazel Miller Foundation

### Statement

As the current Judge in Position 12, Judge Rivera is a respected and experienced member of the Snohomish County Superior Court. She believes in court systems that are more accessible and where everyone has an opportunity to be heard. That is why she has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by five independent bar associations and endorsed by every sitting judge in Snohomish County.

Judge Rivera is known for her respectful demeanor, passion for the law, and dedication to public service. She grew up in Snohomish County and strives daily to give back to a community that has given her so much. She is focused on public safety and removing barriers to justice. She understands that decisions made in the courtroom impact real lives, people's families, and the entire community.

Endorsed by: Snohomish County Prosecutor Jason Cummings & the Snohomish County Prosecutors Assn.; more than 100 judges statewide, including seven Washington Supreme Court Justices; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; IAM 751 (Machinists); South County Union Firefighters; Women of Color in Politics; Snohomish County Democrats; every Democratic Legislative District organization in Snohomish County; Snohomish County Indivisible; and dozens of our county's elected officials and community leaders. See complete list at: <https://judgewhitneyrivera.com/>

### Contact

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[www.judgetwhitneyrivera.com](http://www.judgetwhitneyrivera.com)



## Mary Anderson

(Nonpartisan)

### Legal/Judicial Experience

Pro-Tem Judge: Snohomish County District Courts; civil, criminal, and appellate attorney. Admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court. Practice in State and Federal Courts. Argued 2 cases before our State Supreme Court and cases at the Court of Appeals; Class Action experience; Rule 9 Prosecutor.

### Other Professional Experience

Entrepreneur. Over 25 years of experience as a business owner. Construction firm, Mortgage Brokerage firm, and law firm.

### Education

JD, Seattle University School of Law; B.A. Central Washington University; AA/ATA Edmonds CC.

### Community Service

NWCLC, Board Member; Big Brothers Big Sisters, Youth Leadership, Board Member; 2015-2023 WSBA-recognized pro-bono work; Snohomish County Legal Services, volunteer attorney.

### Statement

I'm the *first* in my family to graduate college, and practicing law is an honor and privilege. After graduating from Seattle University Law School, I opened my firm, Guidance to Justice. I'm an accomplished trial attorney with over 14 years of experience in various complex fields, including real estate, consumer protection, civil rights, class actions, personal injury, criminal, and family law. I've argued *twice* before the Washington State Supreme Court. With diverse knowledge of different areas of law, combined with business experience, I transitioned to serve our community as a judge. As an experienced pro-tem judge, I've presided over 1700 civil and criminal cases.

*Beyond the law*, I've opened and managed a successful construction and mortgage company and spent over a decade as a licensed Realtor. I've taught trial skills abroad, volunteered at the YMCA for our aspiring future attorneys, and currently mentor trial attorneys. I'm married to my husband of 30 years, and we raised a beautiful daughter who served in the U.S. Navy.

*On the bench*, I'm rooted in impartiality, public safety, and upholding the law and Constitution to ensure everyone receives a fair trial.

I ask for your vote - Mary Anderson for Snohomish County Superior Court.

### Contact

(425) 344-0310; [info@electmaryanderson.com](mailto:info@electmaryanderson.com);  
<https://www.electmaryanderson.com/>

## Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying each and every signature.

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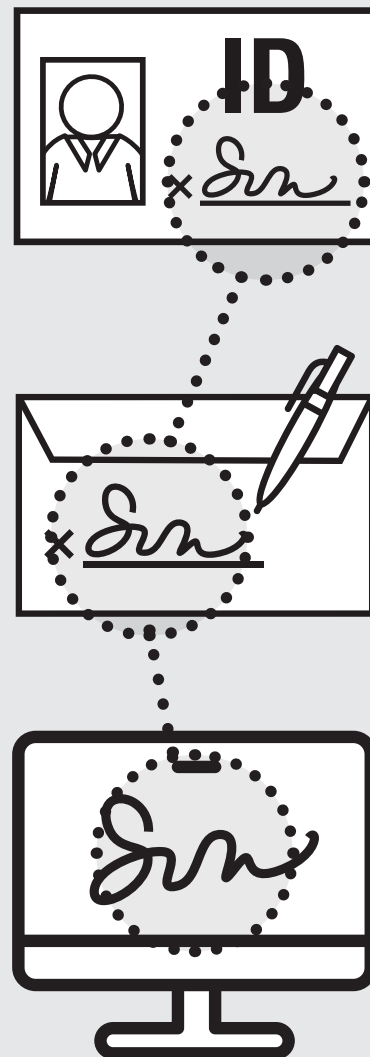
If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before results are certified**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.

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If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.

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Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.





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# Message from the Auditor

Do you know that voter registration rolls are updated daily to make sure they remain accurate? Or that local election officials test and audit election equipment before, during, and after election day to ensure an accurate vote count?

In the lead-up to the November 5 Presidential Election, Snohomish County Elections is spreading the good news about how elections work in Washington State so you can share the confidence we have in our elections system.

In collaboration with Sno-Isle Libraries and the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, we've held information sessions at local libraries to answer your election questions. We've also created the "Elections Explained" resource page at [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections) where you can learn more. And we share up-to-date election information through Facebook, X, and Instagram.

There are a few, simple things you can do to make your voting experience easy.

First, regularly check that your registration information is current at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov). Follow the instructions to fill out your ballot and make sure to sign the return envelope we provide because we are required by law to check every signature. Return your ballot as soon as practical to avoid lines on Election Day. Then track the processing of your ballot by visiting [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov) or signing up for text alerts by texting VOTE to 868392.

If you have any questions or need help, contact us at [elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org) or 425-388-3444.

For more information, subscribe to our Elections E-Newsletter, visit [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections), or follow us on social media @SnoCo\_Auditor.

Happy voting!



Garth Fell  
Snohomish County Auditor



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### Contact Information and Assistance

-  In person: **3000 Rockefeller Avenue  
Admin West Building, 1st Floor  
Everett, WA 98201**
-  By phone: **425-388-3444  
TTY Relay: 711**
-  By email: **[elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org)**
-  Online: **[snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections)**

## Voter Registration

In Washington state, you do not register by political party or declare political party membership to vote.

### Who Can Register to Vote?

To register to vote in Washington you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state
- At least 18 years old by Election Day\*
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

\*Note: 16 and 17-year-olds may pre-register but will not appear in the look-up system or receive a voter registration card until their 18th birthday.

### How do I Register to Vote or Update my Address?

There are three ways to register:



#### Online

Register online at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov) on or before October 28 to vote in this election. You will need a current Washington State Driver's License or ID card, or the last 4 of your social security number.



#### By Mail

Paper registration forms are available at public libraries, schools, city halls, and online (printable form at [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)).

Fill out and mail the form to:  
Snohomish County Elections  
3000 Rockefeller Ave, M/S 505  
Everett, WA 98201

To vote in this election, we must receive the form by October 28. Forms are available in many languages.



#### In Person

Visit the Snohomish County Auditor's Office or an Accessible Voting Location to register to vote in-person through 8 p.m. on Election Day. See next column for Accessible Voting Locations and hours or visit [snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections).

### Registration Deadlines



The deadline to register or make changes to your voter registration online or by mail is October 28.



Register and get a ballot in person at our office or an Accessible Voting Site through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## Accessible Voting

Each Accessible Voting Site is equipped with Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) which are assistive ballot marking devices equipped with audio, visual and tactile technology. Voters who need accessible voting options may vote using an AVU in the Auditor's Office or at an Accessible Voting Site.



Anyone can visit an Accessible Voting Site at the locations and during the hours below to:

- Register to vote and get a ballot through 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.
- Update your address
- Pick up a replacement ballot
- Get a voters' pamphlet
- Update your existing voter registration

Locations	Days / Hours
<b>1. Snohomish County Auditor's Office</b> 1st Floor – Admin West 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett	Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Election Day, Tue. Nov. 5 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
<b>2. Evergreen State Fairgrounds</b> <b>New!</b> 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe (Follow signs to Longhouse)	Sat. Nov. 2 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  Mon. Nov. 4 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
<b>3. Homage Senior Services</b> <b>New!</b> 5026 196th St SW, Lynnwood	Election Day, Tue. Nov. 5 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
<b>4. Medallion Inn &amp; Suites</b> 16710 Smokey Point Blvd, Arlington	Election Day, Tue. Nov. 5 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.



For TDD service, please call 711.

## Results and Resources

### Election Results Online


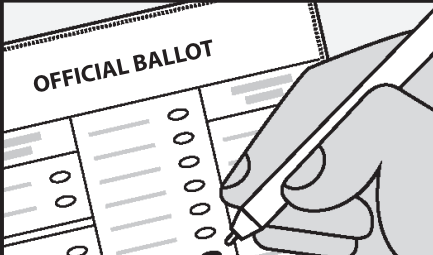
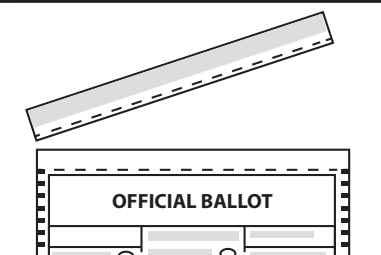
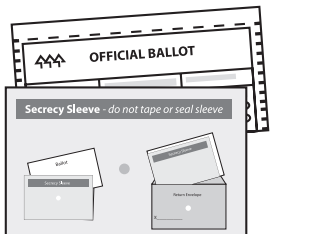
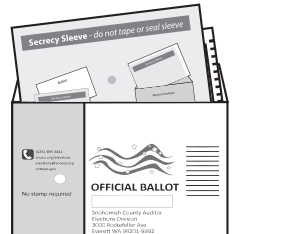
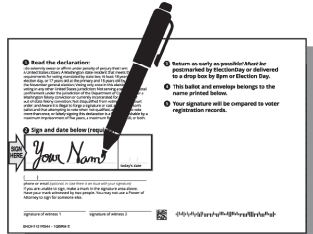
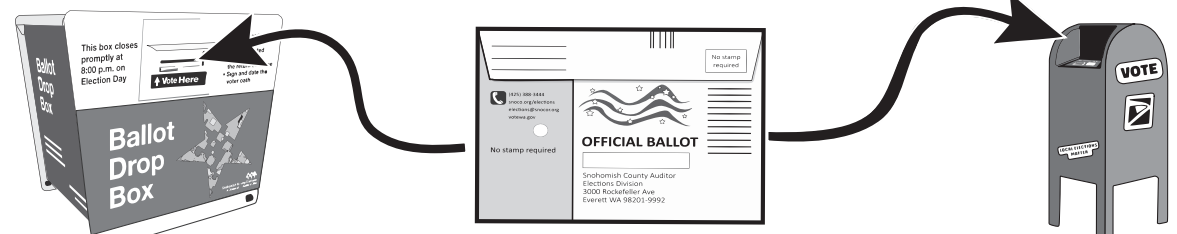
On election night, voting results will be posted online after 8 p.m. at [snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections).

Register to vote, check your registration status, and track your ballot at [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)!

**VoteWA**







# How to Vote

<p><b>1</b> Ballot packets will be mailed on October 17 and should arrive in your mailbox within 3-4 days.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Follow the instructions included in your ballot packet to mark your choices.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> Remove the stub at the top of your ballot.</p> 
<p><b>4</b> Place your voted ballot in the secrecy sleeve. It will extend beyond the sleeve.</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Place your ballot and secrecy sleeve in the return envelope.</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Sign and seal the return envelope. Your signature is required for your ballot to be counted.</p> 
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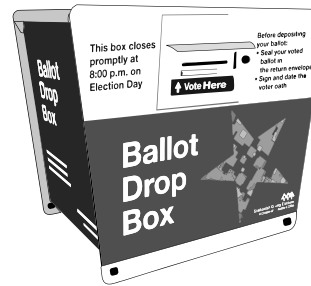
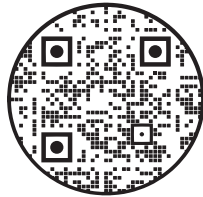
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## Snohomish County

**Proposition No. 1****Public Safety, Health, and Criminal Justice Sales and Use Tax**

The Snohomish County Council passed Ordinance No. 24-047 concerning a public safety, health, criminal justice sales and use tax. This proposition would authorize the imposition of a county-wide sales and use tax, in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, of two tenths of one percent (0.2% -- 2 cents for every \$10) to be used for public safety, health, and criminal justice purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Explanatory Statement**

If approved by voters, Proposition Number 1 would authorize an increase in the county sales and use tax by two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) beginning January 1, 2025, to provide funds for public health, safety and criminal justice purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450. This includes hiring additional law enforcement officers; providing additional resources for prosecution, public defense, and the courts; establishing a secure drug withdrawal management facility in Snohomish County; establishing a second community resource center within the County; increasing drug treatment options within the Snohomish County Jail; and creating programs to address graffiti, derelict vehicles, and other visible impacts of the drug epidemic.

**Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →**

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## Argument For

Public safety is everyone’s top priority, but without investments to meet urgent priorities, our communities, small businesses, and families will continue to suffer the impacts of crime, gun violence, and fentanyl addiction.

*This is why we need to pass Prop 1 to improve staffing, response, and treatment across Snohomish County.*

While Snohomish County’s population has grown quickly, the number of law enforcement officers has not kept pace. Per capita staffing in Washington is actually the lowest in the U.S. at 1.36 officers per thousand residents, even though the county spends over 75% of the general fund on public safety agencies.

Juveniles are committing more serious crimes. Graffiti and derelict vehicles, visible signs of crime, have become too common. Understaffed agencies are less able to successfully prosecute criminals. We are also missing tools for compassionate accountability.

*Invest In Proven Solutions:* More law enforcement officers and prosecutors; Proven crime and violence reduction strategies; New, secure drug rehabilitation facility; New graffiti removal programs; Expanded drug treatment; Programs to prevent youth violence.

*Cost and Accountability:* Prop 1 will cost two cents per ten-dollar purchase. That is less than a dollar a week or fifty dollars a year average per resident. 100% of the funds will be used for public safety, with 60% going to the county and 40% to cities—and audited to ensure accountability.

*Your Yes vote will improve safety and keep Snohomish County a great place to live.*

Endorsed by Executive Somers, Sheriff Johnson, Prosecutor Cummings, and bipartisan coalition of community leaders.

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

This plan has law enforcement and bipartisan support because we agree public safety is the top priority. Voter-approved limits on local revenue fall below the cost of providing—and expanding—essential services. This makes your vote critical to reducing crime and addressing the fentanyl epidemic. Voting Yes won’t raise costs of essentials like groceries or prescriptions—exempt under state law—but will increase all areas of public safety. Let’s invest in community safety together.

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### Written by

Trudy Kempton Dana

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## Argument Against

Snohomish County already has the highest sales taxes in our state - this proposal would make us #1 in the entire country, making life harder for those on tight budgets or fixed incomes. And raising the sales tax will push shoppers to go to nearby counties with lower taxes, hurting local businesses. The people pushing for this tax say it's needed to fight the drug crisis and improve public safety, but the real problem is the legislation pushed and passed by the Democrat party that made drug use more prevalent, while tying the hands of our police - thus bringing more addicts, crime, and problems into our communities. So instead of once again asking the citizens to make sacrifices by providing more hard-earned money, we should first focus on putting an end to policies that only make things worse.

Additionally, we don't need a sales tax increase to drive additional tax revenues and keep our communities safe - because as property values rise and the Snohomish County population increases, so too does the money the county collects. That is - if we don't make it totally unaffordable to live here.

This tax increase won't solve the real problems and will hurt the people who can afford it the least. Before asking us for more, county officials should look at their budgets, reconsider priorities, and cut waste.

Vote *No* on the sales tax hike and tell our leaders to fix what's broken instead of making us pay for their mistakes.

## Rebuttal to Argument For

It's tone-deaf for Democrats to impose yet another financial hardship on taxpayers who have already seen food and gas prices almost double, with interest rates going up even more. Democrat policies and legislation caused this explosion in drug addiction and associated crime. Their reckless agenda is the root cause that must first be addressed. It's not a money problem, it's about resetting *priorities*, and taxpayers shouldn't be expected to bear the burden of fixing it.

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### Written by

James Kellett, Billye Brooks-Sebastiani, and Kurt Hanke



Rachelle  
**Francis**

(Nonpartisan)

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Snohomish County District Court Judge since July, 2023; respected Snohomish County Public Defender for 22 years

**Other Professional Experience**

Washington Defender Association; Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

**Education**

B.A., University of Washington, cum laude – 1996; J.D., Seattle University School of Law, cum laude - 2000

**Community Service**

Volunteered in the Stanwood School District; Sno Isle Reading Challenge Coach; Youth Soccer Coach

**Statement**

Judge Francis was appointed to a newly created judicial position in the Cascade Division of the Snohomish County District Court in July 2023 by a unanimous vote of the Snohomish County Council. She is honored to serve North Snohomish County having grown up in the Stanwood area, and now raising her own kids there.

Judge Francis brings a unique skillset to her role as a judge which she gained serving Snohomish County for 22 years as a Public Defender with experience in both criminal law and involuntary behavioral health treatment. She strives to find balance between compassion and accountability in criminal cases and believes that access to services in the community is often key to reducing recidivism. Judge Francis presides over both criminal and civil matters and in all cases, strives to prioritize procedural fairness and the Rule of Law so that regardless of the outcome, everyone feels heard and fairly treated.

Endorsed by: County Councilmembers Nate Nehring, Strom Peterson, and Jared Mead; Sen. John Lovick; National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; Arlington Police Officers Assn.; Arlington Mayor Don Vanney; Snohomish County Democrats and the 10th and 39th LD Democrats; Snohomish County Indivisible

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**Unopposed**

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**Matthew Baldock**

(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed**

**Legal/Judicial Experience**

Snohomish County South District Court Judge since 2023. Snohomish County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 21 years. Law Clerk at Washington State Court of Appeals, 2000-2002.

**Other Professional Experience**

Part-time lecturer at Northeastern University College of Professional Studies, Doctor of Law and Policy program. Instructor at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

**Education**

JD, University of Washington. BA, Whitworth University.

**Community Service**

High School Mock Trial team coach. Youth soccer coach.

**Statement**

Judge Matthew Baldock has spent his entire legal career serving the residents of Snohomish County. He was appointed to the South District Court by the Snohomish County Council in 2023 after working as a Snohomish County Deputy Prosecutor for 21 years. As a prosecutor, he tried cases ranging from aggravated murder to financial fraud, and from sexual exploitation of children to drug trafficking. He also served as the supervisor of the Special Assault Unit and as the Chief of the Criminal Division.

Judge Baldock and his wife have lived in South Snohomish County for more than 20 years. His wife is a teacher in the Edmonds School District and their three children attended Edmonds Public Schools.

Judge Baldock is endorsed by more than 20 Snohomish County judges, and several elected officials and prominent community leaders, including Senator John Lovick, Snohomish County Sheriff Susanna Johnson, Snohomish County Prosecutor Jason Cummings, Snohomish County Councilmembers Jared Mead, Nate Nehring, Sam Low, and Strom Peterson, former Snohomish County Prosecutor Adam Cornell, and former Edmonds Police Chief Al Compaan.

Judge Baldock is grateful for your support and looks forward to continuing to serve the people of South Snohomish County.

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**Julieta  
Altamirano  
Crosby**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### Elected Experience

Serving on Lynnwood City Council since 2020, currently Vice President.

#### Other Professional Experience

Owner, Diversity Consultants LLC; Founder, WAGRO Foundation.

#### Education

PhD, Social Communications; M.Ed, Educational Leadership; M.Sc, Communication Science; Harvard Certificate in Race, Equity and Leadership in Schools.

#### Community Service

Appointed by Governor Inslee to Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs and Humanities Washington Board of Trustees; Former Commissioner Snohomish County Tomorrow, Alliance for Housing Affordability, County Board of Health Chair; Currently Lynnwood Food Bank Board, Community Leadership National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM), Steering Committee, Lynnwood Neighborhood Center Volunteers of America; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Cabinet, Association of Washington Cities.

#### Statement

*Let my proven track record work for you, as a dynamic community leader dedicated to social justice and community empowerment, my journey showcases a relentless dedication to making a difference.*

*Affordable reliable clean power and water are essential rights, not privileges. As your candidate for Snohomish County PUD Commissioner, my mission is crystal clear: defend you against unfair pricing, protect our natural environment, and drive the modernization of our infrastructure. My extensive experience in policy and community, equips me to deliver transformative solutions for our public utilities.*

*We must prepare for the future. Our utilities need to adapt to meet the demands of the growing population, the shift towards electric transportation, and the evolving energy needs. I am prepared to be your unwavering advocate, ensuring that our infrastructure progresses to keep the lights on and our homes powered. My deep academic insight, practical experience, and heartfelt community commitment distinguish me. Remember Vote for Julieta Altamirano Crosby to build a brighter, more equitable future for all.*

*Endorsed by:* Senators John Lovick and Jesse Salomon; Representatives Cindy Ryu, Lillian Ortiz-Self, Lauren Davis and Julio Cortes; County Executive Dave Somers, Council Members Jared Mead and Nate Nehring, several mayors, and city council members.

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**Amber  
King**  
(Nonpartisan)

#### Elected Experience

32nd District Executive Committee (2 years); local PCO (4 years)

#### Other Professional Experience

Contract Manager, Western US region, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (current), 20 years construction administration, 6 years real estate contracts and mortgage/finance closing, 10 years non-profit management, 30 years hospitality experience, 12 years commercial fishing in Alaska.

#### Education

Associate Degree Art Institute of Seattle - Culinary Arts, University of Alaska Coursera/Ed Ex classes in Cybersecurity and Contracts, Data Visualization, Power BI, Landscape Design, Nutrition, Medical Terminology, Ford Leadership Institute Cohort

#### Community Service

National Infrastructure Bank Coalition (2021-current) Moms Across America Regional founding Leader (2013-2023) SEAtails-Southeast Alaska Trails Coalition (2002-2013)

#### Statement

With 20 years of experience in construction contracts, non-profit and risk management, I bring a unique perspective to the table. I understand the importance of balancing the need for reliable services with the imperative needs of fiscal and environmental stewardship. I will work to: 1. *Ensure Affordability:* I recognize the financial challenges families face. I will prioritize finding cost-effective solutions to keep utility rates equitable while maintaining high-quality services & reliability. 2. *Invest in Infrastructure:* Our infrastructure is our backbone. I will advocate for strategic investments to upgrade our utility systems, ensuring they meet the needs of growth. 3. *Support Economic Development:* Reliable utilities are vital for attracting businesses & driving economic growth. I will work to create public utilities that foster innovation while safeguarding resources. 4. *Promote Sound Sustainability:* I am committed to exploring sound renewable sources, maintaining, and investing in existing infrastructure, & advocating for environmentally responsible practices that reduce rates. 5. *Enhance Transparency & Accountability:* Open communication & accountability are essential for building trust within our community. I will strive to actively engage with residents to address their concerns.

Let's work together to ensure that our local utilities serve the best interests of all residents. Thank you










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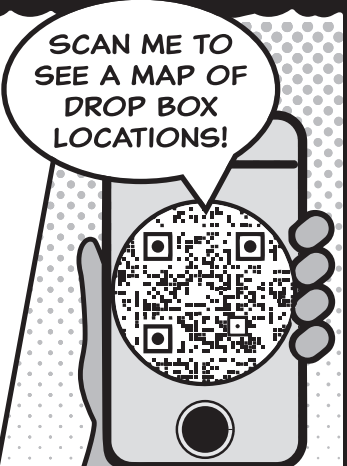
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City of Everett

### Initiative 24-01

**City of Everett Initiative No. 24-01 establishing an increased minimum wage and other labor standards.**

This ordinance would (1) create a minimum wage within the City limits of \$20.24 not including any tips and other compensation for large employers and phased in over 2 years for smaller covered employers, increasing annually at the rate of inflation, (2) require employers to offer additional hours to existing part-time employees before hiring new employees, (3) prohibit retaliation against employees seeking to enforce these requirements, and (4) establish remedies and penalties for violations.

Should this ordinance be enacted into law?

Yes, for the Ordinance

No, against the Ordinance

### Explanatory Statement

This ordinance would create a minimum wage within the Everett city limits of \$20.24. Any tips and other compensation would not count towards the minimum wage. The minimum wage would increase on January 1, 2026, and January 1 of each subsequent year based on the rate of inflation.

For large employers, the minimum wage will go into effect July 1, 2025. For smaller covered employers, it will be phased in over two years, going fully into effect on July 1, 2027.

A business is considered a large business if it has over 500 employees. Businesses with separate and distinct physical locations and separate ownership may be treated as a single employer if they are sufficiently interrelated.

A business is a small, covered business if it has 15 or more employees or an annual gross revenue of \$2 million or more.

The ordinance would require employers to offer additional hours to existing part-time employees before hiring new employees or using subcontractors.

The ordinance would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees seeking to enforce these requirements.

Finally, the ordinance would allow aggrieved employees and the City to enforce the ordinance and seek penalties for any violations of the ordinance.

**Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →**

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## Argument For

*The Everett Deserves a Raise* minimum wage initiative was organized by local volunteers and has been endorsed by unions and other community organizations. This citizen-led initiative showcases that democratic action can improve the lives of our neighbors and fellow workers through public solidarity. Working people deserve a respectful wage, and this initiative simply affirms what responsible businesses in our community are already doing by increasing the minimum wage. Raising the wage for all workers from \$16.29 to \$20.24 is crucial for attracting and retaining a competitive workforce in our city. Paying every worker a fair wage will spur economic growth.

Raising the minimum wage will not lead to higher prices. We've all seen the skyrocketing rent and grocery costs. Pandemic-related cost spikes were used as an excuse to raise prices, but after costs stabilized, prices remained high, allowing big businesses to reap record profits. Clearly, the recent price increases reflect companies prioritizing profit over people. Initiative 24-01 is designed to correct the economic imbalance by strengthening the workers who are the foundation of our local economy.

This initiative would boost the local economy by giving local workers more money to invest back into local businesses that depend on their patronage. After all, local workers are the majority of the local consumers! *Simply put, 24-01 is a win for workers, a win for the community, and a win for the local economy.*

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

*Everett Deserves a Raise* (Initiative 24-01) exempts Everett's small businesses from the wage increase while protecting workers and customers from bad business practices like cutting hours, benefits, and staff.

*Raise the Wage Responsibly* lobbyists are, unsurprisingly, using the same tired playbook of scare tactics to trick Everett voters into shortchanging workers. Under 24-02, it's unclear whether *any* worker would even see a pay raise.

Vote yes on 24-01 because everyone wins when Everett workers win.

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### Written by

Shaina Langley, Michael Berryhill, and Dustin Thomas Bosserman

## Argument Against

Initiative 24-01 creates winners and losers when a better solution for Everett exists. Local Everett small businesses care about our employees and support raising the minimum wage for Everett workers. We believe this can be done without irreparable harm to Everett's vibrant small businesses – but not under Initiative 24-01.

While both minimum wage initiatives seek to raise the minimum wage to \$20.24 an hour, Initiative 24-01 puts all the burden on Everett's local small business and non-profits, representing a massive 25 percent cost increase.

The only way to absorb this massive increase is by raising prices for Everett families, reducing hours of operation, ending essential benefits, cutting staff, or all of the above. Everett voters have no doubt noticed the increased cost of goods and services across our local economy; adding large costs to local small businesses and non-profits will only accelerate this trend.

Initiative 24-02 offers an important contrast. Just like Initiative 24-01, Everett's minimum wage would increase by \$4 per hour under Initiative 24-02, with employees guaranteed to receive at least \$20.24. Unlike 24-01, however, Initiative 24-02 allows Everett's small businesses and non-profits to achieve this \$4 per hour raise by including tips, health care, and retirement payments as compensation – as in other cities. Initiative 24-01 does not offer local small businesses and non-profits this important flexibility to raise the minimum wage sustainably.

Vote no on Initiative 24-01. To support workers, local small businesses and non-profits, and the whole Everett community, vote yes on 24-02 instead.

## Rebuttal to Argument For

Both initiatives raise Everett's minimum wage to \$20.24 per hour. 24-01 will harm small businesses and local economy and 24-02 will not. 24-01 increases costs in a way small businesses couldn't afford without cutting staff hours and/or raising prices. We are local businesses with thin margins. Our costs and revenues have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. To raise the minimum wage and support workers and local businesses, vote no on 24-01 and yes on 24-02.

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### Written by

Kerii Lonergan-Dreke, Jasmine Wilson, and Phil Bannan

City of Everett

## Initiative 24-02

**City of Everett Initiative No. 24-02  
establishing an increased minimum  
wage and other labor standards.**

This ordinance would (1) create a minimum wage within the City limits of \$20.24 including any tips and other compensation for large employers and phased in over 2 years for smaller covered employers, increasing annually at the rate of inflation, (2) require employers to offer additional hours to existing part-time employees before hiring new employees, (3) prohibit retaliation against employees seeking to enforce these requirements, and (4) establish remedies and penalties for violations.

Should this ordinance be enacted into law?

Yes, for the Ordinance

No, against the Ordinance

## Explanatory Statement

This ordinance would create a minimum wage within the Everett city limits of \$20.24. Any tips and other compensation would count towards the minimum wage. The minimum wage would increase on January 1, 2026, and January 1 of each subsequent year based on the rate of inflation.

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## Argument For

Local Everett small businesses care about our employees and support raising the minimum wage for Everett workers in a responsible way that allows employees *and* local small businesses to thrive.

Initiative 24-02 is the responsible and best approach for the Everett community. While both minimum wage initiatives raise the wage to \$20.24 an hour, Initiative 24-02 represents a real solution, giving workers a raise, while supporting Everett's local small businesses and non-profits in a way that won't push costs on to local families for essentials like food, groceries, and childcare.

Initiative 24-02 ensures all workers earn at least \$20.24 an hour recognizing all income received. Tipped workers who often earn \$30 to \$40 an hour in tips will continue to earn well above minimum wage. Just like Initiative 24-01, Everett's minimum wage would increase by \$4 per hour under Initiative 24-02, with employees guaranteed to receive at least \$20.24, while recognizing essential benefits Everett businesses provide to support workers.

The responsible approach of Initiative 24-02 will make a significant difference for local small business. Unlike Initiative 24-01, which would force small businesses to make decisions to make ends meet like end health care or retirement benefits, raise prices, reduce hours of operation, cut staff, or all of the above. Initiative 24-02 gives local small businesses and non-profits the flexibility to raise the wage sustainably just like in other Washington cities.

Vote yes on Initiative 24-02 to support workers, local small businesses and non-profits, and the whole Everett community.

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

As local business owners, we support raising Everett's minimum wage to \$20.24 an hour. We operate on incredibly thin margins. 24-02 gives small business owners like us the flexibility to pay all our employees one of the highest minimum wages in the nation, without large cost increases to Everett families. 24-01 mischaracterizes the intent of local small businesses. We are members of this community who want what's best for employees and you. Vote yes 24-02.

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### Written by

Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Jasmine Wilson, and Phil Bannan

## Argument Against

Initiative 24-02, deceptively named "Raise the Wage Responsibly," is a project of big restaurant and hospitality industry lobbyists looking to protect their profits at the expense of workers. This initiative is a wolf in sheep's clothing, allowing mid and large-sized businesses to count tips and other benefits as wages—letting them avoid responsibility for paying the minimum wage. Under 24-02, some employers could even reduce their workers' hourly pay but call it a raise!

Instead of lifting up our hospitality and restaurant workers, 24-02 lets business owners off the hook and leaves workers behind. This initiative shifts the burden of paying a fair wage onto customers, making Everett's out-of-control tipping culture even worse. Workers would be forced to rely on unpredictable tips instead of a stable paycheck, ensuring financial insecurity for the workers most likely to be earning minimum wage.

This initiative also strips workers of their rights, forcing them through a grueling bureaucratic process just to enforce the new minimum wage law. Imagine having to plead your case to the very employer who broke the law in the first place—24-02 makes that a reality.

Everett workers could be stuck choosing between sub-minimum wage jobs or commuting to other cities to earn a fair wage. Everett deserves better than businesses that exploit labor to boost profits. Initiative 24-02 fails to address our city's wage crisis, and it will knock Everett out of the growing competitive labor market.

Reject Initiative 24-02. Stand with Everett workers and demand fair wages for all.

## Rebuttal to Argument For

*Raise the Wage Responsibly* (Initiative 24-02) lobbyists want to pull the wool over Everett voters' eyes by claiming that their initiative avoids pushing costs onto the consumer and protects small businesses. In reality, 24-02 would help mid and large-sized businesses evade responsibility by taking advantage of consumers, provide loopholes for bad business practices, and place the burden on workers to enforce the minimum wage law!

Reject Initiative 24-02 and stand with Everett workers this November.

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### Written by

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City of Everett

## Initiative 24-03

### City of Everett Initiative No. 24-03 recognizing legally enforceable rights for the Snohomish River Watershed.

This ordinance would grant the Snohomish River Watershed legal rights that could be enforced by any resident of the City of Everett. Anyone who negatively impacts the Watershed's ability to exist, regenerate or flourish would violate this right and could be liable for damages, which would be paid to the City to use exclusively to restore the Watershed and repair any damages. Violations would not need to be proven to a scientific certainty.

Should this ordinance be enacted into law?

- Yes, for the Ordinance
- No, against the Ordinance

## Explanatory Statement

This ordinance would grant the Snohomish River Watershed the legal right to exist, regenerate and flourish, which includes the right to naturally flow and recharge, the right to maintain the water quality necessary for native plants and wildlife, and the right to provide clean water. It also includes the right to be free from activities or projects that interfere with those other rights.

It would be unlawful for anyone to interfere with the Watershed's enumerated rights. Anyone with standing in the City of Everett could bring a court action to enforce and protect these rights. A person found by a court to have violated the rights of the Watershed could be ordered to pay damages in the amount necessary to fully restore the Watershed to its natural state before the violation and attorney fees. A person bringing the suit would not have to prove the cause of the damage to a scientific certainty.

Any damages award in a lawsuit brought to protect the rights of the Watershed would be paid to the City of Everett. The City would be required to use those funds exclusively for the full and complete restoration of the Watershed as affected by the violation.

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## Argument For

This initiative isn't just about protecting the Snohomish River and the network of streams that make up the watershed; it's about ensuring our community's health, economic vitality, and future. A healthy watershed performs crucial functions by filtering and cleaning water, managing flow and flooding, supporting wildlife and biodiversity, and is foundational to the local economy. It's not just about nature; it's about ensuring the watershed can carry out these essential functions that benefit everyone—citizens, government, and the broader community.

The legal power this initiative grants provides the river and its watershed with legal standing, allowing the community to represent this vital resource in court. It's like having a legal guardian for our watershed, preventing it from being exploited. The people of Everett will have the authority to enforce these rights and become active stewards of the watershed.

Accountability is key; if someone harms the river, they will be held responsible. It's about fairness—ensuring that those who profit from the land and river respect it. Lawsuits require credible evidence of harm to prevent unnecessary litigation, while addressing genuine concerns, and fostering collaboration between the community, businesses, and government. Scientific certainty isn't required because proactive measures based on the best available evidence can still protect ecological health effectively, even if all details aren't fully understood.

Vote Yes to give the Snohomish River the protection it deserves. It's time we treat our river and its watershed not just as a resource, but as a partner in our prosperity.

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### Written by

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## Argument Against

No statement submitted

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## City of Monroe

**Proposition No. 1****Levy Lid Lift for Community Services**

The Monroe City Council adopted Resolution 2024-015, concerning funding for community services, including public safety and parks. This proposition would provide funds for increased community services, including adding employees and equipment to operate/maintain parks and public safety. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax levy for collection in 2025 of \$1.08/\$1,000 of assessed valuation (an increase from 2024 of approximately \$0.22/\$1,000). The 2025 levy amount will be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans and others would be exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

**Explanatory Statement**

If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the City of Monroe to establish its maximum aggregate regular property tax levy at the amount resulting from a rate of \$1.08 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for levy in 2024 and collection in 2025, which is less than the maximum rate allowed for the City under Washington State law. This is an increase from 2024 of approximately \$0.22 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The 2025 levy amount would be used to calculate the limitations for subsequent levies under Chapter 84.55 RCW.

This proposition would provide increased funding for community services, including enhancing public safety operations and maintaining and operating city parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities. The additional revenue generated by the measure may be used for hiring additional parks maintenance staff, a full-time community resource officer, and purchasing equipment.

For the year 2025, it is estimated that this measure would cost the average Monroe homeowner an additional \$10.84 a month in property taxes. Qualifying seniors, disabled veterans, and others would be exempt per RCW 84.36.381.

More information is available by reading Monroe Resolution 2024-015 or [www.monroewa.gov/1230/Proposition-1](http://www.monroewa.gov/1230/Proposition-1).

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## Argument For

Proposition 1 provides funding for 4 new full-time parks and 2 new full time police positions to help maintain our quality of life. As residents of Monroe, we take pride in our beautiful parks and the level of service we receive from the Parks and Public Safety departments. For less than \$11 a month, we can help Parks and Public Safety keep up with our growing needs. Since 2008, we have added over 81 acres of parkland but only one parks staff member to maintain them. We now have over 288 acres but only 6 staff members to care for them. National standards suggest we need more than three times the number of staff to maintain our acreage. Adding 4 more starts to move us closer to our ideal staffing goals. As for Public Safety, the two new positions increases our abilities to proactively provide basic public safety and code enforcement needs to maintain our quality of life. For an increase of \$0.20 for every thousand dollars of value to your home, or about \$11 a month for the average home, we will continue to be able to safely enjoy our wonderful parks and great quality of life. Join us in voting yes to Proposition 1.

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### Written by

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## Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers against the ballot measure came forward to write a statement.

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Town of Woodway

**Proposition No. 1**

**Levy Lid Lift to Support Public Safety Services**

The Woodway Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-465 concerning property taxes to support public safety services. This proposition sets Woodway's maximum property tax rate for collection in 2025 at \$1.54/\$1,000 of assessed value; sets a limit factor of 100% plus 5.5% for 2026 and 2027, and 100% plus 4.5% for 2028, 2029 and 2030; and uses the 2030 levy to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

**Explanatory Statement**

The Town faces a \$3.1 million deficit over the next six years. Financial projections show that its operating reserves will be depleted in 2027. This deficit will require cuts to the Town’s police staffing and public safety services.

This proposition will help balance the Town’s budget for the next six years, providing funding for the Town’s existing police staffing and 24-hour 911 coverage through a contract with the City of Edmonds. The funding also will provide increased police resources and presence to address and deter crime—through investment in new technology and by increasing patrols by Town officers from three hours a day to about eight hours a day.

This permanent six-year levy lid lift would begin next year, increasing the 2025 tax rate to \$1.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation from \$1.11. The statutory limitation on increases in the Town’s property tax revenue will be 5.5% in 2026 and 2027 and 4.5% for 2028, 2029 and 2030. The final 2030 tax rate would establish the property tax base for calculating future property taxes. The cost over the six-year period would average approximately \$53 a month for each \$1 million in assessed value (about \$3,840 in total over six years).

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## Argument For

Proposition #1 would increase a homeowner's total county property-tax bill an average of 2% annually between 2025 and 2030 to maintain Woodway's police and fire protection.

Property tax is Woodway's primary revenue source in a town without business-tax revenue. With Woodway's deficit projected to surpass \$500,000 next year, additional revenue is necessary to avoid a degradation of police, fire, and emergency services for Woodway residents.

Woodway operates lean, with five full-time employees (two part-time). Public safety services consume more than half of Woodway's revenue. Those costs are increasing by \$30,000+ this year, with neighboring cities seeing steeper increases. Comparatively, Woodway only can receive \$12,000 more revenue from property taxes this year, with state law capping that growth at 1% each year. This law limits Woodway's revenue regardless of property-value increases.

It has been 15 years (2009) since Woodway voters last approved a property-tax increase. Since then, Woodway's police patrols have decreased 62.5%. The share Woodway receives from our property-tax bills has decreased from 23% to 16%.

There is a bare minimum of essential services that Woodway must provide. Beyond increasing Woodway's share of property taxes, reducing public-safety expenses to that bare minimum is one of Woodway's few options to address our projected deficit. A reduction may mean a loss of consistent 911 coverage, longer response times, and a negative impact to home insurance. In short, it would drastically change what it means to live in Woodway. We can prevent that by voting yes on Proposition #1

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

The biggest public-safety issue in Woodway is not having public safety.

That's why Woodway's elected officials (volunteers) voted unanimously to add Proposition 1 to the ballot based on resident feedback that the town be accountable for our safety.

Woodway is not required to have fire services, police, or EMS. With a \$3.1 million deficit that incremental snips can't cover, severe degradation or removal of those services is a likely outcome of a no vote.

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### Written by

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## Argument Against

This tax levy increase will raise Woodway property taxes by 78% over 6 years – from today's \$1.11 per \$1,000 assessed value to \$1.96 in 2030. That's over \$7,000 in new taxes on an 'average' \$1.8 million house and \$3.6 million in new taxes to 'improve' public safety and double number of police officers.

Do you feel unsafe? Woodway's crime rate has not changed in 13 years. Council thinks speeding is biggest public safety issue in Woodway. More electronic speed monitors and other speed deterrents would reduce speeding at fraction of cost of doubling police officers. We pay Edmonds \$275K per year for 170 911-call responses. Each officer responds to 5.5 calls/mo. Neighbor cities average 25-35 calls/mo per officer! Does spending \$3.6 million for more police make sense? We need more efficient, cost-effective police coverage, not more police officers!

Public Works needs efficiency, not more staff. 37 man-days/yr to maintain half dozen rain gardens? 40 man-days to inspect (not maintain) forest trails? No performance review for public works' director in last 12 years? Over \$150,000 wasted in 2022-2023 because of mismanagement and contractor overcharges and errors. The status quo is unacceptable.

If Woodway had trimmed the budget by just 10% (\$200,000) in 2017 following the tax levy defeat, and banked that savings each year through 2030, the Town would need only \$800,000 in new taxes, not \$3.6 million! Why didn't they do that?

Vote 'no' and tell the Council to reduce expenses and demand accountability before asking for a tax increase.

## Rebuttal to Argument For

In August, Everett and Mukilteo voters rejected unreasonable tax hikes. Woodway's 78% property tax increase (over \$7,000 per 'average' \$1.8M house) is unreasonable. Woodway doesn't need to double its police officers to cover 170 911-calls per year, or ticket more speeders. Woodway won't run out of cash reserves until 2027. Vote No! Tell Council to control costs in police and public works and trim spending by 10% before asking for a 'reasonable' tax hike.

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### Written by

Bill Krepick



**Arlington School District No. 16**

**Proposition No. 1**

**Capital Levy to Construct a New Post Middle School**

The Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 24-04, concerning a proposition to replace an aging and educationally outdated school. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to pay costs of constructing a new middle school to replace Post Middle School:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.55	\$12,547,013
2026	\$1.55	\$12,923,423
2027	\$1.55	\$13,311,126
2028	\$1.55	\$13,710,460
2029	\$1.55	\$14,121,773
2030	\$1.55	\$14,545,426

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-04.

Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Arlington School District to levy taxes over a six year period to pay costs of constructing a new middle school to replace Post Middle School, on or near its existing site, that will include, general classrooms; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics ("STEAM") classrooms; special education resource rooms; band and music rooms; stage, kitchen and commons; library; gymnasiums; outdoor physical education/ athletic fields; and other capital improvements. The School Board determined that a new Post Middle School is necessary because the existing middle school is aging and educationally outdated. Constructing a new Post Middle School will provide more secure and modern learning spaces for students, in an energy efficient building that reduces operational costs. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.asd.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed six-year levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$12,547,013 in 2025, \$12,923,423 in 2026, \$13,311,126 in 2027, \$13,710,460 in 2028, \$14,121,773 in 2029 and \$14,545,426 in 2030. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Snohomish County Assessor 425.388.3433.

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## Argument For

Here in Arlington, our community believes students deserve safe, secure, and healthy school buildings that meet today's technology and learning standards. Join your neighbors in voting Yes on the capital levy to rebuild Post Middle School.

Our current Post MS is in dire condition, with asbestos, frequent flooding, poor air quality caused by polluting HVAC systems and an open campus that can't be secured. The building's age and design flaws threaten student safety. It can no longer be repaired. Replacing the school is the most cost-effective way to provide a safe and healthy learning space.

The new school will be earthquake-resistant, feature secure interior hallways, larger classrooms for STEM education, new heating/cooling and meet today's technology needs. It will ensure a safer environment for our kids.

A majority of Arlington voters supported the Post Middle School bond in the past, but we haven't met the 60% threshold needed for bond passage. Capital levies, requiring only a simple majority, offer a more cost-effective solution over six years compared to a 20-year bond. This approach saves on interest costs and lowers the tax burden. Also, this six-year levy will maximize new state funding, bringing \$25 million to our district, a significant increase from the previous \$5 million the state would have funded in past years.

Voting Yes on the Arlington capital levy means investing in our students and their future. Join us in supporting this crucial measure. Together, we can ensure a stronger tomorrow for Arlington's students.

<https://www.yesforaps.org/>

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

Voting Yes on the capital levy is the most cost-effective way to rebuild Post Middle School. Unlike bonds, capital levies have no interest costs, saving taxpayers significant money over time. The lifetime cost of this six-year levy is 60% of the bond proposed in February 2024, making it a smarter financial choice for our community.

This levy addresses critical safety and infrastructure needs while securing \$25 million in state funding. Vote Yes on the levy!

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### Written by

Brittany Kleinman and Karlee Davidson

## Argument Against

*Please vote No on Arlington School District Proposition 1 to construct a new Post Middle School.*

Having lost a series of Bond proposals on this subject, most recently in February, ASD is proposing a Capital Levy instead. Bonds require a 60% affirmative vote to protect property owners who are the only voters required to pay the increased taxes. The Capital Levy being proposed will only require a 50% affirmative vote for passage.

ASD is seeking to add \$1.55 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (AV) to our taxes in each of the next 6 years. For an average Arlington home with an AV of \$590,000, that would amount to \$914 in extra taxes in 2025. And with valuations rising every year – our AV increased 10.58% this year alone – that amount will likely be even larger in years 2026 through 2030.

Property owners will already be paying \$2.42 per \$1,000 AV in 2025 for two levy renewals approved in February; \$1.65 for Operations and \$.77 for Health and Safety. A \$590,000 home will be taxed \$1,428 for these school levies in 2025.

In addition, property owners do not yet know what increase in their other property taxes will result from the new, higher AV mailed June 21st. Those bills will not be received until after the November election.

*As approval will require only a 50% affirmative vote, it is even more important than it has been in the past that property owners opposing this large increase cast their No votes.*

## Rebuttal to Argument For

HVAC systems can be replaced, flooding mitigated and asbestos removed without demolishing and replacing Post. Where is the evidence that repair costs were even considered? Significant security improvements have been made through extensive fencing and locked gating. Please visit Post to decide for yourself.

Capital levies eliminate the 60% approval protection for property owners, who pay these taxes.

Con Statement property owner costs were calculated taking into account the State's contribution.

*Please vote No.*

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### Written by

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Lake Stevens School District No. 4

**Proposition No. 1**

**Bonds to Construct, Modernize, Replace and Improve School Facilities**

The Board of Directors of Lake Stevens School District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 2-24, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and provide safe, modern facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new elementary school and a new innovative learning center on District-owned properties; modernize, replace and expand selected buildings at Glenwood and Skyline Elementary Schools and Lake Stevens Middle School; make District-wide safety, security, health, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements; issue \$314,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2-24.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Explanatory Statement**

This Proposition authorizes school construction bonds to relieve overcrowding, improve student, staff and community safety and security, fix aging schools, expand educational opportunities, and provide healthy learning spaces, per community-led facilities committee recommendations.

If approved, the bonds will fund safe, modern facilities by allowing Lake Stevens School District to: (1) construct a new elementary school on District-owned property (which may be expanded in the future to serve as a new middle school); (2) construct a new innovative learning center on District-owned property; (3) modernize, replace and expand selected buildings at Glenwood and Skyline Elementary Schools and Lake Stevens Middle School; and (4) make District-wide safety, security, health, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements (including providing secure perimeters, reconfiguring reception areas, adding electronic door locks, improving spaces for special education, improving public access to athletic fields, and acquiring land). Further information is available at <https://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/>.

The \$314,000,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 20 years. Lake Stevens voters previously approved bonds in 2005 and 2016. The 2005 bonds will be fully repaid in 2025. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Snohomish County Assessor 425.388.3433.

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## Argument For

Vote Yes for the replacement school construction bond for the Lake Stevens School District and help create a brighter future for our students. The bond would build two new schools and renovate three aging schools. It would provide critical safety, security, health, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements throughout the district.

The state does not build, replace or repair school buildings. Local school districts rely on voter-approved bonds to replace or update schools. Our school district population has grown by 9.7 percent and there are 800 elementary and 360 middle school students who are learning in temporary classrooms. All students deserve to learn in safe and healthy school environments.

If approved, this \$314 million bond would provide necessary funding for a new elementary school, a secondary innovative learning center for non-traditional learning opportunities, modernize and expand Glenwood and Skyline Elementary Schools and Lake Stevens Middle School. Athletic field improvements and lighting to both middle schools would meet the increasing community need for additional fields that can be used throughout the year and in the evenings.

Investing in schools is an investment in a vibrant future for Lake Stevens. Education is the cornerstone of a thriving community, fostering critical thinking, innovation, and social connection. This bond is a financially prudent way for our district to fund these capital projects and advance education for all students in our community. *By supporting this school bond, you're not just funding buildings—you're building a stronger, brighter future for every student in our community.* <https://www.voteyesforlssd.com/>

## Rebuttal to Argument Against

Lake Stevens School District's bond is the most cost-effective way to address urgent needs for our growing student population. The district is asking for what is necessary to ensure safe, modern learning environments. Delaying will only increase costs as construction prices rise. This bond secures a brighter future for all students and our community without overburdening taxpayers. *Vote Approve* to invest in our schools and support the future of Lake Stevens!

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### Written by

Andrea Wright

## Argument Against

The district found pro committee members but no con committee members for the voters' pamphlet. So I volunteered via the county to help provide some balance so that voters are presented with both sides of the issue – a fundamental democratic principle.

The new bond costs include \$314M in bond principal and an estimated \$245M in bond interest and fees for a total to local taxpayers of \$559M. For the owner of a property with a 2024 tax year AV of \$625,000, the expected average annual tax bill, for just this bond, will be over \$1400 for the next 22 years. That assumes zero new construction which is the conservative case. Districts need to be conservative with other people's money. But even if we assume new construction cruises along at 2% of Total AV each year, compounded, the example property owner will see an average annual tax bill of over \$1000.

This is a large bond and voters need to weigh the pros and cons. The district still has \$112M existing total bond payments until 2035 mostly from the 2016 bond. There are alternatives to piling more debt onto existing debt. New growth should pay for new growth. And importantly, this district and all school districts should move away from expensive bonds. A good example is the Arlington SD which has a 6-year, interest-free, capital levy on this November ballot which they would use to build a new school.

For a logical, accurate cost analysis, see [BondNo.com](http://BondNo.com)

## Rebuttal to Argument For

Enrollment growth has slowed down to just 1.5% in this last year. The district needs to increase mitigation fees charged to land developers. Existing property taxpayers can't afford to keep subsidizing the profits of those companies. Other school districts are using interest-free, 6-year, capital levies to fund scaled-down, needs-only lists of capital projects including new school buildings. The district needs to do a little research and learn from those other districts.

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### Written by

Jeff Heckathorn

Sultan School District No. 311

**Proposition No. 1**

**Bonds to Construct, Modernize and Improve Schools**

The Board of Directors of Sultan School District No. 311 adopted Resolution No. 24-03, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and provide safe, modern facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new elementary school (Grades K-4), on a site located between 116th and 124th Streets SE, west of Sultan Basin Road; modernize, expand and convert Gold Bar Elementary School for Grades K-4; improve and convert Sultan Elementary School for Grades 5-6; issue \$79,715,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 24-03.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

**Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes school construction bonds to relieve overcrowding, improve student and staff safety and security, enhance the student learning environment and improve and expand educational opportunities. If approved, the bonds will fund safe, modern facilities by allowing Sultan School District to: (1) construct a new elementary school (Grades K-4), on a site located between 116th and 124th Streets SE, west of Sultan Basin Road (bordering north of Coble Hill and Skyridge Estates); (2) modernize, expand and convert Gold Bar Elementary School for Grades K-4; and (3) improve and convert Sultan Elementary School for Grades 5-6.

The \$79,715,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 21 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425.388.3433. With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District would be eligible for approximately \$11 million in State construction financing assistance to help complete these projects. Further information regarding the bonds, the projects and tax rates is available on the District’s website at <https://www.sultanschools.org/>.

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## Argument For

No statement submitted.

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## Argument Against

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The district has correctly stated the total estimated costs for this new bond is \$135M: \$80M principal + \$55M interest and fees. What is not so clear is that the payments will not be like a home mortgage with constant payments. The district has designed escalating annual payments over the next 21 years. For the owner of a property with a 2024 AV of \$500,000, the expected tax bill, for just this bond, will start out at \$500 in 2025 and increase to over \$1300 by year 2044 for an average annual cost of just over \$1,000. This assumes zero new construction which is the conservative case. Districts need to be conservative with other people's money.

Guesstimated future tax rates are meaningless and give an underestimation of the true costs. Future tax rates should be prohibited in districts' campaign materials. Voters are voting on amounts in dollars – not future tax rates. The proportional obligation methodology should be used for bond cost analyses. All school districts should move away from expensive bonds. A good example is the Arlington SD which has a 6-year, interest-free, capital levy on this November ballot which they would use to build a new school.

For a logical, accurate cost analysis, see [BondNo.com](http://BondNo.com)

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### Written by

Jeff Heckathorn

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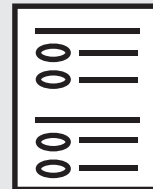
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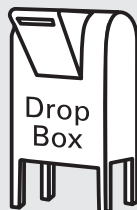


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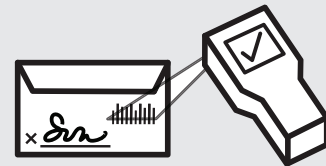


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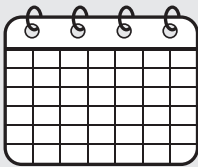
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### Initiative Measure No. 2066

AN ACT Relating to promoting energy choice by protecting access to gas for Washington homes and businesses; amending RCW 80.28.110, 35.92.050, 80.28.425, 80.---,---, 19.27A.020, 19.27A.025, and 19.27A.045; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70A.15 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 80.---,---, 80.---,---, and 80.---,---; and repealing 2024 c 351 ss 1 and 21 (uncodified).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The people find that having access to natural gas enhances the safety, welfare, and standard of living of all people in Washington. The people further find that preserving Washington's gas infrastructure and systems will promote energy choice, security, independence, and resilience throughout the state. Natural gas is a convenient and important necessity because it: Serves as a backup source of energy during emergencies; provides consumers with more options for heating, sanitation, cooking and food preparation, and other household activities, helping to control their costs; and sustains essential businesses, such as restaurants.

(2) Unfortunately, due to recent policy and corporate decisions, the people's ability to make choices about their energy sources is at risk. Therefore, the people determine that access to gas and gas appliances must be preserved for Washington homes and businesses, by strengthening utilities' obligation to provide natural gas to customers who want it, and by preventing regulatory actions that will limit access to gas.

**Sec. 2.** RCW 80.28.110 and 2024 c 348 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every gas company, electrical company, wastewater company, or water company, engaged in the sale and distribution of gas, electricity, or water, or the provision of wastewater company services, shall, upon reasonable notice, furnish to all persons and corporations who may apply therefor and be reasonably entitled thereto, suitable facilities for furnishing and furnish all available gas, electricity, wastewater company services, and water as demanded, except that: ~~((1))~~ (a) A water company may not furnish water contrary to the provisions of water system plans approved

under chapter 43.20 or 70A.100 RCW; ~~((2))~~ (b) wastewater companies may not provide services contrary to the approved general sewer plan; and ~~((3))~~ (c) exclusively upon petition of a gas company, and subject to the commission's approval, a gas company's obligation to serve gas to customers that have access to the gas company's thermal energy network may be met by providing thermal energy through a thermal energy network.

(2) Every gas company or large combination utility shall provide natural gas to all persons and corporations in their service area or territory that demand, apply for, and are reasonably entitled to receive, natural gas under this section, even if other energy services or energy sources may be available.

**Sec. 3.** RCW 35.92.050 and 2022 c 292 s 405 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A city or town may also construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, alter, maintain, and operate works, plants, facilities for the purpose of furnishing the city or town and its inhabitants, and any other persons, with gas, electricity, green electrolytic hydrogen as defined in RCW 54.04.190, renewable hydrogen as defined in RCW 54.04.190, and other means of power and facilities for lighting, including streetlights as an integral utility service incorporated within general rates, heating, fuel, and power purposes, public and private, with full authority to regulate and control the use, distribution, and price thereof, together with the right to handle and sell or lease, any meters, lamps, motors, transformers, and equipment or accessories of any kind, necessary and convenient for the use, distribution, and sale thereof; authorize the construction of such plant or plants by others for the same purpose, and purchase gas, electricity, or power from either within or without the city or town for its own use and for the purpose of selling to its inhabitants and to other persons doing business within the city or town and regulate and control the use and price thereof.

(2) A city or town that furnishes natural gas shall provide natural gas to those inhabitants that demand, apply for, and are reasonably entitled to receive, natural gas under this section, even if other energy services or energy sources may be available.

**Sec. 4.** RCW 80.28.425 and 2024 c 351 s 18 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Beginning January 1, 2022, every general rate case filing of a gas or electrical company must include a proposal for a multiyear rate plan as provided in this chapter. The commission may, by order after an adjudicative proceeding as provided by chapter 34.05 RCW, approve, approve with conditions, or reject, a multiyear rate plan proposal made by a gas or electrical company or an alternative proposal made by one or more parties, or any combination thereof. The commission's consideration of a proposal for a multiyear rate plan is subject to the same standards applicable to other rate filings made under this title, including the public interest and fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient rates. In determining the public interest, the commission may consider such factors including, but not limited to, environmental health and greenhouse gas emissions reductions, health and safety concerns, economic development, and equity, to the extent

such factors affect the rates, services, and practices of a gas or electrical company regulated by the commission.

(2) The commission may approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications any proposal to recover from ratepayers up to five percent of the total revenue requirement approved by the commission for each year of a multiyear rate plan for tariffs that reduce the energy burden of low-income residential customers including, but not limited to: (a) Bill assistance programs; or (b) one or more special rates. For any multiyear rate plan approved under this section resulting in a rate increase, the commission must approve an increase in the amount of low-income bill assistance to take effect in each year of the rate plan where there is a rate increase. At a minimum, the amount of such low-income assistance increase must be equal to double the percentage increase, if any, in the residential base rates approved for each year of the rate plan. The commission may approve a larger increase to low-income bill assistance based on an appropriate record.

(3) (a) If it approves a multiyear rate plan, the commission shall separately approve rates for each of the initial rate year, the second rate year and, if applicable, the third rate year, and the fourth rate year.

(b) The commission shall ascertain and determine the fair value for rate-making purposes of the property of any gas or electrical company that is or will be used and useful under RCW 80.04.250 for service in this state by or during each rate year of the multiyear rate plan. For the initial rate year, the commission shall, at a minimum, ascertain and determine the fair value for rate-making purposes of the property of any gas or electrical company that is used and useful for service in this state as of the rate effective date. The commission may order refunds to customers if property expected to be used and useful by the rate effective date when the commission approves a multiyear rate plan is in fact not used and useful by such a date.

(c) The commission shall ascertain and determine the revenues and operating expenses for rate-making purposes of any gas or electrical company for each rate year of the multiyear rate plan.

(d) In ascertaining and determining the fair value of property of a gas or electrical company pursuant to (b) of this subsection and projecting the revenues and operating expenses of a gas or electrical company pursuant to (c) of this subsection, the commission may use any standard, formula, method, or theory of valuation reasonably calculated to arrive at fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient rates.

(e) If the commission approves a multiyear rate plan with a duration of three or four years, then the electrical company must update its power costs as of the rate effective date of the third rate year. The proceeding to update the electrical company's power costs is subject to the same standards that apply to other rate filings made under this title.

(4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the commission may by order establish terms, conditions, and procedures for a multiyear rate plan and ensure that rates remain fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient during the course of the plan.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, a gas or electrical company is bound by the terms of the multiyear rate plan approved by the commission for each of the

initial rate year and the second rate year. A gas or electrical company may file a new multiyear rate plan in accordance with this section for the third rate year and fourth rate year, if any, of a multiyear rate plan.

(6) If the annual commission basis report for a gas or electrical company demonstrates that the reported rate of return on rate base of the company for the 12-month period ending as of the end of the period for which the annual commission basis report is filed is more than .5 percent higher than the rate of return authorized by the commission in the multiyear rate plan for such a company, the company shall defer all revenues that are in excess of .5 percent higher than the rate of return authorized by the commission for refunds to customers or another determination by the commission in a subsequent adjudicative proceeding. If a multistate electrical company with fewer than 250,000 customers in Washington files a multiyear rate plan that provides for no increases in base rates in consecutive years beyond the initial rate year, the commission shall waive the requirements of this subsection provided that such a waiver results in just and reasonable rates.

(7) The commission must, in approving a multiyear rate plan, determine a set of performance measures that will be used to assess a gas or electrical company operating under a multiyear rate plan. These performance measures may be based on proposals made by the gas or electrical company in its initial application, by any other party to the proceeding in its response to the company's filing, or in the testimony and evidence admitted in the proceeding. In developing performance measures, incentives, and penalty mechanisms, the commission may consider factors including, but not limited to, lowest reasonable cost planning, affordability, increases in energy burden, cost of service, customer satisfaction and engagement, service reliability, clean energy or renewable procurement, conservation acquisition, demand side management expansion, rate stability, timely execution of competitive procurement practices, attainment of state energy and emissions reduction policies, rapid integration of renewable energy resources, and fair compensation of utility employees.

(8) Nothing in this section precludes any gas or electrical company from making filings required or permitted by the commission.

(9) The commission shall align, to the extent practical, the timing of approval of a multiyear rate plan of an electrical company submitted pursuant to this section with the clean energy implementation plan of the electrical company filed pursuant to RCW 19.405.060.

(10) The provisions of this section may not be construed to limit the existing rate-making authority of the commission.

(11) The commission may require a large combination utility as defined in RCW 80.--.-- (section 2, chapter 351, Laws of 2024) to incorporate the requirements of this section into an integrated system plan established under RCW 80.--.-- (section 3, chapter 351, Laws of 2024).

(12) The commission shall not approve, or approve with conditions, a multiyear rate plan that requires or incentivizes a gas company or large combination utility to terminate natural gas service to customers.

(13) The commission shall not approve, or approve with conditions, a multiyear rate plan that authorizes a



gas company or large combination utility to require a customer to involuntarily switch fuel use either by restricting access to natural gas service or by implementing planning requirements that would make access to natural gas service cost-prohibitive.

**Sec. 5.** RCW 80.--.-- and 2024 c 351 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that large combination utilities are subject to a range of reporting and planning requirements as part of the clean energy transition. The legislature further finds that current natural gas integrated resource plans under development might not yield optimal results for timely and cost-effective decarbonization. To reduce regulatory barriers, achieve equitable and transparent outcomes, and integrate planning requirements, the commission may consolidate a large combination utility's planning requirements for both gas and electric operations, including consolidation into a single integrated system plan that is approved by the commission.

(2) (a) By July 1, 2025, the commission shall complete a rule-making proceeding to implement consolidated planning requirements for gas and electric services for large combination utilities that may include plans required under: (i) RCW 19.280.030; (ii) RCW 19.285.040; (iii) RCW 19.405.060; (iv) RCW 80.28.380; (v) RCW 80.28.365; (vi) RCW 80.28.425; and (vii) RCW 80.28.130. The commission may extend the rule-making proceeding for 90 days for good cause shown. The large combination utilities' filing deadline required in subsection (4) of this section will be extended commensurate to the rule-making extension period set by the commission. Subsequent planning requirements for future integrated system plans must be fulfilled on a timeline set by the commission. Large combination utilities that file integrated system plans are no longer required to file separate plans that are required in an integrated system plan. The statutorily required contents of any plan consolidated into an integrated system plan must be met by the integrated system plan.

(b) In its order adopting rules or issuing a policy statement approving the consolidation of planning requirements, the commission shall include a compliance checklist and any additional guidance that is necessary to assist the large combination utility in meeting the minimum requirements of all relevant statutes and rules.

(3) Upon request by a large combination utility, the commission may issue an order extending the filing and reporting requirements of a large combination utility under RCW 19.405.060 and 19.280.030, and requiring the large combination utility to file an integrated system plan pursuant to subsection (4) of this section if the commission finds that the large combination utility has made public a work plan that demonstrates reasonable progress toward meeting the standards under RCW 19.405.040(1) and 19.405.050(1) and achieving equity goals. The commission's approval of an extension of filing and reporting requirements does not relieve the large combination utility from the obligation to demonstrate progress towards meeting the standards under RCW 19.405.040(1) and 19.405.050(1) and the interim targets approved in its most recent clean energy implementation plan. Commission approval of an extension under this section fulfills the large combination ~~((utilities)) utility's~~ statutory filing deadlines under RCW 19.405.060(1).

(4) By January 1, 2027, and on a timeline set by the commission thereafter, large combination utilities shall file an integrated system plan demonstrating how the large combination utilities' plans are consistent with the requirements of this chapter and any rules and guidance adopted by the commission, and which:

(a) Achieve the obligations of all plans consolidated into the integrated system plan;

(b) Provide a range of forecasts, for at least the next 20 years, of projected customer demand that takes into account econometric data and addresses changes in the number, type, and efficiency of customer usage;

(c) Include scenarios that achieve emissions reductions for both gas and electric operations equal to at least their proportional share of emissions reductions required under RCW 70A.45.020;

(d) Include scenarios with emissions reduction targets for both gas and electric operations for each emissions reduction period that account for the interactions between gas and electric systems;

(e) Achieve two percent of electric load annually with conservation and energy efficiency resources, unless the commission finds that a higher target is cost-effective. However, the commission may accept a lower level of achievement if it determines that the requirement in this subsection (4) (e) is neither technically nor commercially feasible during the applicable emissions reduction period;

(f) Assess commercially available conservation and efficiency resources, including demand response and load management, to achieve the conservation and energy efficiency requirements in (e) of this subsection, and as informed by the assessment for conservation potential under RCW 19.285.040 for the planning horizon consistent with (b) of this subsection. Such an assessment may include, as appropriate, opportunities for development of combined heat and power as an energy and capacity resource, demand response and load management programs, and currently employed and new policies and programs needed to obtain the conservation and efficiency resources. The value of recoverable waste heat resulting from combined heat and power must be reflected in analyses of cost-effectiveness under this subsection;

(g) Achieve annual demand response and demand flexibility equal to or greater than 10 percent of winter and summer peak electric demand, unless the commission finds that a higher target is cost-effective. However, the commission may accept a lower level of achievement if it determines that the requirement in this subsection (4) (g) is neither technically nor commercially feasible during the applicable emissions reduction period;

~~(h) ((Achieve all cost-effective electrification of end-uses currently served by natural gas identified through an assessment of alternatives to known and planned gas infrastructure projects, including nonpipeline alternatives, rebates and incentives, and geographically targeted electrification;~~

~~(i))~~ Include low-income electrification programs that must:

~~(i)~~ Include rebates and incentives to low-income customers and customers experiencing high energy burden for the deployment of high-efficiency electric-only heat pumps in homes and buildings currently heating with wood, oil,

propane, electric resistance, or gas;

(ii) Provide demonstrated material benefits to low-income participants including, but not limited to, decreased energy burden, the addition of air conditioning, and backup heat sources using natural gas or energy storage systems, if necessary to protect health and safety in areas with frequent outages, or improved indoor air quality;

(iii) Enroll customers in energy assistance programs or provide bill assistance;

(iv) ~~Provide dedicated funding for electrification readiness;~~  
(v) Include low-income customer protections to mitigate energy burden, if electrification measures will increase a low-income participant's energy burden; and

~~(vi) Coordinate with community-based organizations in the (gas or electrical company's) large combination utility's service territory including, but not limited to, grantees of the department of commerce, community action agencies, and community-based nonprofit organizations, to remove barriers and effectively serve low-income customers;~~

~~(vii) Accept as proof of eligibility for energy assistance enrollment in any means-tested public benefit, or low-income energy assistance program, for which eligibility does not exceed the low-income definition set by the commission pursuant to RCW 19.405.020;~~

~~(viii) Assess the potential for geographically targeted electrification including, but not limited to, in overburdened communities, on gas plant that is fully depreciated or gas plant that is included in a proposal for geographically targeted electrification that requires accelerating depreciation pursuant to RCW 80.---(1) (section 7(1), chapter 351, Laws of 2024) for the gas plant subject to such electrification proposal;~~

~~(ix) Assess commercially available supply side resources, including a comparison of the benefits and risks of purchasing electricity or gas or building new resources;~~

~~(x) Assess nonpipeline alternatives, including geographically targeted electrification and demand response, as an alternative to replacing aging gas infrastructure or expanded gas capacity. Assessments must involve, at a minimum:~~

~~(i) Identifying all known and planned gas infrastructure projects, including those without a fully defined scope or cost estimate, for at least the 10 years following the filing;~~

~~(ii) Estimating programmatic expenses of maintaining that portion of the gas system for at least the 10 years following the filing; and~~

~~(iii) Ranking all gas pipeline segments for their suitability for nonpipeline alternatives;~~

~~(iv) Assess distributed energy resources that meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.100;~~

~~(v) Provide an assessment and 20-year forecast of the availability of and requirements for regional supply side resource and delivery system capacity to provide and deliver electricity and gas to the large combination utility's customers and to meet, as applicable, the requirements of chapter 19.405 RCW and the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction limits in RCW 70A.45.020. The delivery system assessment must identify the large combination utility's expected needs to acquire new long-term firm rights, develop new, or expand or upgrade existing, delivery system facilities consistent with the requirements of this section and~~

reliability standards and take into account opportunities to make more effective use of existing delivery facility capacity through improved delivery system operating practices, conservation and efficiency resources, distributed energy resources, demand response, grid modernization, nonwires solutions, and other programs if applicable;

~~(vi) Assess methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources and nonemitting electric generation including, but not limited to, battery storage and pumped storage, and addressing overgeneration events, if applicable to the large combination utility's resource portfolio;~~

~~(vii) Provide a comparative evaluation of supply side resources, delivery system resources, and conservation and efficiency resources using lowest reasonable cost as a criterion;~~

~~(viii) Include a determination of resource adequacy metrics for the integrated system plan consistent with the forecasts;~~

~~(ix) Forecast distributed energy resources that may be installed by the large combination utility's customers and an assessment of their effect on the large combination utility's load and operations;~~

~~(x) Identify an appropriate resource adequacy requirement and measurement metric consistent with prudent utility practice in implementing RCW 19.405.030 through 19.405.050;~~

~~(xi) Integrate demand forecasts, resource evaluations, and resource adequacy requirements into a long-range assessment describing the mix of supply side resources and conservation and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs, including mitigating overgeneration events and implementing RCW 19.405.030 through 19.405.050, at the lowest reasonable cost and risk to the large combination utility and its customers, while maintaining and protecting the safety, reliable operation, and balancing of the energy system of the large combination utility;~~

~~(xii) Include an assessment, informed by the cumulative impact analysis conducted under RCW 19.405.140, of: Energy and nonenergy benefits and the avoidance and reductions of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities; long-term and short-term public health and environmental benefits, costs, and risks; and energy security and risk;~~

~~(xiii) Include a 10-year clean energy action plan for implementing RCW 19.405.030 through 19.405.050 at the lowest reasonable cost, and at an acceptable resource adequacy standard;~~

~~(xiv) Include an analysis of how the integrated system plan accounts for:~~

~~(i) Model load forecast scenarios that consider the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a large combination utility's service area, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the large combination utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;~~

~~(ii) Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions, and any other relevant information found in the electrification of transportation plans submitted under RCW 80.28.365; and~~

~~(iii) Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts, which may use the forecasts generated by the mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520;~~

~~((y))~~ (v) Establish that the large combination utility has:

(i) Consigned to auction for the benefit of ratepayers the minimum required number of allowances allocated to the large combination utility for the applicable compliance period pursuant to RCW 70A.65.130, consistent with the climate commitment act, chapter 70A.65 RCW, and rules adopted pursuant to the climate commitment act; and

(ii) Prioritized, to the maximum extent permissible under the climate commitment act, chapter 70A.65 RCW, revenues derived from the auction of allowances allocated to the utility for the applicable compliance period pursuant to RCW 70A.65.130, first to programs that eliminate the cost burden for low-income ratepayers, such as bill assistance, or nonvolumetric credits on ratepayer utility bills, ~~((or electrification programs;))~~ and second to ~~((electrification))~~ programs benefiting residential and small commercial customers;

~~((z))~~ (w) Propose an action plan outlining the specific actions to be taken by the large combination utility in implementing the integrated system plan following submission; and

~~((aa))~~ (x) Report on the large combination utility's progress towards implementing the recommendations contained in its previously filed integrated system plan.

~~(5) ((In evaluating the lowest reasonable cost of decarbonization measures included in an integrated system plan, large combination utilities must apply a risk reduction premium that must account for the applicable allowance ceiling price approved by the department of ecology pursuant to the climate commitment act, chapter 70A.65-RCW. For the purpose of this chapter, the risk reduction premium is necessary to ensure that a large combination utility is making appropriate long-term investments to mitigate against the allowance and fuel price risks to customers of the large combination utility.~~

~~(6))~~ The clean energy action plan must:

(a) Identify and be informed by the large combination utility's 10-year cost-effective conservation potential assessment as determined under RCW 19.285.040, if applicable;

(b) Establish a resource adequacy requirement;

(c) Identify the potential cost-effective demand response and load management programs that may be acquired;

(d) Identify renewable resources, nonemitting electric generation, and distributed energy resources that may be acquired and evaluate how each identified resource may be expected to contribute to meeting the large combination utility's resource adequacy requirement;

(e) Identify any need to develop new, or expand or upgrade existing, bulk transmission and distribution facilities and document existing and planned efforts by the large combination utility to make more effective use of existing transmission capacity and secure additional transmission capacity consistent with the requirements of subsection (4) ~~((e))~~ (l) of this section; and

(f) Identify the nature and possible extent to which the large combination utility may need to rely on alternative compliance options under RCW 19.405.040(1)(b), if appropriate.

~~((7))~~ (6) A large combination utility shall consider the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the

commission pursuant to RCW 80.28.405, when developing integrated system plans and clean energy action plans. A large combination utility must incorporate the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions as a cost adder when:

(a) Evaluating and selecting conservation policies, programs, and targets;

(b) Developing integrated system plans and clean energy action plans; and

(c) Evaluating and selecting intermediate term and long-term resource options.

~~((8))~~ (7) Plans developed under this section must be updated on a regular basis, on intervals approved by the commission.

~~((9))~~ (8) (a) To maximize transparency, the commission may require a large combination utility to make the utility's data input files available in a native format. Each large combination utility shall publish its final plan either as part of an annual report or as a separate document available to the public. The report may be in an electronic form.

(b) Nothing in this subsection limits the protection of records containing commercial information under RCW 80.04.095.

~~((10))~~ (9) The commission shall establish by rule a cost test for emissions reduction measures achieved by large combination utilities to comply with state clean energy and climate policies. The cost test must be used by large combination utilities under this chapter for the purpose of determining the lowest reasonable cost of decarbonization and low-income electrification measures in integrated system plans, at the portfolio level, and for any other purpose determined by the commission by rule.

~~((11))~~ (10) The commission must approve, reject, or approve with conditions an integrated system plan within 12 months of the filing of such an integrated system plan. The commission may for good cause shown extend the time by 90 days for a decision on an integrated system plan filed on or before January 1, 2027, as such date is extended pursuant to subsection (2) (a) of this section.

~~((12))~~ (11) In determining whether to approve the integrated system plan, reject the integrated system plan, or approve the integrated system plan with conditions, the commission must evaluate whether the plan is in the public interest, and includes the following:

(a) The equitable distribution and prioritization of energy benefits and reduction of burdens to vulnerable populations, highly impacted communities, and overburdened communities;

(b) Long-term and short-term public health, economic, and environmental benefits and the reduction of costs and risks;

(c) Health and safety concerns;

(d) Economic development;

(e) Equity;

(f) Energy security and resiliency;

(g) Whether the integrated system plan:

(i) Would achieve a proportional share of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions for each emissions reduction period on the gas and electric systems;

(ii) Would achieve the energy efficiency and demand response targets in subsection (4) (e) and (g) of this section;

(iii) ~~((Would achieve cost-effective electrification of end uses as required by subsection (4) (h) of this section;~~



(iv)) Results in a reasonable cost to customers, and projects the rate impacts of specific actions, programs, and investments on customers;

((v)) (iv) Would maintain system reliability and reduces long-term costs and risks to customers;

((vi)) (v) Would lead to new construction career opportunities ~~((and prioritizes a transition of natural gas and electricity utility))~~ for workers to perform work on construction and maintenance of new and existing renewable energy infrastructure; and

((vii)) (vi) Describes specific actions that the large combination utility plans to take to achieve the requirements of the integrated system plan.

(12) The commission shall not approve, or approve with conditions, an integrated system plan that requires or incentivizes a large combination utility to terminate natural gas service to customers.

(13) The commission shall not approve, or approve with conditions, an integrated system plan that authorizes a large combination utility to require a customer to involuntarily switch fuel use either by restricting access to natural gas service or by implementing planning requirements that would make access to natural gas service cost-prohibitive.

**Sec. 6.** RCW 19.27A.020 and 2018 c 207 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state building code council in the department of enterprise services shall adopt rules to be known as the Washington state energy code as part of the state building code.

(2) The council shall follow the legislature's standards set forth in this section to adopt rules to be known as the Washington state energy code. The Washington state energy code shall be designed to:

(a) Construct increasingly energy efficient homes and buildings ~~((that help achieve the broader goal of building zero-fossil-fuel-greenhouse-gas-emission-homes-and-buildings))~~ by the year 2031;

(b) Require new buildings to meet a certain level of energy efficiency, but allow flexibility in building design, construction, and heating equipment efficiencies within that framework; and

(c) Allow space heating equipment efficiency to offset or substitute for building envelope thermal performance.

(3) The Washington state energy code may not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

(4) The Washington state energy code shall take into account regional climatic conditions. One climate zone includes: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties. The other climate zone includes all other counties not listed in this subsection ~~((3))~~ (4). The assignment of a county to a climate zone may not be changed by adoption of a model code or rule. Nothing in this section prohibits the council from adopting the same rules or standards for each climate zone.

~~((4))~~ (5) The Washington state energy code for residential buildings shall be the 2006 edition of the Washington state

energy code, or as amended by rule by the council.

~~((5))~~ (6) The minimum state energy code for new nonresidential buildings shall be the Washington state energy code, 2006 edition, or as amended by the council by rule.

~~((6))~~ (7) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the Washington state energy code for residential structures shall preempt the residential energy code of each city, town, and county in the state of Washington.

(b) The state energy code for residential structures does not preempt a city, town, or county's energy code for residential structures which exceeds the requirements of the state energy code and which was adopted by the city, town, or county prior to March 1, 1990. Such cities, towns, or counties may not subsequently amend their energy code for residential structures to exceed the requirements adopted prior to March 1, 1990.

~~((7))~~ (8) The state building code council shall consult with the department of enterprise services as provided in RCW 34.05.310 prior to publication of proposed rules. The director of the department of enterprise services shall recommend to the state building code council any changes necessary to conform the proposed rules to the requirements of this section.

~~((8))~~ (9) The state building code council shall evaluate and consider adoption of the international energy conservation code in Washington state in place of the existing state energy code.

~~((9))~~ (10) The definitions in RCW 19.27A.140 apply throughout this section.

**Sec. 7.** RCW 19.27A.025 and 2024 c 170 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The minimum state energy code for new and renovated nonresidential buildings, as specified in this chapter, shall be the Washington state energy code, 1986 edition, as amended. The state building code council may, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, RCW 19.27.031, and RCW 19.27.---, 19.27.---, and 19.27.--- (sections 6, 7, and 8, chapter 170, Laws of 2024), amend that code's requirements for new nonresidential buildings provided that:

(a) Such amendments increase the energy efficiency of typical newly constructed nonresidential buildings; and

(b) Any new measures, standards, or requirements adopted must be technically feasible, commercially available, and developed to yield the lowest overall cost to the building owner and occupant while meeting the energy reduction goals established under RCW 19.27A.160.

(2) In considering amendments to the state energy code for nonresidential buildings, the state building code council shall establish and consult with a technical advisory group in accordance with RCW 19.27.--- (section 7, chapter 170, Laws of 2024) including representatives of appropriate state agencies, local governments, general contractors, building owners and managers, design professionals, utilities, and other interested and affected parties.

(3) Decisions to amend the Washington state energy code for new nonresidential buildings shall be made prior to December 15th of any year and shall not take effect before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year. Any disputed provisions within an amendment presented to the legislature shall be approved by the legislature before going

into effect. A disputed provision is one which was adopted by the state building code council with less than a two-thirds vote of the voting members. Substantial amendments to the code shall be adopted no more frequently than every three years except as allowed in RCW 19.27.031 and RCW 19.27.-- (section 6, chapter 170, Laws of 2024).

(4) When amending a code under this section, the state building code council shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

**Sec. 8.** RCW 19.27A.045 and 2024 c 170 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state building code council shall maintain the state energy code for residential structures in a status which is consistent with the state's interest as set forth in section 1, chapter 2, Laws of 1990. In maintaining the Washington state energy code for residential structures, beginning in 1996 the council shall review the Washington state energy code every three years. After January 1, 1996, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, RCW 19.27.031, and RCW 19.27.--, 19.27.--, and 19.27.-- (sections 6, 7, and 8, chapter 170, Laws of 2024), the council may amend any provisions of the Washington state energy code to increase the energy efficiency of newly constructed residential buildings. Decisions to amend the Washington state energy code for residential structures shall be made prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of any year and shall not take effect before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

(2) When amending a code under this section, the state building code council shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

A city or town shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW to read as follows:

A county shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.15 RCW to read as follows:

An authority shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 12.** The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) 2024 c 351 s 1 (uncodified);
- (2) RCW 80.--.-- and 2024 c 351 s 7;
- (3) RCW 80.--.-- and 2024 c 351 s 8;
- (4) RCW 80.--.-- and 2024 c 351 s 10; and
- (5) 2024 c 351 s 21 (uncodified).

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 13.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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### Initiative Measure No. 2109

AN ACT Relating to repealing the tax on capital gains income authorized in chapter 82.87 RCW; repealing RCW 82.87.010, 82.87.020, 82.87.030, 82.87.040, 82.87.050, 82.87.060, 82.87.070, 82.87.080, 82.87.090, 82.87.100, 82.87.110, 82.87.120, 82.87.130, 82.87.140, 82.87.150, and 82.04.4497; and repealing 2021 c 196 ss 18 and 20 (uncodified).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) RCW 82.87.010 (Findings—Intent—2021 c 196) and 2021 c 196 s 1;
- (2) RCW 82.87.020 (Definitions) and 2021 c 196 s 4;
- (3) RCW 82.87.030 (Distribution of revenues) and 2021 c 196 s 2;
- (4) RCW 82.87.040 (Tax imposed—Long-term capital assets) and 2021 c 196 s 5;
- (5) RCW 82.87.050 (Exemptions) and 2021 c 196 s 6;
- (6) RCW 82.87.060 (Deductions) and 2021 c 196 s 7;
- (7) RCW 82.87.070 (Qualified family-owned small business deduction) and 2021 c 196 s 8;
- (8) RCW 82.87.080 (Charitable donation deduction) and 2021 c 196 s 9;
- (9) RCW 82.87.090 (Other taxes) and 2021 c 196 s 10;
- (10) RCW 82.87.100 (Allocation of long-term capital gains and losses—Credit) and 2021 c 196 s 11;
- (11) RCW 82.87.110 (Filing of returns—Additional documentation—Penalty) and 2021 c 196 s 12;
- (12) RCW 82.87.120 (Joint filers—Separate filers—Tax liability) and 2021 c 196 s 13;
- (13) RCW 82.87.130 (Administration of taxes) and 2021 c 196 s 14;
- (14) RCW 82.87.140 (Tax criminal penalties) and 2021 c 196 s 15;
- (15) RCW 82.87.150 (Annual adjustments) and 2021 c 196 s 17;
- (16) RCW 82.04.4497 (Credit—Sale or exchange of long-term capital assets) and 2021 c 196 s 16;
- (17) 2021 c 196 s 18 (uncodified); and
- (18) 2021 c 196 s 20 (uncodified).

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### Initiative Measure No. 2117

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting all state agencies, counties, and cities from implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading, also known as “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” scheme; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 43.21C.520, 70A.15.1100, 70A.45.110, 70A.65.005, 70A.65.010, 70A.65.020, 70A.65.030, 70A.65.040, 70A.65.050, 70A.65.060, 70A.65.070, 70A.65.080, 70A.65.090, 70A.65.100, 70A.65.110, 70A.65.120, 70A.65.130, 70A.65.140, 70A.65.150, 70A.65.160, 70A.65.170, 70A.65.180, 70A.65.200, 70A.65.210, 70A.65.220, 70A.65.230, 70A.65.240, 70A.65.250, 70A.65.260, 70A.65.270, 70A.65.280, 70A.65.290, 70A.65.300, 70A.65.305, 70A.65.310, 70A.65.900, and 70A.65.901.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.65 RCW to read as follows:

All state agencies are prohibited from implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading, also known as “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” scheme, including the climate commitment act previously codified as chapter 70A.65 RCW. This prohibition applies whether the resulting increased costs are imposed on fuel recipients or fuel suppliers.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) RCW 43.21C.520 (Review of greenhouse gas emissions from a new or expanded facility) and 2021 c 316 s 34;
- (2) RCW 70A.15.1100 (Issuance of enforceable order—Overburdened communities) and 2021 c 316 s 35;
- (3) RCW 70A.45.110 (Siting of certain facilities) and 2021 c 316 s 36;
- (4) RCW 70A.65.005 (Findings—Intent) and 2021 c 316 s 1;
- (5) RCW 70A.65.010 (Definitions) and 2022 c 181 s 10 & 2021 c 316 s 2;
- (6) RCW 70A.65.020 (Environmental justice review) and 2022 c 181 s 5 & 2021 c 316 s 3;
- (7) RCW 70A.65.030 (Environmental justice assessment) and 2023 c 475 s 1902, 2023 c 475 s 936, 2022 c 182 s 104, 2022 c 181 s 13, & 2021 c 316 s 4;
- (8) RCW 70A.65.040 (Environmental justice council—Duties) and 2022 c 182 s 105, 2022 c 181 s 14, & 2021 c 316 s 5;
- (9) RCW 70A.65.050 (Governance structure) and 2021 c 316 s 7;
- (10) RCW 70A.65.060 (Cap on greenhouse gas emissions) and 2021 c 316 s 8;
- (11) RCW 70A.65.070 (Annual allowance budget and timelines) and 2022 c 181 s 1 & 2021 c 316 s 9;
- (12) RCW 70A.65.080 (Program coverage) and 2022 c 179 s 14 & 2021 c 316 s 10;
- (13) RCW 70A.65.090 (Requirements) and 2021 c 316 s 11;
- (14) RCW 70A.65.100 (Auctions of allowances) and 2023 c 475 s 937, 2022 c 181 s 3, & 2021 c 316 s 12;
- (15) RCW 70A.65.110 (Allocation of allowances to

emissions-intensive, trade-exposed industries) and 2021 c 316 s 13;

(16) RCW 70A.65.120 (Allocation of allowances to electric utilities) and 2021 c 316 s 14;

(17) RCW 70A.65.130 (Allocation of allowances to natural gas utilities) and 2021 c 316 s 15;

(18) RCW 70A.65.140 (Emissions containment reserve withholding) and 2022 c 181 s 11 & 2021 c 316 s 16;

(19) RCW 70A.65.150 (Allowance price containment) and 2022 c 181 s 6 & 2021 c 316 s 17;

(20) RCW 70A.65.160 (Price ceiling) and 2022 c 181 s 7 & 2021 c 316 s 18;

(21) RCW 70A.65.170 (Offsets) and 2022 c 181 s 12 & 2021 c 316 s 19;

(22) RCW 70A.65.180 (Assistance program for offsets on tribal lands) and 2021 c 316 s 20;

(23) RCW 70A.65.200 (Enforcement—Penalty) and 2022 c 181 s 4 & 2021 c 316 s 23;

(24) RCW 70A.65.210 (Linkage with other jurisdictions) and 2021 c 316 s 24;

(25) RCW 70A.65.220 (Adoption of rules) and 2021 c 316 s 25;

(26) RCW 70A.65.230 (Investments—Legislative intent—Evaluation) and 2022 c 182 s 426, 2022 c 181 s 8, & 2021 c 316 s 26;

(27) RCW 70A.65.240 (Carbon emissions reduction account) and 2022 c 182 s 101 & 2021 c 316 s 27;

(28) RCW 70A.65.250 (Climate investment account) and 2023 c 475 s 938, 2023 c 435 s 12, 2022 c 253 s 2, & 2021 c 316 s 28;

(29) RCW 70A.65.260 (Climate commitment account) and 2023 c 475 s 939, 2022 c 179 s 17, & 2021 c 316 s 29;

(30) RCW 70A.65.270 (Natural climate solutions account) and 2021 c 316 s 30;

(31) RCW 70A.65.280 (Air quality and health disparities improvement account) and 2021 c 316 s 31;

(32) RCW 70A.65.290 (Joint legislative audit and review committee—Program implementation analysis. (*Expires June 30, 2030.*)) and 2021 c 316 s 32;

(33) RCW 70A.65.300 (Distributions of moneys—Annual report) and 2021 c 316 s 46;

(34) RCW 70A.65.305 (Tribal consultation) and 2022 c 253 s 1;

(35) RCW 70A.65.310 (Covered or opt-in entity compliance obligation) and 2022 c 181 s 2;

(36) RCW 70A.65.900 (Short title—2021 c 316) and 2021 c 316 s 37; and

(37) RCW 70A.65.901 (Suspension of certain sections and rules) and 2021 c 316 s 39.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## Complete Text

### Initiative Measure No. 2124

#### OPT OUT OF STATE-RUN LONG TERM CARE COVERAGE ACT

AN ACT Relating to all Washington workers having the choice to opt out of the government-operated long term insurance scheme; amending RCW 50B.04.090; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 50B.04.085.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec. 1.** RCW 50B.04.090 and 2022 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, and subject to the protections established by subsection 8 of this section, any self-employed person, including a sole proprietor, independent contractor, partner, or joint venturer, may elect coverage under this chapter. Coverage must be elected before July 1, 2026, or within three years of becoming self-employed for the first time. Those electing coverage under this subsection are responsible for payment of 100 percent of all premiums assessed to an employee under RCW 50B.04.080. The self-employed person must file a notice of election in writing with the employment security department, in the manner required by the employment security department in rule. The self-employed person is eligible for benefits after paying the long-term services and supports premium for the time required under RCW 50B.04.050.

(2) A self-employed person who has elected coverage may not withdraw from coverage unless they opt out under subsection 8 of this section.

(3) A self-employed person who elects coverage must continue to pay premiums until such time that the individual retires from the workforce or is no longer self-employed or they opt out under subsection 8 of this section. To cease premium assessment and collection, the self-employed person must file a notice with the employment security department if the individual retires from the workforce or is no longer self-employed or they opt out under subsection 8 of this section.

(4) The employment security department may cancel elective coverage if the self-employed person fails to make required payments or file reports. The employment security department may collect due and unpaid premiums and may levy an additional premium for the remainder of the period of coverage. The cancellation must be effective no later than 30 days from the date of the notice in writing advising the self-employed person of the cancellation.

(5) Those electing coverage are considered employers or employees where the context so dictates.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “independent contractor” means an individual excluded from the definition of “employment” in RCW 50B.04.010.

(7) The employment security department shall adopt rules for determining the hours worked and the wages of individuals who elect coverage under this section and rules for enforcement of this section.

(8) An employee or self-employed person in Washington

must elect to keep coverage under this Chapter. If an employee or self-employed person has elected coverage under this Chapter, the employee or self-employed person must also have the option to opt out at any time. The employment security department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

**Sec. 2.** RCW 50B.04.085 (Premium assessment-Exemptions) and 2021 c 113 s 5 & 2020 c 98 s 7 are each repealed.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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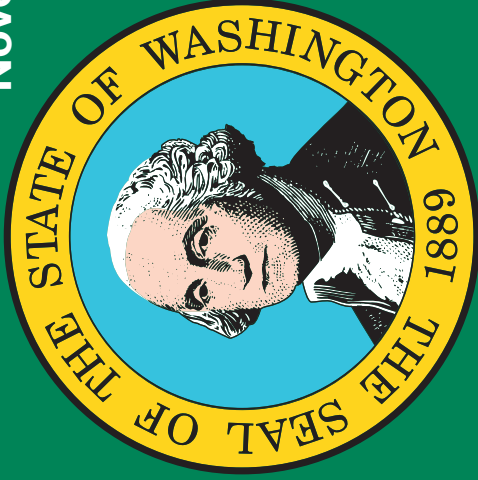
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