

2026 South Kitsap Indivisible (SKI) Primary Voters Guide - General Membership

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This work was inspired by our love of country, community, family, and ourselves. We celebrate diversity. Equality is tantamount to freedom.

We believe in the principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that founded this abundant nation. All are welcome at this table. May this effort right this ship and sail into calmer seas.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

- United States Constitution Preamble

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I. Introduction

The National Indivisible's vision is a democracy that delivers for everyone—not just the wealthy or well-connected. Indivisible members are committed to nonviolent action, multiracial democracy, and a government that is accountable to the people it serves.

South Kitsap Indivisible's (SKI) vision, consistent with the national vision states: We envision a government that respects the dignity and inalienable rights of all as defined by the United States Constitution. We see a future guided by compassion, empathy, fairness and science. As people of South Kitsap, we pursue these goals through peaceful civic action and community service.

Our vision is a society free from authoritarianism and inequality, where democratic values are lived every day, and where future generations inherit a livable planet and a stronger, more inclusive democracy.

We seek a just and thriving democracy where all people are treated with respect and dignity, protected equally under the constitution, and empowered to participate fully in civic life. We embrace all immigrants, people of color, transgender people, and targeted communities.

Who we place in office locally will determine who is served, self interest groups or those who reflect SKI's vision. In an effort to support this mission SKI has developed a candidate endorsement process that was developed and processed through the SKI Political Workgroup.

II. Research Process

The research process began with the development of a SKI Mission Statement oriented questionnaire. This SKI questionnaire was sent out to 21 candidates in the following races:

- Congressional WA District #6
- WA State Legislative District #26
- Legislative District #35

Twenty-one candidates received a questionnaire.

- Questionnaires were emailed and mailed by certified mail on 2 Jun 2026.
- Phone call reminders were conducted on 10 Jun 2026.
- Email reminders were sent on 16 Jun 2026 or 17 Jun 2026.

Responses

- Ten completed questionnaires were received:
 - Democrats – Ten sent, eight completed
 - Republicans – Eight sent, one completed
 - Independents – One sent, zero completed
 - No Party – Two sent, one completed

The next phase of research was conducted by SKI Political Workgroup individual members and small groups of SKI Political Workgroup members being assigned a race. These individuals and small groups became subject matter experts for the assigned race and the candidates in that race. These individuals submitted their findings. Subject matter experts gathered data via:

- Internet research
- Attending in-person forums at Bremerton Indivisible
- Reviewing candidate interviews videos and completed questionnaires from Kitsap County Dems on the Supreme Court Justice Candidates
- Reviewing Kitsap County Republican Party forum video
- Emailing/Phone calling to select candidates to clarify their stance on issues, especially when their website presence was slim.

The subject matter experts did a deep dive on each candidate's background, education and experience and stance. Many sources of information were explored (This is not the complete list of sources but the major sources):

- Candidate websites
- Secretary of State and Kitsap County websites
- Take Action Network website - voter score card for State Legislature incumbents

- WA State Public Disclosure Commission website - for campaign finance contributions
- Federal Election Committee - for congressional campaign finance contributions
- Washington Indivisible Network (WIN)
- Seattle Times, FUSE and The Seattle Stranger
- Legal publications - American Bar Association, State Bar Associations, Judicial Performance Commissions, etc.
- Law Enforcement Association websites - Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, National Sheriffs' Association, Washington State Sheriffs' Association, etc.
- Kitsap County local newspapers.

Members of the Political Workgroup also attended the Kitsap County Democrats and the LD#26 Democrats endorsement meetings, and also attended a Belfair Democrats meeting and the Bremerton Indivisible Forums. We have personally spoke in person or via telephone with the following candidates and had in-depth conversations about their candidacy:

- Brian P. O'Gorman - wife - campaign manager
- Macy Jones
- Deborah Krishnadasan
- Natalie Bornfleth
- Adison Richards
- Randy Phillips
- Tedd Wetherbee
- Renee Hernandez Greenfield
- Carolina Mejia
- Jim Pierson
- Kevin Tisdell
- Sharonda Amamilo

This voter guide contains candidate summaries from the vast research collected; questionnaire responses, subject matter expert research, candidate interviews, attendance at meetings and forums. The subject matter experts submitted their findings to the editorial team. The editorial team then created an outline and wrote the actual summaries based on the subject matter experts information and also researched to fill in gaps or to update information to more accurate data as new data was revealed. The following information is summarized for each candidate with each candidate summary:

- Name of candidacy race and job responsibilities
- Candidate Name in alphabetic order
- Candidate Background/Education/Experience
- Candidate Claims
- Candidate Campaign Finance
- Candidate Endorsements

At the SKI Political Workgroup Meeting on July 10, 2026, the members reviewed this information and recommended endorsements for those candidates whose credentials and records validate SKI's vision and in particular the SKI Mission Statement. The SKI Mission Statement is as follows:

- We commit to a non-violent pursuit of democracy, justice, equality, and the rule of law. We defend due process, protect the environment, and advance evidence-based science. We oppose oligarchy, fascism, and economic inequality, and fight to protect public programs and services.
- We peacefully advocate for democracy, the rule of law, and universal human rights. We support environmental protection, healthcare as a human right, science-based policy, and urgent climate action. We oppose authoritarianism, systemic inequality, and an economy that leaves millions behind.

As we worked through each race, the subject matter experts provided a summary of each candidate and then a motion on the race was proposed and seconded. Then, a vote took place on that race. The result is our endorsement recommendation on each race. This information is being presented to the SKI membership for a final vote to determine which candidates will be officially endorsed by SKI. The results of the SKI Political Workgroup Meeting are as follows:

The following candidates have received **Sole Endorsement** recommendation from the SKI Political Workgroup:

- Emily Randall (Incumbent), US Representative for Washington 6th District
- Deborah Krishnadasen (Incumbent), WA State Legislative District #26 Senator
- Renee Hernandez Greenfield, WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Pos 2
- Carolina Mejia, WA State Legislative District #35 Senator
- Jim Pierson, WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Pos 1
- Maria Littlesun, WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Pos 2
- Katie Walters (Incumbent), Kitsap County Commissioner District #3
- Paul Andrews (Incumbent), Kitsap County Auditor
- Chad M. Enright (Incumbent), Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney
- Brandon L. Myers, Kitsap County Sheriff
- Pete Boissonneau (Incumbent), Kitsap County Treasurer
- Colleen Melody (Incumbent), WA State Supreme Court Justice Position 1
- Theo Angelis (Incumbent), WA State Supreme Court Justice Position 5
- Debra L. Stephens (Incumbent), WA State Supreme Court Justice Position 7

The following candidates have received **Endorsement** recommendation from the SKI Political Workgroup:

- Adison Richards (Incumbent), WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Pos 1
- Phil Cook (Incumbent), Kitsap County Assessor
- David Lewis III (Incumbent), Kitsap County Clerk
- Mike Diaz, WA State Supreme Court Justice Position 3

The following candidates have received **Approve** recommendation from the SKI Political Workgroup:

- Natalie Bornfleth, WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Pos 1
- Jaime Michelle Hawk, WA State Supreme Court Justice Position 3

The Washington State Supreme Court Justice Position 4 race received a **Postponement** recommendation from the SKI Political Workgroup. This race is advancing to the General Election and is not a part of the 2026 Primary Elections.

The breadth of knowledge gained is enormous and very valuable. Know that you can trust the recommendation of the Political Workgroup was done with much care and diligences. We have taken our task seriously to be an advisory board for the South Kitsap Indivisible membership.

III. Endorsement Meeting Policy

SKI Indivisible used the policy set down by the national Indivisible organization to guide the policy of our local organization. Other sources of the process and procedure came from review of the Kitsap County Democrats, LD26th Democrats, and the West Sound Democratic Socialist Endorsement Policies and procedures. The agreed upon SKI Endorsement is located here:

[SKI Endorsement Meeting Policy](#)

IV. Endorsement Process Flow For the July 10th Political Work Group meeting

[Process Flow for SKI Political Workgroup Meeting \(Printable Version\)](#)

Process Flow (Per Race)

Establish the total number of voters at the start of the meeting. Know threshold numbers for 75%, 60% & 50%.

For Each Race:

- Subject Matter Expert (SME) Intro & Recommendation (2 mins)
- Immediate Vote (No Debate)

Does the Recommendation Pass?

- **YES** -> Final Action for THIS RACE => Move to the Next Race
- **NO** -> Full Consideration (THIS RACE):
 - Motion Introduced
 - Debate (Pro/Con) – by Subject Matter Experts (2 mins each)
 - Vote on Motion

Motion Outcomes

- **Sole Endorsement (candidate)** ->Close THIS RACE -> Move to Next Race
- **Endorsement (candidate)** -> No further endorsed candidates for this race-> Move to next candidate
- **Approval (candidate)**->Further Motions in THIS RACE
 - Note: you can have more than one Approval in this race
- **Non-Endorsement (candidate)** ->Continue with other candidates in THIS RACE
- **No Action (candidate)** -not enough info to make a decision ->Continue with other candidates in THIS RACE
- **No Action (race)** -> Close THIS RACE -> Move to the Next Race
- **Postpone (race)** -> Defer THIS RACE to a specified future meeting

Possible Motions

- Sole Endorse [Candidate Name]
- Endorse [Candidate Name]
- Approve [Candidate Name]
- Non-Endorsement [Candidate Name]
- No Action [Candidate Name]
- No Action (race level)
- Postpone consideration to [specific meeting/date/time] (Robert's Rules)

Helpful Tips

- **Review The Voter Guide candidate materials before the meeting**
- Vote based on your current judgment
- Debate applies to motions, not general discussion
- Use motions to shape outcomes
- Sole Endorsement (75%) and Endorsement (60%) requires broad support

Code of Conduct

- Respect all members and candidates
- No interruptions or personal attacks
- Disclose campaign affiliation when speaking
- Follow Presiding Officer instructions and meeting rules
- Maintain decorum during debate

Key Rules to Remember

- Only one candidate may be sole endorsed or endorsed per race
- Sole Endorsement requires 75% votes cast
- Endorsement requires 60% votes cast
- Approval requires more than 50%
- Motion to endorse that fails to get 60% but more than 50% becomes a successful approval vote
- Other candidates may be approved in a race where a candidate has been endorsed
- Endorsement overrides prior approvals in that race

V. Endorsement Process Flow For the July 15th Membership meeting

[SKI General Membership Meeting Process Flow \(Printable Version\)](#)

Process Flow (Per Race)

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- Immediate Vote (No Debate)

Does the Recommendation Pass?

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- **NO** -> Full Consideration (THIS RACE):
 - Motion Introduced
 - Debate (Pro/Con) – by Subject Matter Experts (2 mins each)
 - Vote on Motion

Motion Outcomes:

- **Sole Endorsement (candidate)** -> Close THIS RACE -> Move to Next Race
- **Endorsement (candidate)** -> No further endorsed candidates for this race-> Move to next candidate
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- **Non-Endorsement (candidate)** ->Continue with other candidates in THIS RACE
- **No Action (candidate)** -not enough info to make a decision ->Continue with other candidates in THIS RACE
- **No Action (race)** -> Close THIS RACE -> Move to the Next Race
- **Postpone (race)** -> Defer THIS RACE to a specified future meeting

Possible Motions

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- Endorse [Candidate Name]
- Approve [Candidate Name]
- Non-Endorsement [Candidate Name]
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VI. Endorsement Voter Card

[Endorsement Voter Card](#) (Printable version)

South Kitsap Indivisible Endorsement Meeting-Member Card			
Position, Candidate Name US Representative WA Congressional District #6	Political Party Affiliation	SKI Political Committee Endorsement	SKI Membership Endorsement
Teresa Fox	Republican		
Macy Jones	No Party		
Leon Lawson	Republican		
Brian P. O'Gorman	Independent		
Emily Randall (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
WA State Legislative District #26 Senator			
Deborah Krishnadasen (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Gary Parker	Republican		
WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 1			
Natalie Borfleth	Democrat	Approval	
David Olson	Republican		
Adison Richards (Incumbent)	Democrat	Endorsement	
WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 2 (No Incumbent)			
Katy Cornell	Republican		
Renee Hernandez Greenfield	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Randy Phillips	No Party		
Tedd Wetherbee	Democrat		
WA State Legislative District #35 Senator			
Drew MacEwen (Incumbent)	Republican		
Carolina Mejia	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position 1			
Shaena Garberich	Democrat		
Dan Griffey (Incumbent)	Republican		
Jim Pierson	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position2			
Travis Couture (Incumbent)	Republican		
Maria Littlesun	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Kitsap County Commissioner District 3			
Kevin Tisdel	Republican		

Katie Walters (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Kitsap County Assessor			
Phil Cook (Incumbent)	Republican	Endorsement	
Michael Simonds	Democrat		
Kitsap County Auditor (Unopposed Race)			
Paul Andrews (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Kitsap County Clerk			
Brien Kennedy	Democrat		
David Lewis III (Incumbent)	Democrat	Endorsement	
Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney			
Chad M Enright (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Joe Lombardi	Democrat		
Kitsap County Sheriff (No Incumbent)			
Rick Kuss	Republican		
Brandon L Myers	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Kitsap County Treasurer (Unopposed Race)			
Pete Boissonneau (incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	
Supreme Court Justice Positions WA State (Nonpartisan Races)			
Supreme Court Justice Position 1			
Laura Christensen Colberg			
Scott Edwards			
Colleen Melody (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	
Supreme Court Justice Position 3 (No Incumbent)			
Mike Diaz		Endorsement	
Jaime Michelle Hawk		Approval	
David Stevens			
Supreme Court Justice Position 4			
Ian Birk			
Sean O'Donnell			
Supreme Court Justice Position 5			
Sharonda Amamilo			
Theo Angelis (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	
Dave Larson			
Greg Miller			
Supreme Court Justice Position 7			
Todd A Bloom			
Karim A. Merchant			
David R Shelvey			
Debra L Stephens (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	

VII. Candidate Summaries

1. US Representative WA Congressional District #6

A U.S. Representative to Washington State serves in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., where they represent the interests of their specific congressional district. Their primary responsibilities include proposing and voting on federal legislation, serving on congressional committees, and providing direct constituent services.

Candidates

Teresa Fox

Challenger State Congresswoman, District 6, Republican

Background

- Olympic College – Certificate in Industrial Electronics and Occupational and Fire Safety Fields
- North Bend Fire Academy – Completed Studies
- Environmental, Health & Safety Manager Naval Inactive Ships
- Regional Safety & Risk Management: Washington Labor & Industries, Olympic College, and in port/at sea for Icicle Seafoods, Alaska
- Kitsap County DCD & Fire Marshal's Office.
- Kitsap County Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) 5 years.
- Endorsements from the Counties' Republican parties.

Accomplishments

- Business professional with 30 years regulatory compliance; successfully managing multi-million dollar budgets

Claims

- Washington's 6th District deserves a representative who understands that our community's strength lies in its independence, hard work, and natural beauty.
- I will bring common sense leadership to Washington, D.C., focusing on the issues that impact our daily lives: public safety, taxes, economic vitality.
- Public safety is a paramount duty of the government. I will work tirelessly to support our local law enforcement and first responders, providing them with the resources

Campaign Financing

- Federal Election Commission: [FOX FOR WA \(C00939926\)](#)
No activity reported as of July 11, 2026

Endorsements

- Clallam County Republican Party
- Gray's Harbor Republican Party
- Jefferson County Republican Party

- Kitsap County Republican Party
- Mason County Republican Party
- Pierce County Republican Party
- Sharon Trask, Mason County Commissioner

Macy Jones

Challenger State Congresswoman, District 6, No Party Affiliation

Background

- Party: No Party Preference
- Pursuing Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Health Peninsula College
- Associates Degree Peninsula College
- Professional Service in Healthcare specializing in Elder Care, Organizing Youth Events, Tutoring Liberian Refugees, Emergency Response, Local Civic Projects
- 7th Degree Grange Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Claims

- Integrity, financial transparency, human dignity, and accountability are at the center of my campaign.
- Will never accept foreign money or AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) funding.
- Will represent the needs of the people in our district, not corporate donors or political insiders.
- Families across our communities are struggling with affordability, healthcare costs, housing insecurity, food access, and the rising cost of living.

Campaign Finance

- Federal Election Commission: No record found as of July 11, 2026
- Will accept no PAC affiliation or foreign donations

Endorsements

None found as of July 11, 2026

Leon Lawson

Challenger State Congressman, District 6, Trump Republican

Background

- Party: Prefers Trump Republican Party
- Completed Automotive Collision Repair Training at NMVSC
- WSI ADA Certified
- Operated a successful car dealership on tribal land,
- Authored legislation
- Ran three statewide campaigns.
- Grassroots leader building MAGA Washington infrastructure in deep-blue WA-6

Claims

- Stands for juvenile rehab that turns lost kids into productive citizens
- tribal empowerment
- crushing Big Pharma middlemen
- secure elections
- policies that put working families, seniors, and veterans first

Campaign Finance

- Federal Election Commission: [LEON LAWSON FOR CONGRESS \(C00929539\)](#)
No activity reported as of July 11, 2026
- Self Financed
- Accepts no PAC money, only individual donations

Endorsements

- Maga Washington.com
- AmericafirstWA.com
- Trumprepublicans.net

Brian P. O'Gorman

Challenger State Congressman, District 6, Independent

Background

- Party: Independent Party
- H.S. Diploma, some college
- Served in the United States Army and National Guard for 16 years as Field Medic
- Scouting America (BSA)
- Community Emergency Response Team
- American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Claims

- Both major political parties have done a disservice to the American People.
- We have lost many of our Constitutional protections, including civil forfeiture, qualified immunity, gerrymandering, and disregarding the will of the people. Congress' impotence must be remedied.

Campaign Finance

- Federal Election Committee - No record found as of July 11, 2026.
- No data but accepts no money from PACs

Endorsements

None found as of July 11, 2026

Emily Randall - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Incumbent State Congresswoman, District 6, Democrat

Background

- Third Generation Washingtonian, born and raised in Port Orchard, Washington
- Wellesley College BA in Spanish and Women's Studies
- 2018-2022 Washington State Senate
- 2025 to present U.S. House of Representative
- For 10 years, worked at Planned Parenthood, Children's Hospital, and Wellesley College helping people afford the healthcare they need and the education opportunities they deserve.
- Member, American Association of University Women, Gig Harbor; past board member, Kitsap Community Resources; past volunteer, Access Women's Health Justice; Big Sister

Accomplishments

- First in her family to graduate from college
- Became Deputy Majority Leader in the Washington State Senate
- Flipped one of the most competitive seats in the Washington State Senate

Congressional Committees:

Emily Randall is a member of two key committees in the U.S. House of Representatives:

Committee Name	Responsibilities
Committee on Natural Resources	Oversees federal lands, national parks, forests, environmental policies, and energy production.
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	Ensures government efficiency, investigates waste or abuse, and promotes transparency.

Subcommittees

In addition to her committee roles, Randall is involved in the following subcommittees:

- Federal Lands
- Indian and Insular Affairs
- Government Operations
- Health Care and Financial Services

These committees and subcommittees allow her to address various issues affecting her constituents and the broader community.

Claims

- Randall made a pledge she would hold the Trump Administration accountable – when Trump threatened Medicaid cuts, she held town halls across the district to listen to the

concerns of our communities — and in Washington D.C. When his administration mismanaged classified information, she demanded accountability. When ICE acted illegally, she didn't stay quiet. When the Trump Administration put their corrupt, self-dealing agenda before our Constitution, I used my position on the Oversight Committee to push back and she accomplished in Congress what she had pledged in her campaign.

- She fought to bring down costs for working families.
- Worked across the aisle to secure nearly \$18 million in federal funding for community projects across all six counties in our district-- from wastewater infrastructure to emergency management funding, housing and ferry investments to making the PCS process smoother for military families

Campaign Finance

- \$1.6 million from individual donors,
- PACS, and others--Large Individual Contributions - 52.46%,
- Small Individual Contributions - 20.34%,
- PAC Contributions - 27.02%, Other Contributions - .17%
- Federal Election Committee information:
 - Candidate for House WA - District 06 DEMOCRATIC PARTY ID: H4WA06117
 - [EMILY RANDALL FOR CONGRESS \(C00857094\)](#)
 - [EMILY RANDALL VICTORY FUND \(C00887646\)](#)
- Does not accept Corporate PAC money, Bans congressional stock trading
- Accepts donations from local businesses and local PAC's. List of PAC's: Resistance PAC, Jamestown s'kallam Tribe, Equality Project PAC, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Strategic Link Consulting, Habenatolel Pomo of Upper Lake, Kaishi Inc, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, J Street, Victory nNow Pac, Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Union, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, American Crystal Sugar, Committee for Hispanic Causes-BOLD PAC, Equality PAC, National Auto Dealers Association, American Federation of State/County/Municipal Employees, Jobs Education & Families First, Medicare for All PAC List of Business break down: Misc Businesses, Ideology/Single Issue ,Other, Labor, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate, Agribusiness, Transportation , Lawyers & Lobbyists/Health , Communication/Electronics, Fishing, Energy/Production/Distribution, Waste Management, Environmental Services/Equipment/Consulting

Endorsements

- Senator Patty Murray
- National Education Association
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 28 WA State (WFSE)
- Animal Wellness Action (AWA)
- Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
- Bend the Arc Jewish Action PAC
- Center for Freethought Equality

- Congressional Hispanic Caucus BOLD PAC
- Elect Democratic Women
- Equality PAC
- Giffords PAC
- Human Rights Campaign
- Humane World Action Fund
- Jewish Democratic Council of America
- JStreetPAC
- League of Conservation Voters Action Fund
- LGBTQ PAC (LPAC)
- Planned Parenthood Action Fund
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- PODER PAC
- Reproductive Freedom for All
- Service Employees International Union 775
- Sierra Club Washington
- WA 26th Legislative District Democrats
- WA Legislative District 31 (LD31) Democrats
- Washington Education Association
- Washington Federation of State Employees, Local 443 (WFSE Local 443)
- Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council
- Washington State Labor Council
- Washington State Stonewall Democrat
- Women of Color in Politics

2. WA State Legislative District #26 Senator

State legislature senator duties include writing and proposing new laws; debating and proposing changes to bills with other members of the state senate; and voting on bills that affect the state of Washington. State Senators serve a four-year term, elected by voters in their district. They represent the interests of their constituents within their districts. The Legislative District 26th covers the southeastern Kitsap Peninsula, including Bremerton, Port Orchard, Gig Harbor, and the Key Peninsula in Washington state. Senators also oversee the state budget, create policies in various areas, and serve on committees to address specific issues. The function of committees is to provide an opportunity to focus on specific issues, allowing for detailed examination and discussion of legislation. A Senator can engage in public hearing to gather input from constituents and experts on proposed laws. Additional responsibilities include negotiations with other law makers to reach compromises on legislation. Community engagement is another tactic used by Senators to meet with constituents to understand their concerns and gather feedback on legislative matters. This role is vital for ensuring that state laws reflect the needs and priorities of the community.

Candidates

Deb Krishnadasan - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Incumbent State Senator, Legislative District 26, Democrat

Background

- Life-long Washingtonian, grew up in Pierce County,
- Western Washington University earned a bachelor's degree
- in 1990
- Fund raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- PTA volunteer
- School Board Member for Peninsula School District
- 2015 elected to Peninsula School District Board of Directors
- 2018-2020 served as president of the school board

Accomplishments

- Formed a public-school advocacy group "Stand Up for Peninsula Schools (SUP)
- Led successful school levy campaigns in 2016, 2020, and 2023
- Ran a successful school bond campaign in 2019 that funded 4 new elementary schools and modernized/expanded 2 middle schools
- Awards:
 - Citizen of the Year, Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce 2023
 - Hugh McMillan Award, Peninsula School District 2023
 - Community Leadership Award, Washington Association of School Administrators 2019
- Significant legislative win: Senate Bill 6162 for property tax relief for seniors
- Authored & Sponsored Legislation for Washington State Senator Deborah Krishnadasan during 2025-2026 Regular Session. Legislation includes: SB5000, SB5004, SB5030, SB5033, SB5071, SB5082 and SB5092 (162 total bills)
- In 2026, Deb Krishnadasan sponsored and passed Senate Bill 5346, which addresses student use of mobile devices in public schools, and Senate Bill 5272, which improves school safety by extending penalties for interference and intimidation at schools
- Total votes 1,101 all sessions; Attendance 100% of floor votes
- Bipartisan score 3% crosses aisle rarely

Legislative committees

- Vice Chair of Transportation Committee
- Vice Chair of Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
- Member of Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee

Claims

Deb is a lifelong Washingtonian committed to improving educational opportunities for our children and young people, advancing public transportation and infrastructure, and creating an economy that works for everyone.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$162,544.00

- Individual contributions \$61,420.00
- Political Action \$13,387.00
- Business \$12,396.88
- Other \$21,426.99
- Miscellaneous \$7,181.49

Endorsements

- LD26 Democrats
- Kitsap Democrats
- Washington state Labor Council
- State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Planned Parenthood
- National Women's Political Caucus of Washington
- Laborer's Local 252, Tacoma
- SEIU Local 775
- SEIU Local 925
- Teamsters 117g
- WEA PAC
- WEA Olympic UniServ Council
- International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
- International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
- Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Sierra Club
- Washington State Nurses Association PAC
- UFCW 3000 Union
- Fair Vote Washington
- Bremerton Firefighters Local 437
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Coalition of Pierce County

Gary Parker

State Senate Legislative District 26 challenger, Republican

Background

- Native of Austin, Texas
- Moved to Washington as an engineer with Intel
- Retired and opened a Gig Harbor restaurant, BBQ2U
- No previous elected experience
- Ran for Pierce County Charter Review Commission in 2025
- He was defeated by Brenda Lykins 57%-43%
- Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce member
- Rotary Club member

Accomplishments

- Co-founded Olympic Civic Services, a non-profit social services to seniors and veterans
- Business of the Year BBQ2U - Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce 2022
- Business Person of the Year - Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce 2023
- Citizen of the Year - South Sound Magazine 2024
- Best BBQ-South Sound Magazine 2019, 2022, & 2023
- Gig Harbor Finest 2019, 2021, 2023
- Intel Achievement Award 2007; Rotarian of the Year 2023
- Finest Citizen - Gig Harbor Finest 2025

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$72,978.76

- Self \$60,676.88
- Individual \$11,375.00
- Other \$250.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

3. WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 1

A Washington State Legislative Representative (Position 1) represents constituents in the state legislature, participates in lawmaking, and serves on committees. Key responsibilities include advocating for constituents, participating in lawmaking, serving on committees, and engaging with constituents. Representatives serve a two-year term, elected in even-numbered years. The Legislative District 26th covers the southeastern Kitsap Peninsula, including Bremerton, Port Orchard, Gig Harbor, and the Key Peninsula in Washington state. Skills and qualifications include strong communication, analytical skills, a commitment to public service, and community engagement. This role ensures constituents' voices are heard in the Washington State Legislature.

Candidates

Natalie Bornfleth - Received Approval Recommendation

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Deep roots into the 26th Legislative District.
- Attended South Kitsap Public Schools
- Earned degrees from WSU, UW, and Olympic College
- Served 6 years as a Logistics Officer in the Military
- Lives in Port Orchard with her husband and son
- Worked as a nuclear Test Pipefitter at PS Naval Shipyard
- Registered member of Bremerton Metal Trades Council

Accomplishments

- SKEA Executive Board Member-at-Large
- UniServ Representative for WEA Olympic
- Local delegate to the WEA Representative Assembly
- State Delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly
- Earned her Master's degree in education
- Been a Union member for 11 years
- Building a career centered on service, education, and advocacy for working families
- Lifelong commitment to public service, organized labor, and educational opportunity

Claims

She will fight for fully funded public schools, stronger support for special education, safer and more supportive learning environments, policies that retain and respect educators. She supports building a system that moves us closer to universal healthcare, lowers out-of-pocket costs, expands preventative care, and makes prescription drugs and essential services more affordable for Washington families. She will stand up for workers' rights, protect collective bargaining, support apprenticeships and career pathways, and fight for fair wages and safe working conditions.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$13,098.00

- Individual \$7,050.00
- Other \$4,048.00
- Political Action Committee \$1,200.00
- Party \$800.00

Endorsements

- Washington State Labor Council
- WEAPAC
- Washington State Nurses Association
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Moms Demand Action

David Olson

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Republican

Background

- Enlisted in the U.S. Navy right out of high school
- Trained as an electrician
- Became a Navy Diver
- Served over 28 years, he rose to Chief Warrant Officer.
- Been a Gig Harbor resident since 2005
- Retired U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer
- Father of four
- 12-year Peninsula School Board director

Accomplishments

- Elected to the Peninsula School District Board in 2013 (re-elected three times)
- Has served as President, Vice President, and the board's Legislative Representative throughout his tenure.
- In 2015, he was elected to the Pierce County Charter Review Commission
- Board Member and President, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation
- Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2463
- Member, American Legion Post 236
- Board Member and President, City Club of Tacoma
- Board Member and Vice President, Hilltop Business Association
- Board Member, World Trade Center Tacoma

Claims

David's background in public-finance banking has helped school districts, cities, and counties across Washington deliver critical projects on time and under budget. David's vision as State Representative is to vote against future tax increases, cut wasteful spending, restore public safety, and overhaul our public school system.

He will defend sex-based sports and support policies that preserve girls' opportunities in sports. He also will defend parents' right to be informed and involved in their child's education, ensure transparency and plain-language communication from schools.

In education he will focus on: academic basics first, fully fund core obligations such as special education and student transportation, and work for accountability for spending. Issues he will fight for are housing affordability through predictable permitting, fee and mandate transparency, backing more options for skilled trade training and expanding workforce accessibility.

Campaign Finance:

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$117,458.13

- Individual \$62,429.73
- Caucus \$45,000.00
- Business \$5,800.00
- Political Action Committee \$2,400.00
- Miscellaneous \$1,828.40

Endorsements:

- Rob McKenna, Former WA Attorney General and 2012 Gubernatorial Candidate
- Dave Reichert, Former U.S. Congressman and 2024 Gubernatorial Candidate
- State Senator Drew MacEwen
- State Representative Jim Walsh
- State Representative Drew Stokesbary
- State Representative Chris Corry
- State Representative Andrew Barkin
- State Representative April Connors
- State Representative Suzanne Schmidt
- State Representative Peter Abbarno
- State Representative John Ley

- State Representative Hunter Abel
- State Representative Travis Couture
- State Representative Cyndy Jacobsen
- State Representative Michael Keaton
- State Representative Gloria Mendoza
- State Representative Josh Penner
- State Representative Jeremy DuFault
- State Representative Dan Griffey
- Heidi Fenton, Port Orchard City Council
- Amy Cruver, Pierce County Council
- Paul Herrera, Pierce County Council
- Chuck West, Peninsula School Board Director
- David McMullen, Chairman Pierce County Republican Party
- Pierce County Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party

Adison Richards - Received Endorsement Recommendation

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- Grew up here and has lived in every part of the district
- Now lives in South Kitsap
- Graduated from Peninsula High where his Mom teaches
- Worked through high school for Dad's local small landscaping business
- Graduated from University of Washington (Seattle), Bachelor's degree in Political science and government (2014)
- Graduated from Villanova University School of Law (2018)
- Served domestic violence and human trafficking victims, Northwest Justice Project
- Served people in housing crises, Kitsap Legal Services
- Serving as State Representative, Position 2, 2025-current

Accomplishments (Just a sampling).

- Sponsored HB2445: This bill strengthens state law governing the probate process for handling the estate of a person who dies without a will. This bill was signed, enacted and adopted 24 Mar 2026.
- Sponsored WA HB2199: Derelict Vessel Removal redefined and expedited the removal process. Bill took effect on 11 June 2026
- Sponsored WA HB1096: This bill aims to increase housing options by creating a streamlined administrative process for lot splitting in cities across Washington state. This bill was signed, enacted and adopted 17 May 2025.
- Sponsored WA HB1491: This bill promotes transit-oriented housing development by establishing new requirements and incentives for cities to increase housing density near major transit stops. This bill was signed, enacted and adopted 13 May 2025.
- Sponsored WA HB1271: This bill updates the definition of "mobilization" in state law to allow for early deployment of fire service resources in anticipation of potential emergencies. This bill was signed, enacted and adopted 12 May 2025.

- Sponsored WA HB1106: This bill modifies property tax exemption requirements for military veterans with disabilities by reducing the service-connected disability rating threshold from 80 percent to 40 percent, making more veterans eligible for property tax relief. This bill was signed, enacted and adopted 7 May 2025.
- Total votes 1,197 all sessions; Attendance 100% 4 missed
- Bipartisan score 11% some cross-party votes

Legislative Committees

- Housing – Vice Chair
- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Transportation

Claims

As the child of a public-school teacher, and a product of our schools, I believe wholeheartedly that quality education is the core to expanding opportunity for all. I'm passionate about giving back to our community. I volunteer with the Rotary Club, Foundation for Washington State Courts, Awesome Praise, Down Home Band on the Key Peninsula, and as a Peninsula High School Cross Country Coach, along with many others over the years.

Legislative Focus is:

- Homelessness
- Rising Costs
- Public Safety
- Protecting Reproductive Freedom
- Creating Opportunity for All

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$172,947.45

- Business \$56,816.64
- Individual \$50,955.00
- Other \$19,760.50
- Political Action Committee \$12,350.00
- Caucus \$8,350.00

Endorsements

- Emily Randall US Congress - 6th CD
- Robyn Benson Pierce County Councilmember
- Ryan Mello Pierce County Executive
- Christine Rolfes Kitsap County Commissioner
- Katie Walters Kitsap County Commissioner
- Greg Wheeler Bremerton Mayor
- Mary Barber Mayor of Gig Harbor
- Rob Putaansuu Mayor of Port Orchard
- Brenda Lykins Former Gig Harbor Councilmember, Pierce County
- Chad Enright Kitsap County Prosecutor
- Larry Seaquist Former State Representative LD 26
- David Lewis Kitsap County Clerk
- Ben Coronado Gig Harbor City Councilmember

- Marty Campbell Pierce County Councilmember
- Deanna Keller Port of Tacoma Commissioner
- Kyle Joyce South Kitsap Fire Commissioner
- Derek Young Former Pierce County Councilmember
- Julie Martin Gig Harbor City Council
- John Morrissey Port Orchard City Council
- 26th LD Democrats
- Kitsap County Democrats
- AFT WA
- WACOPS
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility

4. Wa State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 2 (No Incumbent)

A Washington State Legislative Representative (Position 2) represents constituents in the state legislature, participates in lawmaking, and serves on committees. Key responsibilities include advocating for constituents, participating in lawmaking, serving on committees, and engaging with constituents. Representatives serve a two-year term, elected in even-numbered years. The Legislative District 26th covers the southeastern Kitsap Peninsula, including Bremerton, Port Orchard, Gig Harbor, and the Key Peninsula in Washington state. Skills and qualifications include strong communication, analytical skills, a commitment to public service, and community engagement. This role ensures constituents' voices are heard in the Washington State Legislature.

Candidates

Katy Cornell

Legislative District 26, Representative Position 2 Challenger, Republican

Background

- Life-long Washingtonian, raised in Port Orchard
- Currently Gig Harbor resident
- Wife married 18 years, mother of three children, nonprofit leader, and business owner
- Earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Northwestern University
- Earned Masters Degree in Nonprofit Leadership from Seattle University
- Been a pastor for 13 years.

Accomplishments

- Founded Walk in the Light (2009), a nonprofit serving vulnerable communities in Burkina Faso, West Africa.
- Walk in the Light builds schools and health centers, establishes wells for safe drinking water, and supports displaced refugees in Burkina Faso and Ukraine.

- Through this work, we have built schools and health centers and developed more than 25 wells that provide clean water to over 50,000 people. We have supported refugees displaced by war in Burkina Faso, assisted Ukrainian families fleeing to Romania. I am honored to have walked alongside communities facing unimaginable challenges.

Claims

Since childhood, I have felt called to public service — not for a title, but to represent people honestly and compassionately. I believe deeply in the American promise: that with hard work, integrity, and perseverance, anyone can pursue their dreams, no matter where they begin.

I believe in a government that is strong where it should be, limited where it needs to be, and accountable at all times. Government is not the solution to every problem; we the people are. When the government functions well, it supports families, protects communities, and enables people to build better lives.

Her stance on key issues is:

Opportunity: Every person deserves the opportunity to build a stable and secure future. We will fight for policies that expand opportunity while addressing the rising cost of living.

Safety: Healthy and safe neighborhoods are key to thriving communities. I will support policies that prioritize safety and ensure our neighborhoods remain stable and safe.

Education: Excellent schools are essential to opportunity and long-term success. I will advocate for policies that strengthen education and support students, parents, and educators statewide.

Growth: Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy. I will support economic growth through lower taxes and fewer unnecessary burdens so employers can grow, hire, and invest in our communities.

Campaign Finance

Total Contribution for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$230,882.33

- Caucus \$111,500.00
- Individual \$82,815.57
- Party \$17,500.00
- Business \$8,924.30
- Miscellaneous \$9,465.58

Endorsements

- Michelle Caldier, State Representative
- Spencer Hutchinson, former State Representative
- John Morrissey, Port Orchard City Council
- Kelly Chambers, former State Representative
- Drew MacEwen, State Senator
- April Connors, State Representative
- Suzanne Schmidt, State Representative
- Drew Stokesbary, State Representative
- Kevin Waters, State Representative
- Sam Low, State Representative
- Chris Corry, State Representative
- Skyler Rude, State Representative

- Mike Steele, State Representative
- Dan Griffey, State Representative
- Mark Klicker, State Representative
- Joel McEntire, State Representative
- Alex Ybarra, State Representative
- Key Peninsula Firefighters
- Tommy's Story Hour
- Pierce County Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party
- Young Republicans of Washington

Renee Hernandez Greenfield - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Legislative District 26, Representative Position 2, Democrat

Background

- Graduated with a BA in history from Occidental College in 2001
- Earned a MS in Psychology from University of Phoenix in 2010
- Focused career on early childhood education and welfare
- Served as a Child Protective Services (CPS) investigator for the Suquamish Tribe
- Served as an adjunct instructor for early childhood education at Tacoma Community College and Western Washington University
- Serves currently as a Family Trainer in Speech and Language at Holly Ridge Center
- Managed early learning centers, overseeing Early Head Start and Head Start programs, particularly in underserved and Indigenous communities
- Third-generation union member

Claims

Improving Education

- I understand how vital early childhood education and support.
- Child care facilities don't receive enough funding to accept children on subsidies, but families who rely on subsidies can't afford private childcare.
- Children need early care and education that meets their needs

Fighting for Climate Resiliency

- I'm a steadfast champion of strong climate policies because I believe that protecting our planet for future generations is a sacred responsibility we cannot ignore.
- I passionately support ambitious measures that prioritize clean energy, reduce carbon emissions, and hold corporate polluters accountable, knowing that the stakes could not be higher.

Creating Real Affordability

- We're all being asked to do more with less and our legislature needs to lead the way in making our state affordable.
- I will fight against tax increases on working and middle-class families, increase our housing supply, cut wasteful spending at the state level, and fight for a better healthcare system so seniors and families aren't bankrupted by medical expenses.

Supporting Workers

- I know supporting workers in their fight for fair wages, safe working conditions, and dignity on the job is a moral imperative.
- This is personal for me. My parents were proud Steelworkers Union members.
- As an adult, I am a proud American Federation of Teachers union member.

100 Percent Pro-Choice

- We know that women's rights and freedom are under attack across this country.
- I will always fight to ensure Washington State is a 100 percent pro-choice state that keeps women's health care decisions between a woman and her doctor.

Honoring Tribal Sovereignty & Consultation

- For me, tribal consultation is a consistent and routine practice - not a checkbox or an afterthought.
- It means engaging early, listening with humility, and ensuring tribal voices help shape decisions that impact their communities.
- Tribal governments are already doing deep, effective work that supports not only their own citizens, but surrounding communities as well.
- My approach is to recognize, respect, and support that leadership — strengthening partnerships rather than duplicating or undermining efforts already underway.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$66,030.90

- Individual \$40,980.29
- Other \$11,387.11
- Party \$5,000.00
- Political Action Committee \$4,651.00
- Miscellaneous \$4,012.50

Endorsements

- Emily Randall, Congress
- Jani Hitchen, County Council
- Robyn Denson, County Council
- Christine Rolfes, County Commissioner
- Chad Enright, County Prosecutor
- Frank Dacca, District Court Judge, retired
- Julie Martin, Gig Harbor City Council
- Washington State Labor Council
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Washington Education Association
- American Federation of Teachers WA
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Washington Conservation Action
- Teamsters 117
- Sage Leaders
- Washington State Nurses Association
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Washington Democratic Latino Caucus
- Women of Color in Politics

- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Machinists District 751
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Children's Campaign Fund
- Bremerton Metal Trades Council

Randy Phillips

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 2, states no party preference

Background

- Not a career politician
- Former dishwasher
- Professional DJ
- Student advocate
- Small business owner
- Husband and Father

Accomplishments

- Earned his Bachelor's Degree in Applied Management with a focus on Project Management from Tacoma Community College (2026) at age 37.
- Former President of student government at Tacoma Community College
- Former President of the United States Student Association
- Associate's Degree in Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship

Claims

I am committed to serving the 26th Legislative District in the great state of Washington. I believe the government should solve problems, create opportunities, and earn the public's trust every day. I'll fight for affordable education and pathways that keep Washington students in Washington's workforce. I believe in strong communities, smart transportation, and success measured by the number of lives improved.

Randy's Priorities Include:

Education

- Affordable College and Career Training
- Support from Pre-K through Higher Education
- Strengthening our workforce by investing in People

Housing

- Build more homes that people can actually afford
- Reduce unnecessary delays in permitting
- Protecting the community while encouraging smart growth

Transportation

- Improving mobility for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users
- Investing in infrastructure that keeps Washington moving forward, safely
- Focus on projects that deliver measurable results

Government that works

- Make state services easier to access

- Reduce bureaucracy that wastes time and money
- Hold government accountable with transparent and measurable outcomes

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$1,353.76

- Starting balance \$676.88
- Self \$676.88

Endorsements

None found as of July 11, 2026

Tedd Wetherbee

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 2, Democrat

Background

- Raised in a large family with an immigrant mother
- Attended Florida State University
- Worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Spent 10 years in Lagos, Nigeria working on infrastructure and energy projects
- Owns several cannabis dispensaries in Pierce County

Claims

Priorities for the 26th Legislative District:

- [Lowering the Cost of Living](#)
Tedd believes it's time to focus on practical solutions that ease that burden. That means supporting policies that help bring down everyday costs, strengthen local economies, and ensure people can build stable, secure lives in the communities they call home.
- [Make Housing More Affordable](#)
Tedd supports increasing housing supply, encouraging responsible development, and cutting unnecessary barriers that slow down progress. The goal is simple: make sure people can afford to live where they work, raise their families, and stay connected to their communities.
- [Support Small Businesses and Local Jobs](#)
As a business owner, Tedd understands firsthand the challenges entrepreneurs face — from rising costs to complex regulations. He will work to reduce unnecessary red tape, support job creation, and ensure small businesses have the tools they need to grow and succeed.
- [Protect Reproductive Freedom and Human Rights](#)
He is committed to protecting reproductive freedom, defending the right to vote, and ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and immigrant communities are treated fairly and equally under the law. These are not political issues — they are fundamental rights.
- [Keep Our Communities Safe and Supported](#)
Tedd believes in a balanced approach that ensures accountability, builds trust, and provides the resources needed to keep neighborhoods safe and connected. Every community in the 26th District deserves to feel safe, heard, and supported.
- [Protecting Our Environment and Clean Water](#)

Tedd believes we can take a practical, balanced approach that protects our natural resources while supporting responsible growth. That means investing in solutions that reduce pollution, protect local waterways, and ensure that development happens in a way that respects the character and sustainability of our communities.

- [Healthcare Access & Affordability](#)

He supports strengthening access to quality healthcare, addressing workforce shortages, expanding mental health resources, and ensuring Washington families can access timely, affordable care in their own communities.

- [Supporting Public Education](#)

He supports investing in public education, supporting teachers and school staff, and ensuring students are prepared for future opportunities, whether that's college, trades, military service, or entering the workforce.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$89,644.99

- Individual \$79,929.44
- Other \$3,515.55
- Business \$2,900.00
- Self \$2,500.00
- Party \$800.00

Endorsements

- Derek Stanford, Washington State Senator, 1st Legislative District
- Kristine Reeves, WA State Representative, 30th Legislative District
- Steve Kirby, Former State Representative, 29th Legislative District
- Tiffany Mitchell, Former Oregon State Representative, 32nd District
- Brett Wittner, Former Mayor, City of Fircrest
- Ryan Mello, Pierce County Executive
- Anders Ibsen, City of Tacoma Mayor
- Jane Rebelowski, Bremerton City Council President
- Jen Butler, Former Peninsula School Board Director
- Javier Figueroa, University Place City Council
- Marty Campbell, Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer
- Rick Talbert, Former Pierce County Council
- Ken Malich, Former Gig Harbor City Council
- Roger Henderson, Former Gig Harbor City Council
- Victoria Woodards, Former City of Tacoma Mayor

Approved by:

- 26th Legislative Democrats
- Pierce County Democrats
- Environmental Coalition of Pierce County
- Environment and Climate Council of WA State Dems
- APRNS of Washington State

5. WA State Legislative District #35 Senator

State legislature senator duties include writing and proposing new laws; debating and proposing changes to bills with other members of the state senate; and voting on bills that affect the state of Washington. State Senators serve a four-year term, elected by voters in their district. They represent the interests of their constituents within their districts. The Legislative District 35th covers the key cities of Centralia, Shelton, and Tumwater, along with several smaller communities such as Ally, Rochester, and Tenino. The district covers all of Mason County and parts of Thurston and Kitsap counties. Senators also oversee the state budget, create policies in various areas, and serve on committees to address specific issues. The function of committees is to provide an opportunity to focus on specific issues, allowing for detailed examination and discussion of legislation. A Senator can engage in public hearing to gather input from constituents and experts on proposed laws. Additional responsibilities include negotiations with other law makers to reach compromises on legislation. Community engagement is another tactic used by Senators to meet with constituents to understand their concerns and gather feedback on legislative matters. This role is vital for ensuring that state laws reflect the needs and priorities of the community.

Candidates

Drew MacEwen

Incumbent State Senator, Legislative District 35, Republican

Background

- 1992 graduated from Sheboygan Fall High School 1992
- 1997 bachelor's degree from State University of NY
- 1997 bachelor's degree from Excelsior College
- 1992-1998 – served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force
- 2012-2022 Served in the House
- 2023- present elected to the Senate
- Owner of Falcon Financial
- Managing partner of Mountain Lakes Capital Management LLC investment firm
- Has investments in local businesses including The Dock in Port Orchard, and 1889 Prime Steakhouse in Olympia
- Former president of the Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce
- Community involvement in the Rotary Club of Shelton, the Mason General Hospital Foundation, Kitsap Medical Society and Love, Inc.

Accomplishments

Earned recognition for his work from:

- The National Federation of Independent Business
- The Association of Washington Business
- Notable Legislative Actions in 2026:

Issue	Description	MacEwen's Position
Gas Prices	Advocated for measures to address high gas prices affecting residents.	Supportive
Utility Taxes	Criticized hidden utility taxes contributing to the affordability crisis.	Opposed
Income Tax Proposals	Called for transparency and a direct vote on proposed income tax initiatives.	Supportive
Property Tax Increases	Fought against significant property tax hikes impacting homeowners.	Opposed

Legislative Committees

- Environment, Energy and Technology
- Transportation, Labor and Commerce
- Rules, Appropriations, Capital Budget
- Commerce and Gaming
- Joint Administrative Review
- Joint Veterans' and Military Affairs
- Economic Development & International Relations
- Public Stadium Authority Advisory Committee
- Select Committee on Pension Policy
- Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee

Claims

- Since 2012 has focused on the principle that the government should live within its means, just like the families and businesses it serves. He will continue to fight for responsible budgeting that prioritizes essential services for Washingtonians.
- He understands the importance of fostering a strong business environment and continues to pass legislation that has threatened small businesses.
- He understands the importance of protecting the rural way of life and has worked with officials on both sides of the aisle to preserve the rural economy.
<https://www.votedrewmac.com/issues/>
- <https://www.evergreenledger.org/legislator/129>
- <https://www.votedrewmac.com/issues/>
- He is claiming a current 12-point lead over opponent per Facebook
- Party alignment 93%, most always regarding taxes, capital gains, gun policy, labor and climate but has voted yes on bipartisan final packages regarding health-access bills such as provider reimbursement/Medicaid access expansion and some transportation funding packages
- Per Evergreen Ledger his voter beneficiary guide is relatively balanced between People and Communities and Corporate and Wealthy Interests
<https://www.evergreenledger.org/legislator/129>

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$124,595.00:

- Starting balance \$14,349.00
- Business \$48,000.00
- Political Action Committee \$25,400.00
- Individual \$18,075.00
- Other \$17,771.00
- Party \$1,000.00

Endorsements

- Kitsap County Republican Party
- Mason County Republican Party
- Washington State Republican Party
- Association of Washington Business
- Association of General Contractors, Washington Chapter
- Children's Campaign Fund

Carolina Mejia - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

State Senate Legislative District 35 challenger, Democrat

Background

- Born in Progreso, Honduras, moved to Shelbyville Tennessee at age 11.
- Graduated from Christian Brothers University – Memphis, Tennessee with a BA in Business Administration and a minor in pre-law
- Earned Law degree from University of Washington School of Law
- Worked at Bean, Porter, Hawkins LLC, helped bring firm's budget deficit to a surplus
- In 2015 became a Judicial Assistant with Thurston County Superior Court.
- In 2021 Elected to Thurston County Commissioner, District 1- currently in her second term
- From 2022 - 2023, she served as Chair for the Thurston County Board of Commissioners
- Resides in Thurston County with her husband and two children.

Accomplishments

- While working at Bean, Porter, Hawkins LLC, brought firm's budget deficit to a surplus
- In 2021 was elected to the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners.
- Vice Chair of the Board of Health
- From High School to present has advocated and volunteered for causes concerned with immigration, inequality, LGBTQIA+ rights

Claims

"Right now, families across our region are making impossible choices between groceries and rent, between a doctor's visit and putting gas in the car. This isn't just a policy failure; it's a failure of leadership. While our current Senator views our community through the lens of a venture capitalist, I see it through the eyes of a neighbor and a parent. My priorities are clear: lowering costs for working families, expanding access to affordable housing, improving access

to public services, and strengthening community health. Our district needs leaders who will fight for the people who are struggling most, listen to the needs of every community, and make decisions with the future of our children in mind.”

Boards and Committees Serving (due to County Commissioner Position):

Represents Thurston County on regional and statewide Boards and Committees, including but not limited to:

- Capital Lake/Lower Deschutes WA-DES
- Intercity Transit
- Law Library Board
- TC Fair Board
- Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization
- Tourism Promotion Area
- Thurston Regional Planning Council
- WSAC Board of Directors
- WA Counties Risk Pool
- Interbranch Advisory Committee
- Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee
- County Road Administration Board
- Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Advisory Committee

Campaign Finance

Total contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$21,783.99

- Individual \$15,181.73
- Other \$6,032.22
- Party \$524.28
- Self \$45.76

Endorsements

- Washington State Labor Council
- Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council
- Mason County Democrats
- 35th Legislative District Democrats
- Washington Democratic Latino Caucus
- Progreso, Latino Progress
- Win with Women PAC
- Women of Color in Politics
- UCW 3000
- National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Emily Randall, US House of Representatives
- Emily Alvarado, WA State Senator District 34
- Noel Frame, WA State Senator, District 36
- Jamie Pedersen, WA State Senator, District 43
- Manka Dhingra, WA State Senator, District 45
- Dontae Payne, Mayor of Olympia; Malcolm Miller, Deputy Mayor of Lacey; and several council members and county commissioners.

6. WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position 1

A Washington State Legislative Representative (Position 1) represents constituents in the state legislature, participates in lawmaking, and serves on committees. Key responsibilities include advocating for constituents, participating in lawmaking, serving on committees, and engaging with constituents. Representatives serve a two-year term, elected in even-numbered years. The Legislative District 35th covers the key cities of Centralia, Shelton, and Tumwater, along with several smaller communities such as Ally, Rochester, and Tenino. The district covers all of Mason County and parts of Thurston and Kitsap counties. Skills and qualifications include strong communication, analytical skills, a commitment to public service, and community engagement. This role ensures constituents' voices are heard in the Washington State Legislature.

Candidates

Shaena Garberich

Legislative District 35 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Resides in Shelton, Washington
- Attended American InterContinental University and South Puget Sound Community College
- 2015-Present Outreach Specialist at Shelton United Methodist Church
- 2019-Present Administration Assistant at Community Youth Services
- 2024-Present Navigator at Washington Employment Security Department
- Former Advocate at Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Shelter
- Parent Ally at Family Education and Support Services
- Ran unsuccessfully for Shelton City Council last year

Accomplishments

- Won an award from the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance for emerging as an advocate this session.
- Spent years advocating for stronger behavioral health services, recovery support, affordable housing, and equitable access to care.
- Testified with the Washington Recovery Alliance on state legislation,
- Worked alongside immigrant families through Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center, accompanying community members to ICE check-ins and appointments,
- Builds trusted relationships through grassroots community organizing.

Claims

Shaena's statements on her areas of focus:

- Affordable Housing: "Housing is the foundation of stability, health, and opportunity. I will fight to expand affordable housing, strengthen renter protections, fully fund eviction prevention programs, and invest in proven homelessness solutions like permanent

supportive housing because no one should lose their dignity or safety because housing is out of reach.’

- Behavioral Health & Recovery: “Washington’s behavioral health system is stretched thin, especially in rural communities. I will advocate for stronger mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, peer recovery support, crisis response alternatives, and equitable healthcare access so people can get help before they reach crisis.
- Public Safety Through Prevention & Accountability: “Strong communities require both safety and compassion. I support investments in prevention, behavioral health treatment, youth intervention, and reentry support alongside effective public safety measures because safer communities are built by addressing root causes, not just reacting to crises.”
- Working Families & Economic Opportunity: “Working people deserve wages they can live on, affordable childcare, accessible healthcare, and economic policies that make stability possible. I will fight for workers, families, and small communities that often feel overlooked in Olympia.”
- Rural Communities Matter: “Too often, state policy is shaped without fully understanding rural realities. I will advocate for equitable investments in transportation, healthcare access, housing, broadband, treatment services, and economic development so rural communities receive the resources they deserve.”
- Community Voice & Government Accountability: “People closest to the challenges should help shape the solutions. I am committed to transparent leadership, community listening, and ensuring that working families, immigrants, people in recovery, and historically excluded voices are represented in policymaking.”

<https://www.shaenaforwa.com/>

“While I haven’t held office, I’ve made tangible impacts in Shelton—transforming parish space at Shelton United Methodist Church into an Oxford House for women and children in recovery. In 2023, I testified on House Bill 2319 after losing my brother to addiction and mental health struggles, advocating for stronger housing and recovery services. I engage residents through town halls, nonprofits, and faith communities, maintaining an open-door policy. I focus on practical, compassionate solutions and am ready to roll up my sleeves to create meaningful change.’ (https://www.facebook.com/shaena.garberich/about_details)

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$0.00

No reported campaign financials

Endorsements

None found

Dan Griffey

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Incumbent, Republican

Background

- Lifelong resident of Allyn, Washington
- Volunteer Firefighter beginning at age 16, one of the youngest EMTs at the time.

- Married with children and grandchildren
- Member, Old Time Fiddlers, 1984-1998
- 1998-present D&D Innovations
- Volunteer, United Way, 2010-present
- Member, North Mason Chamber, 2011-present
- Member, Shelton Chamber, 2011-present
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, 2012-present
- 2013-present Owner, Inferno Advertising
- 2015 assumed Office, House of Representatives
- Professional firefighter for Central Mason County, served for 30 years, 1992-2022

Accomplishments

- President/ Vice President/ Lead Negotiator, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2984 and Local 2394, 2000 - present
- Board Member, Allyn Community Association, 2009-2012
- Resolutions Chair, Washington State Republican Party, 2011-2012
- State Committeeman, Washington State Republican Party, 2008-2012
- Board Member, Mason County Historical Society, 1984-1989

Legislative Committees

Has served on:

- Early Learning and Human Services
- Local Government and Public Safety
- House Transportation Committee

Currently on the:

- Minority (Republican) Whip 2019-present
- Community Safety Committee
- Local Government and Transportation Committee
- Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force

Claims

It is an honor to represent the 35th District, and I am proud to have served our community for more than a decade. I have a passion to help people in need. I believe in the people of the 35th District, and I know that working together, we can find real solutions for our communities and our state. I have traveled the district and knocked on tens of thousands of doors- each one inspiring me to do more. They would tell me that their property rights were being violated, that their businesses were continuing to take financial hits or that they had lost their job. I heard about excessive regulations that were choking growth and how criminals were taking advantage of the system or how our children's education is suffering. They needed someone to fight for them. I am proud to answer that call. I am a people-over-politics state representative and will support policies that improve the lives of Washingtonians, regardless of where they come from.

Our state is facing serious challenges, including fentanyl, homelessness, a broken mental health system, rising crime, a shortage of law enforcement officers, learning loss in our K-12 schools, and an affordability crisis that is hurting families across Washington. I work every day to find real solutions and get Washington back on track.

Priorities: Public Safety, Jobs & Economy, No State Income Tax, Housing, Education, Fiscal Responsibility, Supporting Hydroelectric Power, <https://www.griffeyforstatehouse.com/priorities>

Dan Griffey sponsored and passed House Bill 1069, which allows collective bargaining over contributions for certain supplemental retirement benefits, and House Bill 2604, which transfers ownership of a vehicle to an insurer under specific circumstances. Both bills were passed in the 2025-2026 session.

House Bill 1069:

- Purpose: To facilitate collective bargaining for certain supplemental retirement benefits.
- Sponsorship: Dan Griffey was the primary sponsor of this bill.

House Bill 2604:

- Purpose: To streamline the process of transferring vehicle ownership to insurers when specific criteria are met.
- Sponsorship: Dan Griffey also sponsored this bill.

Both bills reflect Griffey's legislative focus on enhancing retirement benefits and improving vehicle ownership processes.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$41,346.33

- \$4,646.76 starting balance
- Business \$13,850.00
- Other \$9,338.20
- Individual \$6,755.37
- Political Action Committee \$5,150.00
- Miscellaneous \$1,605.00

Endorsements

- Associated General Contractors
- Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs
- Association of Washington Business
- Washington Realtors
- The Retired Public Employees Council of Washington (RPEC)
- The Washington State Fraternal Order of Police
- The Washington State Nurses Association
- Kitsap County Republican Party
- Et. al. – <https://www.facebook.com/Griffey4StateHouse/>

James A Pierson - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Legislative District 35 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Lived in Washington State for more than 30 years; Bellevue, South of Olympia
- 1979-1986 – US Army Green Beret, Special Forces, Radio Ops Arctic Circle
- Technology Developer/Performance Engineer for Apple, Microsoft and GoDaddy

Accomplishments

- Started with very little, earned every paycheck, and built his future through decades of steady work, discipline, and saving
- Jim is financially independent

Claims

Throughout his career, Jim was known as a practical problem-solver, someone who could step into complicated situations, understand how all the pieces fit together, and find solutions that actually worked. That experience gave him a deep understanding of how bureaucracy, budgets, and large institutions operate, and why accountability and clear priorities matter.

Today, Jim is financially independent. That independence means something important: he isn't running for office to advance a career or to please wealthy donors. He answers only to the people he serves. His decisions are guided by facts, fairness, and the long-term health of the community, not by political pressure or special interests.

Jim's life experience has shaped his belief that government should work as efficiently and responsibly as the people who fund it. He knows that when systems fail, real people pay the price, and he's committed to bringing the discipline, transparency, and problem-solving mindset of a lifetime of work into public service.

Candidate's Priorities:

- Protect voting access - Maintain secure elections while preserving mail voting and accessible registration systems that have worked well in Washington.
- Humane immigration policies - Keep local law enforcement focused on local policing rather than federal immigration enforcement.
- Equal Opportunity, women's rights - Maintain equal opportunity protections and defend personal freedoms, including bodily autonomy.
- Focus on real issues, independent leadership - Prioritize practical community issues: roads, jobs, housing, and economic opportunity over divisive national political debates.
- Responsible energy cost management - large power users should pay the full cost of grid upgrades so local ratepayers are not subsidizing massive energy consumers.
- Fair tax system, micro-loan pools for small business - Support small businesses through equipment financing and micro-loan programs rather than prioritizing tax advantages for large corporations.
- Develop small industrial parks near Shelton - Encourage small industrial spaces that allow local manufacturers, marine trades, and construction businesses to grow.
- Clean energy future - Enable local solar and micro-energy systems for homes and businesses that do not require grid interconnection.
- Single payer/universal healthcare - Explore universal coverage solutions that reduce administrative overhead and expand access to preventive care.
- Practical road improvements - Focus on achievable road improvements and safety upgrades that can be delivered within existing transportation budgets.
- Local housing solutions - Encourage zoning reform, ADUs, workforce housing, and faster permitting to enable more housing supply.
- Remove barriers for rural providers - Allow backbone and last-mile providers to cooperate rather than compete through restrictive regulations, accelerating rural broadband expansion.

- Modernizing shellfish testing labs and monitoring - Protect the shellfish economy by improving testing technology and monitoring water quality in Hood Canal and Puget Sound.
- Invest in education and teachers - Strong schools support families and local economies. Ensure competitive teacher pay and stable funding for public education.

<https://www.electjimperson.com/platform>

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$17,975.46

- Individual \$8,080.58
- Other \$5,630.00
- Party \$3,300.00
- Self \$964.88

Endorsements

- 35th Legislative District Democrats
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Mason County Democrats
- Thurston County Democratic Women
- Thurston County Democrats
- Washington State Labor Council
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council
- Sierra Club
- SEIU 775
- Olympia Indivisible
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates

7. WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position 2

A Washington State Legislative Representative (Position 2) represents constituents in the state legislature, participates in lawmaking, and serves on committees. Key responsibilities include advocating for constituents, participating in lawmaking, serving on committees, and engaging with constituents. Representatives serve a two-year term, elected in even-numbered years. The Legislative District 35th covers the key cities of Centralia, Shelton, and Tumwater, along with several smaller communities such as Ally, Rochester, and Tenino. The district covers all of Mason County and parts of Thurston and Kitsap counties. Skills and qualifications include strong communication, analytical skills, a commitment to public service, and community engagement. This role ensures constituents' voices are heard in the Washington State Legislature.

Candidates

Travis S. Couture

Legislative District 35 Representative Position 2 Incumbent, Republican

Background

- Born in Sidney, Montana
- Lives in Allyn Washington
- Married with four children
- 2020 Master's in Business Administration, Brandman University
- 2019 BA in Organizational Leadership, Brandman University
- 2007-2011 Navy Veteran
- Program Manager for a Fortune 500 Company, served at Naval Base Kitsap
- Own and operate a small construction and manufacturing business in Shelton

Accomplishments

- Upon completion of his tour of duty, Travis was honorably discharged in 2011, having earned:
 - Submarine Dolphins warfare pin
 - Navy Good Conduct Medals
 - Sea Service Deployment ribbons
 - Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
 - Admiral's Citation for exemplary performance
 - Promoted through the Command Advancement Program
- Led over 100 employees as the Director of Operations of a nonprofit serving people with disabilities in Kitsap County

Legislative Committees

- Appropriations
- Economic & Revenue Forecast Council,
- Caseload Forecast Council
- Pension Funding Council, Joint Committee on Employment Relations
- Select Committee on Pension Policy
- Education, Artificial Intelligence Task Force
- Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Budget Transparency and Fiscal Sustainability
- Human Services, Youth and Early Learning Committee

Claims

Priorities reflected on his 2024 website and 2024 campaign platform are: affordability and taxes, public safety and crime, education and parental rights, government accountability and budgets, protection of constitutional rights, government accountability and budgets, protection of constitutional rights and child and family welfare.

3 Notable Bills Passed by Travis Couture in 2026:

Overview of House Bill 2124

In 2026, State Representative Travis Couture successfully passed House Bill 2124. This legislation focuses on improving access to pension funds for retirees.

- The bill does not alter benefits or eligibility rules; it simply modernizes the payment threshold.
- The change aims to help retirees cope with rising costs by giving them more control over their finances.

House Bill 2124 reflects Couture's commitment to addressing the needs of retirees and improving their financial flexibility. This legislation focuses on improving reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.

Overview of House Bill 1295

Travis Couture has passed WA HB1295, which focuses on using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.

Overview of House Bill 2714

Travis successfully passed House Bill 2714, addressing the forecasting of caseloads for food assistance programs to improve service delivery. The bill on caseload forecasting is designed to ensure that food assistance programs can effectively meet community needs.

These legislative efforts reflect Couture's commitment to improving education, financial security for retirees, and support for vulnerable populations in Washington State.

Below is Travis Couture's take on the Millionaires Tax:

The 2026 legislative session ended with one of the longest and most intense debates in state history — our nearly 25-hour floor battle to stop a new state income tax. My House Republican colleagues and I went to the mat for every Washingtonian in this epic battle that included hundreds of speeches on nearly 80 amendments in the hopes of blocking this unconstitutional tax — or at least slowing it down — to ensure Democrats could not push this through in the middle of the night as planned, but instead were forced to lay it all out in the light of day.

Unfortunately, despite our historic effort to stop this unconstitutional tax, the Democrat majority forced the income tax through. Worse yet, they passed it with the addition of a “necessity clause” removing the public’s right to repeal the tax through referendum.

The passage of Washington’s first-ever income tax marks a seismic shift in state policy that not only ignores the will of the voters who have repeatedly rejected an income tax but also puts Washington’s economic future at risk. On top of that, it does nothing to reduce existing regressive taxes or make things more affordable for working families. And even if it survives the legal challenges it’s expected to face ahead, an income tax brings volatility to our already strained budget and economy.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$119,698.95

- \$59,194.83 Starting Balance
- Business \$27,000.00
- Individual \$15,896.26
- Political Action Committee \$10,550.00
- Other \$4,957.86
- Miscellaneous \$2,100.00

Endorsements

- Senator Drew MacEwen - 35th
- Representative Dan Griffey – 35th
- National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Washington
- Kitsap County Republican Party

Maria Littlesun - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Legislative District 35 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Lifelong resident of Shelton
- Mother of special needs child and caregiver to grandfather
- Social Worker, CAN, Peer Counselor, Crisis Responder, and Care Coordinator.
- Elders & Vulnerable Adults Program Manager, Vulnerable Adults Specialist and Vulnerable Adult Protection Team Manager at Squaxin Island Tribe

Accomplishments

Sorry, no relevant information was found in our search.

Claims

I have been a bridge between tradition and progress in each of my roles, and I am committed to building stronger, more connected communities where every person is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your support on the road ahead. Together, we will transform the future of our communities!

- “My experience is reflected in priorities for our district – strengthening public schools, making life affordable, and providing comprehensive solutions to homelessness and housing. The work I have done has shown me just how urgent it is that we find better ways to support people in crisis, protect our elders, unburden families from high costs, and improve our public education systems so all children have access to what they need.”
- ‘Maria supports LGBTQIA+ individuals and their rights. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and she stands on that and will defend it.

- Her plan for addressing homelessness in the 35th District is rooted in practical compassion and accountability. It starts with expanding affordable housing and emergency shelter options, while also investing in mental health care, addiction treatment, job training, and family support services. She believes we need strong partnerships between local governments, tribes, nonprofits, unions, and businesses so we can move people from crisis to stability with real pathways toward housing, recovery, long-term independence, and an intense focus on securing better funding for mobile nursing and crisis teams to manage the heavily impacted rural and local emergency departments.
- Maria will personally fight to rebuild strong public schools in the 35th District by focusing on what students, teachers, and families actually need, for example, fully funded classrooms, better support for teachers and paraeducators, career and trade education, mental health resources, and safe, modern schools. She believes our schools should prepare every child for whatever they choose: college, apprenticeships, tribal leadership, military service, or local careers. While others talk about issues, she will be laser-focused on investing directly in our children, our educators, and the future of our communities. She aims to change the negative public opinion surrounding local public schools by raising awareness and providing the community with transparent data that supports securing provisions for students and their futures.”
- Regarding Data Centers: “Maria supports smart growth, not corporate growth at the expense of our communities. The 35th District deserves development that protects our power grid, water, environment, and local way of life while creating real benefits for local people.” Patrick O'Donnell, Campaign Manager
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1167275855111078/permalink/1525585919280068/>

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$14,052.12

- Individual \$10,586.89
- Other \$2,965.23
- Party \$500.00

Endorsements

- Skokomish Indian Tribal Council
- Native American Caucus – Washington State Democrats
- 35th Legislative District Democrats,
- Mason County Democrats
- Washington Education Association-PAC
- SEIU 775
- Sierra Club
- AFL-CIO Washington State Labor Council
- Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council,
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion,
- Women of Color in Politics
- Thurston County Democratic Women
- Kris Klabsch Peters, Squaxin Tribe Chairman;
- Mary Townsend Johnson, Olympic Middle School Principal;
- Sage Leaders

8. Kitsap County Commissioner District 3

Kitsap County Commissioners serve as the **governing body** of the county under Washington State's commission form of government. Each commissioner represents one of three districts and serves a four-year, overlapping term.

Core Legislative and Executive Powers

- **Legislative authority:** Enact ordinances, adopt policies, and set the county budget, which guides the delivery of all county services
 - **Executive oversight:** Direct the County Administrator, who manages departments such as Public Works, Human Services, Community Development, Parks, and Emergency Management
 - **Policy development:** Update and implement policies in line with state statutes, including the Washington Growth Management Act
 - **Budgeting:** Balance the county budget, allocate funds for services (including law enforcement and the judicial system), and approve capital projects for new buildings and facilities
- ### Service and Community Representation
- Represent constituents on local and regional boards such as Kitsap Transit, CenCom, the Consolidated Housing Authority, and the Health District
 - Serve as a liaison between residents and county government, especially in unincorporated areas where they act as the primary point of contact
- ### Operational and Strategic Responsibilities
- Oversee long-range and community planning, land use, parks, and economic development initiatives
 - Approve strategic plans, capital projects, and major contracts
 - Participate in quasi-judicial functions, such as land-use appeals
- ### Meeting and Governance Duties
- Attend regular business meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month) and special meetings to review agendas, budgets, and policy proposals
 - Engage in public participation processes, including public outreach and community input
 - Maintain compliance with open meetings and public records laws
- ### Additional Roles
- Serve on committees and task forces to address specific issues.
 - Represent the county in intergovernmental relations and regional planning efforts
- In short, Kitsap County Commissioners are both **lawmakers and executives**, responsible for setting policy, managing resources, ensuring efficient county operations, and representing the public interest across their district.

Candidates

Kevin Tisdell

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3 Challenger, Republican

Background

- Republican
- Fourth-generation Kitsap County native.
- Education: Sacramento State University.
- No prior elected experience. Chair, BKAT (Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television) District 3 advisor, 2018–2022.
- Participated in Salmon Creek restoration work in the 1980s.
- 20 years in the collision repair industry as a business owner, General Manager, and Production Manager.
- 14 years of civil service, primarily with the City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Drainage and Wastewater line-of-business, Operations and Maintenance Division, and Solid Waste line-of-business, Planning and Program Management. Responsibilities reportedly included asset planning and onboarding, biennial operations budgeting, staffing, purchasing and contracts, right-of-way work and rail permits, maintaining Washington State Department of Ecology and EPA regulatory permits, and legislative/signature coordination.
- No campaign presence found on Facebook.

Accomplishments

None noted.

Claims

- Propose to restrict the Small Works Roster (county contracting) to Kitsap-based businesses only.
- States a goal of “high-paying construction and industrial jobs”
- Proposes a “farm-to-market economy with no farm taxation.
- Opposes regional housing density mandates.
- Believes Kitsap residents disproportionately bear the tax burden for housing and transportation infrastructure that primarily benefits Seattle-area commuters and employers, since those employers pay no taxes into Kitsap despite drawing on Kitsap labor.
- Proposes waste incineration for energy generation) as a targeted local industry, primarily framed around road-building material.
- Endorses a Cross Sound Plan: (1) a tunnel dug under Puget Sound by Boring Company (Elon Musk) tunneling technology and (2) a separate light rail line on land from the Kitsap Peninsula to outside areas like Matlock and Aberdeen, intended to support outward housing.
- Supports a motorsports racetrack

- Supports a “surf ranch” (wave park) as a tourism industry
- Supports a Heritage Trail connecting Clear Creek to Chico Creek
- Supports expansion of farm-to-market tourism modeled on Pike Place Market

Campaign Finance

Total contributions 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$2,069.14

- Self \$1,969.14
- Other \$100.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Katie Walters (Incumbent) - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3 Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- Democrat (Incumbent)
- Born in Spokane, Washington, and raised in Helena, Montana, Commissioner Walters has called Kitsap County home since 1991.
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations with a concentration in Political Science from Gonzaga University
- Master of Arts in Communications from Washington State University
- Certificate in Museum Studies from the University of Washington.
- Elected in November 2022, and is serving a four-year term through 2026 and brings more than 30 years of leadership experience in nonprofit management, education, community development, and regional collaboration.

Accomplishments

- Played a leadership role in completing major countywide policy frameworks, including the Comprehensive Plan Update, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and the Critical Areas Ordinance.
- Advanced countywide efforts to remove barriers and expand access to childcare. In Central Kitsap, she has championed the Silverdale Regional Center Plan, guiding a shared vision for growth, livability, and economic vitality, with completion targeted for 2026.
- Strong advocate for expanding healthcare education and workforce capacity through partnerships with Olympic College and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, including support for a new regional health sciences campus at Olympic College's Poulsbo location.
- Supported land acquisition to expand the Kitsap Mental Health Services campus, enabling additional youth mental health services and supportive housing.

- Community-focused work includes support for innovative initiatives such as Silverdale's Sponsor-a-Can shopping cart collection and sanitation pilot program, the Silverdale Senior Center, and efforts to re-establish a Silverdale Community Center.
- Supported Old Town Silverdale community events, including special-event Pop-Up Ferries between Silverdale and Bremerton, as well as the inaugural Daffodil Festival and Trail of Lights Festival, recognizing their importance to local identity and small businesses.
- Helped secure Kitsap County and the City of Bremerton's designation as an official Seattle FIFA World Cup 2026 Fan Zone, positioning the region for global visibility while creating economic opportunities for local businesses, hospitality, and cultural institutions.
- Represents Kitsap County on numerous local, regional, state, and national boards and committees. Her leadership roles include Chair of Kitsap Transit, Chair of the Olympic Consortium Board, Immediate Past Chair of Housing Kitsap, and Vice Chair of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council. She also serves on the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee, the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Committee, 911-CENCOM, and the Maritime Washington Advisory Board. At the state and national levels, serves on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Community, Economic and Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee, is a Vice Chair of the NACo Arts & Culture Innovation Council, and serves as 2nd Vice President of the Washington State Association of Counties.
- Prior to her election, Commissioner Walters served as Executive Director of the Leadership Kitsap Foundation and as an adjunct professor at Olympic College. Earlier in her career, she was Marketing and Community Relations Director for the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and played a key role in opening the museum in 2013.

Claims

- Commissioner Walters remains focused on thoughtful growth, economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and strong regional partnerships to ensure Kitsap County remains a healthy, resilient, and inclusive place to live and work.
- Strengthening Our Local Economy by supporting workforce training, expanding access to childcare, and strengthening partnerships with local education providers and employers so Kitsap families have access to good-paying jobs and real opportunity.
- Safe & Healthy Communities by supporting well-trained, accountable law enforcement while investing in youth mental health, treatment services, and coordinated solutions that address challenges before they become crises.
- Housing That Works for Kitsap by supporting more housing options at every income level, expanding affordable and workforce housing and advancing compassionate, practical solutions to homelessness that combine services, accountability, and long-term stability.
- Smart, Managed Growth by committing to strong planning, infrastructure investment, and environmental stewardship so we protect what makes Kitsap special while preparing for the future.
- Transportation & Infrastructure by working to keep Kitsap connected and moving working, from roads and transit to broadband access, — supporting commuters, remote workers, and local businesses alike.

- Protecting Our Quality of Life by continuing investing in the places and traditions that strengthen local pride, culture, and support small businesses such as parks, open spaces, waterfronts, and community events.
- Fiscal Responsibility by being transparent in accountable budgeting. Taxpayer dollars should be spent wisely, strategically, and in ways that reflect our community's priorities.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions/loans 2026: \$18,346.85

- Individual \$11,738.38
- Business \$2,152.00
- Other \$2,099.20
- Self \$357.27
- Loan \$2,000.00

Endorsements

Organizations

- Kitsap County Democrats
- Laborers' Local 252
- LD26 Democrats
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Suquamish TribeElected Officials

- Drew Hansen, Washington State Senator, LD23
- Deb Krishnadasan, Washington State Senator, LD26
- Greg Nance, Washington State Representative, LD23
- Adison Richards, Washington State Representative, LD26
- Phil Rockefeller, Washington State Senator, LD23 (2005-2011)
- Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner, District 2
- John Gese, Kitsap County Sheriff
- Chad Enright, Kitsap County Prosecutor
- Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton Mayor
- Rob Putaansuu, City of Port Orchard Mayor
- Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo Mayor
- Becky Erickson, City of Poulsbo Mayor (2010-2025)
- Clarence Moriwaki, City of Bainbridge Island Mayor
- Ashley Mathews, City of Bainbridge Island Mayor (2025)
- Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribal Council Chairman
- Cary Bozeman, Port of Bremerton Commissioner, Mayor of Bremerton (2002-2010)
- Debra Lester, KPUD Commissioner, District 1
- Stacey Smith, KPUD Commissioner, District 2 (Appointed 2025)
- David Fergus, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Commissioner, District 4

Community Members

- Rev. Dr. Susie Beil
- Dr. Marty Cavalluzzi
- Kim Churchill

- Tom Coleman
- David Emmons, Former President & CEO of the Greater Kitsap Chamber
- Jim Felty
- Kristi Fuller
- Stephanie George
- Jill Gravunder
- Donna Hart
- Susana Knapp
- Paige Jarquin
- Amy Lawrence
- Marcy Lazar
- Anne Lunden
- John McKenzie
- Alan Miles
- Marietta Nelson-Bittle
- Phil & Karen Best
- Greg Robinson
- Ashley Oaksmith
- Carl Olson
- Tony Otto
- Darryl & Jody Smith
- Dennis Smith
- Robert Simcic
- Dr. Garth & Shannon Steedman
- Jim & Sheresa VanAntwerp

9. Kitsap County Assessor

The Kitsap County Assessor's Job Responsibilities

Assessor is responsible for ensuring that all taxable property in the county is assessed at **100% of market value** for tax purposes, as required by Washington State law. This valuation is used to calculate levy rates for the county's taxing districts and to equitably distribute tax responsibility among taxpayers. The office is divided into four main divisions: **Administration, Cadastral, Commercial, and Residential**, each with specialized duties to ensure accurate property valuation, record-keeping, and equitable taxation. In summary, the Kitsap County Assessor plays a critical role in **property appraisal, tax assessment, exemption administration, record maintenance, and public service**, ensuring compliance with state law and fair distribution of property tax responsibilities across the county

Candidates

Philadelphia (Phil) Cook - Received Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Assessor Incumbent, Republican

Background

- 1990 - 1993 Glendale High School
- 1993 - 1993 Glendale Community College - General Studies
- 1995 - 1997 University of Arkansas - Bachelors Degree
- 1997 - 1998 Azusa Pacific University - Masters Degree
- 2002 - 2003 University of Southern California - Masters in Public Administration
- Experience in operations and logistics management, education, youth athletics
- Board member of the United Way of Kitsap County Board from January 2016 through November 2018.
- Volunteer in Scouting America and Eagle Scouts
- Volunteer in community clean-up
- Member Navy League, youth sports
- Volunteer for Relay for Life
- Volunteer for Rebuilding Together
- Volunteer CSTOCK Theater

Accomplishments

- Elected Kitsap County Assessor in 2014
- Ran unopposed until 2026
- Throughout my tenure, Kitsap County's Assessor's Office has become one of the most efficiently operated offices in Washington State.
- The office has been recognized by the National Association of Counties for improvements to the Senior/Disabled Exemption application process developed by our team. These workflow improvements have become the recommended best practice by the State of Washington.
- 25 years in real estate and property management in Kitsap County sales manager and mortgage originator with a Fortune 500 company

Claims

- Focus has always been simple: accuracy and transparency in the valuation process
- Provide excellent customer service
- Practice fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars.

- Throughout my tenure, Kitsap County's Assessor's Office has become one of the most efficiently operated offices in Washington State.
- During my tenure Kitsap Assessor has been recognized by the National Association of Counties for improvements to the Senior/Disabled Exemption application process developed by our team. These workflow improvements have become the recommended best practice for the State of Washington.
- Commit to keep the office citizen focused by ensuring accuracy, maintaining transparency in the valuation process, adopting new technologies as they become available and providing exceptional customer service
- Committed to continue to work to ensure the Assessor's Office remains effective, accountable, fiscally responsible, and focused on serving all people of Kitsap County

Campaign Finance

From Public Disclosure Commission

Total Contributions Total for 2026: \$8,534.21

- Self \$4,610.21
- Individual \$3,214.00
- Business \$500.00
- Political Action Committee \$200.00
- Other \$10.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Michael Simonds

Kitsap County Assessor Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Attended Broome Community College
- Attended SUNY Binghamton (Genetics and Medicine)
- Prevention assistant with the Southern Tier AIDS Program, New York
- Served aboard USS Nebraska as a Navy nuclear missile technician
- Attended Naval I Nuclear Submarines School and Missile Tech School
- Attended Rockwell Institute for Real Estate Certification
- Joined Redfin Estate Technology Firm 2017
- Vice Chairman of the Manette Neighborhood Coalition
- Kitsap County local real estate agent
- Ran for Bremerton City Council, District 3 in 2025
- Background in advanced data analytics and property valuation

Accomplishments

None noted.

Claims

- As The County Assessor will ensure revenue collected is accurately and fairly assessed.
- Will review current assessment models and seek to upgrade assessment models.
- Will bring accountability, transparency, and modernization to the Assessor's office.
- Will focus on utilizing advanced data analytics to correct neighborhood-level imbalances, ensuring no community is overtaxed to compensate for under-assessments elsewhere.
- Will focus on accessibility by creating user-friendly online tools so every resident can easily understand how their property was valued and navigate the appeals process.
- Will outreach to seniors, veterans, disabled, and lower-income residents to ensure they are utilizing every tax exemption and deferral programs allowed under Washington State law, helping long-term residents stay in their homes.
- Committing to transparency

Campaign Finance

- From Candidates/Washington State Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research: No records reported.

Endorsements

- None found

10. Kitsap County Auditor (Unopposed Race)

Duration of position: Elected county wide on a partisan basis for a four-year-term

Duties by division:

- The Elections and Voter Registration Division administers all federal, state, county, municipal and special district elections in Kitsap County.
- The Financial Management Division maintains the central account system, controls and issues disbursements, financial account and reporting, payroll and fixed asset inventory.
- The Licensing Division is the county agent for the Wa State Department of Licensing issuing licenses, tabs, special issue license plates, disabled parking permits, title transfer applications.
- The Recording Division issues and maintains licenses, individual military documents, official public records—including deeds, titles.

Paul Andrews - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Auditor, Democrat Incumbent

Background

- Kitsap County Auditor since 2019.
- Past President of the Washington State Association of County Auditors
- Co-Chair of the State Licensing Committee
- Secretary of the Kitsap County Finance Committee
- Member on the Washington State Recording Standards Commission
- State appointed member of the Recording Standards Commission, Voting Systems Review Board and VoteWA Executive Steering Committee
- 29 years as an Kitsap County IT professional and Data Analyst, focusing on modernization, transparency and accessibility while safeguarding sensitive records.
- State Certified Elections Administrator (no available Date)
- Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA) through Auburn University (No available date)
- Earned a Building Design degree (not stated from where or when)
- Graduate from Leadership Kitsap
- Husband and a father of two children

Accomplishments

None found

Claims

- Prioritized transparency to the taxpayers, ensuring that county financial information is available, that elections are open, and that historical documents are accessible.
- Focused on cross-training staff to be able to do more with less, while meeting the immediate needs of the public.
- Technology improvements provide more services while allowing staff to provide more in-person service.

Campaign Finance

- No contributions listed in required reporting
- Also, reviewed his personal finances and debt load. He is clean as a whistle.

Endorsements

None found

11. Kitsap County Clerk

Duration of Position: Elected for a four-year term

Duties:

- Receives, processes and preserves all documents for all Superior Court matters, including criminal, civil, family law, probate, guardianship, paternity, adoption and juvenile matters.
- Collects statutory fees and fines, victim restitution, and maintains the court's trust account and collects legal financial obligations (LFOs) that the Court orders a defendant to pay.
- Is present at every court hearing to establish an independent record of each hearing and receive and store all exhibits entered by the parties.
- Prepares calendars for judicial hearings and issues writs and warrants of arrest.
- Provides jury management services for all county courts, Superior Court, District Court, and Municipal Courts.

Candidates

Brien Kennedy

Kitsap County Clerk Challenger, Democrat

Background

- B.A. in Business Administration, Michael G. Foster School of Business, University of Washington
- Lives in Poulsbo
- Account Executive, Amazon
- Project Manager, Microsoft
- Director of E-commerce, Smartpants Gummy Vitamins and Nuun Hydration
- Deputy Clerk, Kitsap County Superior Court
- Student mentor, coach, and competition judge at Seattle University Albers School of Business and the University of Washington Foster School of Business
- Legislative advocate for higher education access, University of Washington Alumni Association
- Has held executive level positions at major tech companies and startups
- Built and ran his own consulting business for seven years, until a health crisis forced him to step back
- Became Deputy Clerk of Kitsap County Superior Court upon returning to work

Accomplishments

- 2Billion+ Business Grown and Sold
- \$30M+ Avg Monthly Budget Managed
- 5 High-Growth Startups Built Past First Dollar
- 10+ Years Executive Leadership

Claims

- His major argument is that uncontested elections are not in the public interest. When no one runs against an incumbent, budgets go unscrutinized. Technology goes unadopted. Services quietly degrade. He notes that this is only the third contested Clerk race since 1998.
- Emphasizes that Kitsap County is facing a \$16.2 million projected budget shortfall by 2031, even as it is about to embark on a large capital campaign to modernize its courthouse. Believes his business experience can help address the shortfall because he is accustomed to having to justify every dollar before it is spent.
- Promises to enhance the level of service the Clerk's Office provides to Kitsap County residents by building plain-language guides, video walkthroughs, and digital tools that prepare people for their day in court.
- Relayed a story about seeing a woman sobbing three feet away from him after a judge told her the case couldn't move forward without a settlement conference --and the next open date was August, months away, with her kids' summer and an unfinished parenting plan hanging on it. There's a form that could have given her another path. It's buried on our website. Most people never find it. Twenty to thirty cases like hers come through every week. This is one of the reasons he filed to run for the position.

Campaign Finance

From Candidates/Washington State Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research: No records found

Endorsements

No endorsements mentioned on candidate's website.

David T Lewis III - Received Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Clerk Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- Bremerton High School
- Olympic College
- Professional Development Academy
- Lives in Kitsap County
- Appointed Kitsap County Clerk in 2021
- Elected County Clerk in 2022
- County Clerk's Domestic Violence Specialist
- Deputy County Clerk
- Volunteer for local youth and adult athletics

Accomplishments

- President Washington Association of County Clerks
- Board President of Kitsap Legal Services
- Helped develop a training curriculum for Western Washington clerks to serve those seeking orders and helped lead a presentation and training on the subject.

Claims

- The Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining official Superior Court records, assisting judges, attorneys, and citizens involved in legal matters, and providing passport services to our community.
- Mr. Lewis understands that navigating the court system can often feel confusing and overwhelming, and his office is frequently the first place people turn to for information, support, and direction during difficult times in their lives.
- As Clerk, he has worked to modernize the office by supporting technology improvements such as e-filing, allowing people to file documents remotely while saving time and money and improving access to justice for everyone.
- He is committed to maintaining a professional, efficient, and customer-focused office that serves all residents with fairness and respect.

Campaign Finance

From Candidates/Washington State Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research:

Total campaign contributions of \$100

Endorsements

- Kitsap County Democrats
- 26th Legislative District Democrats
- Numerous retired judges, attorneys, and community members
- Gary Simpson, Retired Kitsap County Sheriff

12. Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney

The Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney is an elected official and law firm that represents the State of Washington in criminal matters and **acts as the official legal counsel for Kitsap County government**. The office manages community safety, prosecutes criminal cases, and advises over 50 county departments. The offices **Core Responsibilities** are divided into three primary divisions: **Criminal Division**: Evaluates evidence provided by law enforcement, **Civil Division**: Acts as in-house counsel for Kitsap County, and **Family Support Division**: Handles child support enforcement.

Candidates

Chad Enright - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney elected in 2018
- JD from Seattle University School of Law, UW Graduate
- Board Member for: Kitsap Community Resources, Peninsula Services, WA State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Serves on Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee
- Appointed Washington State Minority and Justice Commissioner
- Member of: Kitsap County Bar Association, National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), Washington State Bar Association (WSBA), Police And Community Together (PACT), North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center Operational Workgroup, 1/10 of 1% Mental Health Tax Strategic Planning Committee, Poulsbo Sons of Norway
- Prior Kitsap Bar Association President, Vice President, Secretary and Chair of the Superior Court Criminal Practices and Procedures Committee, appointed by the Washington Supreme Court to the Washington Minority and Justice Commission in 2020, appointed by the Washington State Health Care Authority to the Washington Substance Use and Recovery Advisory Committee
- He serves on the Board of Directors for Peninsula Services and Kitsap Community Resources
- Previously served on the Washington State Pattern Jury Instructions Committee as well as the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross for the South Puget Sound and Olympics Region, active member of the Board of Directors for the Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) and was elected as the WAPA Treasurer in 2026

Accomplishments/Claims

- Helped establish a Pre-Arrest Diversion program in Poulsbo that gives police officers the option to get somebody into treatment.
- Partnered with Kitsap Superior Court and the Center for Children and Youth Justice to create Washington State's first Girls Court in juvenile court.
- Partnered with the Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe and Kitsap County Jail to expand the Tribe's Welcome Home Program to non-native inmates.
- In 2025, along with Kitsap County Sheriff John Gese, Chad held in-person meetings with immigrants to assure that everyone, regardless of immigration status, should feel safe talking with police and prosecutors.
- In 2024, three members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang were sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole involving a complicate five-month investigation and trial.
- Kitsap County Prosecutors office, through fully staffing the office, has eliminated backlogs enabling them to promptly review every case referred by law enforcement.
- The Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office is one of the only prosecutor's offices in Washington State that provides and requires implicit bias training for all of its attorneys.

Campaign Finance

Total contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$26,346.57

- Self \$10,146.57
- Individual \$4,200.00
- Party \$4,000.00
- Other \$500.00
- Loans 7,500.00

Endorsements

- Current and Former Elected Officials: Currently 28 individuals including:
 - Nick Brown, Washington State Attorney General,
 - Jason Cummings, Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney and former Kitsap County Deputy Prosecutor,
 - Lauren Davis, 32nd Legislative District State Representative
- Four Organizations:
 - International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2819
 - Iron Workers Local Union 86
 - Kitsap County Democrats
 - Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Guild

Joe Lombardi

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney Challenger, Democrat

Background

- JD from University of Washington, UW Graduate
- Deputy Prosecuting attorney for Kitsap County, Assistant Attorney General for Washington State, Public Defender for Kitsap County

Accomplishments

- Put murderers, domestic abusers, and other serious violent criminals behind bars
- Recovered the life savings of seniors and homeowners who had been defrauded
- Protected the civil rights of hundreds of our neighbors
- Volunteered at a pro-bono clinic serving people facing homelessness

Claims

- Left the Kitsap Prosecutors office along with other attorneys due to mismanagement and a lack of leadership.
- Kitsap County Prosecutor's office has: Driven experienced and talented prosecutors leaving in droves; Mismanaged cases that result in violent offenders going free, and Violated people's civil rights by a lack of transparency and accountability
- Won't take contributions from PACs

- Increase community safety by prioritizing prosecuting the most serious violent offenses and personally overseeing more cases.
- Ensure law enforcement resources aren't wasted and criminals don't go free by recruiting and retaining high-quality prosecutors.
- Expand the use of diversion programs for low-level and first-time offenders that are proven to reduce cycles of incarceration and crime.
- Connect offenders with mental health issues to services that will help support them in the community and end the continuous cycle of incarceration
- Commit to prosecuting those who execute unlawful federal enforcement actions in our community and make policy changes that limit ICE involvement in county cases

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$37,782.92

- Individual, \$19,413.53
- Self, \$14,764.59
- Other, \$3,604.80

Endorsements

- Currently 20 Individuals including: Kellie Pendras (managing public defender, Kitsap County Office of Public Defense, former Kitsap senior deputy prosecutor), Nick Kiewik (managing attorney, Washington State Attorney General's Office Financial Crimes Division, former Kitsap deputy prosecutor), Magda Pratt (Assistant Seattle City Attorney, former Kitsap deputy prosecutor). And Daria Ilgen (Candidate, 23rd Legislative District Representative).
- Described by endorsers as conscientious, committed, and compassionate who is able to make tough decisions.

13. Kitsap County Sheriff

The Kitsap County Sheriff is elected at-large by county voters on a partisan basis and serves a four-year term.

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office is divided into four main divisions: Patrol, Detectives, Corrections, and Support Services. Within those divisions there are a total of 252 budgeted positions that are under the supervision of the Kitsap County Sheriff.

Candidates

Rick Kuss

Kitsap County Sheriff Candidate, Republican

Background

- Rick Kuss is a current King County Deputy Sheriff
- Retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander

- Greater than 30 years of combined public service experience in law enforcement, military leadership, and community service
- At age 16 years old, joined the Saline Police Department as an apprentice, served 4
- Attended the Michigan State Police Law Enforcement Career Academy
- Enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at Lake Superior State University
- Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 2021
- 2023 joined the King County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff
- Graduated from the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy, Burien, Washington, October 2023, where he distinguished himself as class president

Professional Affiliations

Rick is an active member of several respected organizations, including:

- American Bar Association, Student Member
- American Legion
- Fraternal Order of Police
- HOPE Worldwide, Tacoma Chapter Director
- International Association of Crime Analysts
- National Sheriffs' Association
- Poulsbo Rotary Club
- United States Submarine Veterans (SUBVETS)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Claims

- Public safety must come before politics
- Campaign focuses on accountability, operational readiness, protecting children, combating drug trafficking, and restoring public confidence in law enforcement.
- Dedicated law enforcement professional driven by a clear mission: to unite Kitsap County while safeguarding the constitutional rights of every resident
- Vision for public safety is rooted in action and compassion—tackling crime, eliminating the threat of fentanyl, revitalizing law enforcement, and addressing homelessness with both urgency and humanity
- He believes that a safer, stronger community begins with principled leadership and a commitment to justice for all
- He believes in Campaign Guarantees, not just promises
- Time for accountability and restoring voter confidence in the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
- The Sheriff's Office needs proven executive leadership that focuses on selecting the most qualified and experienced leaders available to guide the organization through the current transition
- The people of Kitsap County deserve confidence that leadership decisions are being made based on experience, qualifications, and the needs of the community — not political considerations
- Kitsap County deserves a Sheriff's Office that is prepared for the challenges ahead

Campaign Finance

From Candidates/Washington State Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research:

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$23,746.00

- Individual \$13,537.00
- Other \$5,715.00
- Self \$3,994.00
- Business \$500.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Brandon L Myers - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Sheriff Candidate, Democrat

Background

- Born and raised in Kitsap County, 2nd generation Kitsap native
- Graduated from Central Kitsap
- Began his law enforcement career at age 17 as an explorer cadet in the sheriff's office.
- Served as a reserve deputy, 911 dispatcher, full-time deputy, detective, and sergeant.
- AA Olympic College, September 2003-May 2005
- Graduated from Leadership Kitsap Class of 2024
- Law Enforcement Experience:
 - Kitsap County Sheriff Officer 23 years 3 months serving as Reserve Deputy, 911 Dispatcher, Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant Detective, and Support Services Sergeant, Detective
 - Deputy Sheriff, Apr 2008 - Nov 2022 · 14 yrs 8 mos
 - 911 Dispatcher Sep 2006 - Apr 2008 · 1 yr 8 mos
 - Reserve Deputy Sheriff Internship, Sep 2006 - Apr 2008 · 1 yr 8 mos
 - Skilled in Investigation, Procurement
 - Currently serves as Detective Sergeant, where he currently supervises complex criminal investigations and investigative personnel
 - Experience spans patrol operations, crisis intervention, field training, academy instruction, strategic planning, and oversight of critical support functions such as records and civil services
 - Active in mentoring youth through Explorer programs, participating in community councils, and engaging in local events such as parades and theater activities His approach emphasizes making residents feel heard and fostering trust between the sheriff's office and the community

Training

- Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Reserve Academy (261hrs)
- Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Basic Law Enforcement Academy (720hr)
- Field Training Officer Academy (40hrs)

- Instructor Development (40hrs)
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (24hrs)
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (40hrs)
- SFST DUI Wet Lab (32hrs)
- Basic Collision Investigation (40hrs)
- Methamphetamine Investigation Course (40hrs)
- Basic Undercover Operations (40hours)
- Basic Indoor Marijuana Investigations (16hrs)
- Hostage Negotiations (40hrs)
- Basic Crisis Intervention (40hrs)
- Police Leadership: The West Point Model (124hrs)
- FBI-LEEDA Supervisor, Command, Executive Leadership (72hrs)
- Basic Crime Scene Photography (40hrs)
- Advanced Crime Scene (32hrs)
- Practical Shooting Reconstruction (40hrs)
- Basic Homicide (40hrs)
- Basic Interview & Interrogation (32hrs)
- Sexual Assault Investigations: Victim-Centered Engagement & Resiliency Tactics(40hrs)
- Child Abduction Response Team Training (24hrs)
- Child Death Investigations (16hrs)
- Managing Property and Evidence in Law Enforcement (16hrs)
- Training Institute on Strangulation (16hrs)
- Peer Support Training (8hrs)
- Death Investigations (40hrs)
- FBI-LEEDA Media and Public Relations (40hr)
- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)
- Introduction to Cybertip Investigations
- ICAC Program Overview
- ICAC Standards Overview
- Introduction to Proactive Investigations
- Understanding Hash Values and Photo DNA
- Anonymizer, Darknet & P2P
- Collecting and Preserving Evidence in ICAC Investigations
- Legal Considerations in ICAC Investigations (5 hrs)
- Tracking Down the Suspect IP Address

Licenses

- Lead Investigator Independent Investigation Team, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, Issued Oct 2023
- Crisis Intervention Officer, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Crisis Negotiator, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Field Training Officer, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Instructor Trainer Certification, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Peace Officer, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, Issued Nov 2008

Professional and Community Recognitions

- Sheriff's Commendation Award – 2009
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2015
- Sheriff's Award for Lifesaving – 2015
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2016
- Leadership Kitsap's 20 Under 40 – 2016
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2017
- Sheriff's Award for Lifesaving – 2017
- International Association of Chiefs Of Police 40 under 40 – 2017
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2018
- Certificate of Promotion – 2019
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2020
- FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy Award – 2023
- Kitsap Board of County Commissioners 20 under 40 Recognition – 2025
- Received the world wide award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 under 40.
- Serves as the Board President with Central Stage Theatre of County Kitsap (CSTOCK)
- Completed 8 years as an appointed member of the Central Kitsap Community Council where he served as both chair and vice chair.
- Member Board of Directors for Leadership Kitsap.

Claims

- Public safety starts with trust, and trust requires transparency. The community deserves to know how decisions are made, how incidents are handled, and how we hold ourselves accountable. I believe in modern policing, clear expectations, and open communication with the public. Safety is not about politics, it is about people feeling secure and informed. As Sheriff, my commitment is simple: to protect the community, be honest about our work, and earn trust through transparency every single day.
- Professional Leadership Development & Deputy Support. The Sheriff sets the tone for the entire organization, and strong leadership doesn't happen by accident; it has to be developed. I believe in investing in professional leadership training, clear communication, and fair, consistent supervision. My involvement with Leadership Kitsap reinforced what I've seen throughout my career: when leaders listen, collaborate, and grow, organizations perform better. Supporting deputies through training, wellness, and leadership development is not political, it is how you build a professional agency that serves the community well.
- Fiscal responsibility means more than balancing a budget it means being honest about challenges and working collaboratively to solve them. I believe in transparent stewardship of taxpayer dollars and building strong relationships with local and state government partners to address unfunded mandates and budget shortfalls. Public safety cannot be managed in silos. By working together, we can find practical solutions that protect services, respect taxpayers, and keep politics out of public safety decisions.
- Born and raised in this community, and where my family and friends live. That shapes how I lead and the responsibility I feel to do this job. When you grow up here, you understand the people, the values, and what's at stake.

- Believe the Sheriff should be visible, accessible, and accountable to the community not driven by party politics.
- Believes in accountability, public safety, and strong community partnerships,
- Believes in community policing, mentorship, and building collaborative relationships with other law enforcement agencies
- Believes in community engagement: Promoting dialogue between law enforcement and residents to address local concerns
- Committed to public safety and accountability: Ensuring transparent and responsible law enforcement practices
- Believes in mental health integration: Supporting interactions that emphasize mental health treatment alongside policing
- Believes in collaborative leadership: Strengthening partnerships with community organizations and other agencies

Campaign Finance

From Candidates/Washington State Public Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research:

Total contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$33,902.99

- Starting Balance \$192.00
- Individual \$28,186.99
- Other \$4,271.00
- Business \$1,253.00

Endorsements

- Kitsap County Democrats
- Received endorsements from colleagues and community members who praise his integrity, leadership, and dedication to public service

14. Kitsap County Treasurer (Unopposed Race)

The County Treasurer is elected countywide on a partisan basis and serves a four-year term.

Duties

- Chief financial and fiduciary agent for the county, the treasurer for most local governmental subdivisions and the tax collector for incorporated cities in Kitsap County
- Operates as a banker for the county government, school districts, fire districts, water districts, and other units of local government, accounting for the funds of each of these entities.
- Serves as the Chief Investment Officer for Kitsap County working to provide high and safe investment returns on Kitsap County funds, managing local government investment.
- Prepares required monthly, quarterly, or annual Federal and/or state reports and payments for Kitsap County.
- Serves as Chairman of the Kitsap County Financial Review Committee.

Candidate

Pete Boissonneau - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Kitsap County Treasurer Incumbent, Democrat (Unopposed)

Background

- Treasurer, Kitsap County (2023-Present)
- Chief Deputy Treasurer, Kitsap County (2022)
- Investment and Banking Officer, Kitsap County (2019-2022)
- Institutional Fixed Income Broker, Multi-Bank Securities (2009-2018)
- MBA, University of South Carolina (2018-2019)
- B.S. - International Business and Finance, University of South Carolina (2003-2007)
- Port Orchard Rotary Club Foundation Chair (2025-Present)
- Instructor at L.E.V.E.L. U.P. financial literacy camp (2023-Present)
- Instructor with Peninsula High School drumline (2023-Present)
- REEF Independent Percussion (2014-2015)
- Santaluces High School indoor drumline (2012-2013)
- Clarkston High School drumline (2008-2011)

Accomplishments

No info available

Claims

- Fiscally responsible government is essential to a strong community
- Focused on protecting taxpayer resources while improving public services
- Established an insured cash sweep program that has earned more than \$2 million for the county general fund since its inception
- Helped to develop a strategic five-year ladder investment approach designed to take advantage of changing market interest rates while reducing investment risk
- This disciplined strategy has helped safely maximize returns on public funds

Campaign Finance

No contributions reported on the Public Disclosure Commission website.

Endorsements

- Kitsap County Democrats
- 26th Legislative District Democrats

15. State Supreme Court Justice Positions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

The Washington State Supreme Court is the highest judicial authority in the state. Its primary responsibilities are to interpret state laws, protect the rights guaranteed by the Washington

State and U.S. Constitutions, set binding legal precedents, and oversee the administration of the entire state court system.

The court selects the cases it hears focusing on issues of statewide significance, cases with conflicting interpretations by lower courts, and major constitutional questions. Its members are extremely influential because they have supreme rule-making authority.

While the court cannot change the text of the constitution, its rulings define what the words mean in modern contexts. If the court rules that a state law violates the constitution, that law becomes invalid. Financial contribution data was found on the [Public Disclosure Commission website](#).

Candidates

Position 1

Laura Christensen Colberg

Area of expertise is Family Law. (30 years) And has 18 years judicial experience. In an interview with [The Center Square](#) she said she wants to keep the judiciary as nonpartisan as possible, while also bringing a different perspective to the generally **liberal** high court. She asserts she will "not be beholden to Governor Ferguson". She is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and is on the board of the Free Methodist Church.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$26,899.15

- Starting Balance \$434.12
- Individual \$11,239.85
- Self \$9,739.89
- Other \$745.40
- Loans \$4,739.89

Endorsements

No endorsements listed.

Scott Edwards

Area of expertise is tax law. No significant work around equity, civil rights, equal access, etc. was found. In an interview with [Center Square](#) he said: "The Washington Supreme Court, as currently constituted, is **recognized** nationally as one of the most activist progressive supreme courts in the country. The court has not shied away from injecting its own policy preferences

into its decisions rather than interpreting statutes and the Constitution as written. That is exactly why I am running: to move away from policy-focused decision-making and return to a focus on the rule of law.”

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$53,214.45

- Individual \$44,950.00
- Self \$3,144.45
- Other \$2,620.00
- Business \$2,500.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Colleen Melody - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Justice Melody is the incumbent in this race. Colleen Melody began serving as the 100th Justice of the Washington Supreme Court on January 1, 2026, following her appointment by Governor Bob Ferguson.

Prior to joining the Court, Justice Melody served for 11 years as Chief of the Civil Rights Division in the Washington State Attorney General’s Office. In that role, Justice Melody enforced federal and state laws protecting the rights of Washingtonians, with an emphasis on civil rights and anti-discrimination work. During Justice Melody’s tenure, the Civil Rights Division led some of the most visible and cutting-edge enforcement matters the office undertook. That included co-leading Washington’s multi-state lawsuit to protect the availability of abortion medication nationwide, as well as challenges to the federal government’s Muslim Travel Ban, Transgender Military Service Ban, effort to end birthright citizenship, and attempt to repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA).

Received many awards for social justice work. Justice Melody received the Steward of Justice Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Attorney General’s Office, in 2018. She also received the Washington Law Review’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Civil Rights Division in 2012.

https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/supreme/bios/?fa=scbios.display_file&fileID=melody

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$205,947.90

- Individual \$184,620.47
- Other \$20,127.43
- Political Action Committee \$1,200.00

Endorsements

Extensive list of endorsements from progressive organizations and individuals.

<https://melodyforjustice.com/endorsements>

Position 3

Mike Diaz - Received Endorsement Recommendation

In 2016 President Obama nominated Diaz to be a United States district judge for the [United States District Court for the Western District of Washington](#).^[2] The [American Bar Association](#) unanimously rated Diaz "Qualified" for the nomination. The nomination expired at the end of the 114th Congress without Senate action. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._Michael_Diaz

Before his appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Diaz spent a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington ("DOJ"), where he founded the office's Civil Rights Program and investigated and/or prosecuted a wide variety of civil rights matters.

https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/bios/?fa=atc_bios.display&folderid=div1&fileID=diaz

Among the honors he received while at DOJ, Judge Diaz received the EOUSA Director's Award for "extraordinary professional achievements and excellence," among the highest awards given to the nationwide United States Attorney community; the Thomas C. Wales Performance Award, the highest award given at the Seattle U.S. Attorney's Office; the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Division's Distinguished Service Award, among the highest awards in that Division.

https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/bios/?fa=atc_bios.display&folderid=div1&fileID=diaz

He led the reforms of the Seattle Police Department. While at our local U.S. Attorney's Office, I led the investigation of SPD in 2011 that found officers engaged in an unconstitutional pattern of excessive force. I led the negotiations, culminating in the "Consent Decree"

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/seattle-police-have-made-gains-in-recent-years-but-work-remains/>

He teaches a civil rights course at Seattle Univ. School of Law. He is on faculty at the DOJ's National Advocacy Center, the Washington State Judicial Institute, and the Washington State Judicial College.

<https://law.seattleu.edu/faculty/directory/profiles/diaz-j-michael.html>lupreme

He is currently the chairperson of the Washington State Supreme Court's Interpreter Commission. Active in pro bono legal assistance.

Mike Diaz has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the Washington Women Lawyers and the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington.

<https://www.wwl.org/Judicial-ratings>

<https://www.lbaw.org/services/jec>

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as July 11, 2026: \$240,187.86

- Individual \$206,440.75
- Other \$16,127.00
- Union \$4,800.00
- Self \$2,620.11
- Miscellaneous \$2,700.00
- Loans \$7,500.00

Endorsements

Judge Diaz is endorsed by nine Supreme Court judges and 26 Court of Appeals judges, including majorities of both courts, as well as over 100 Superior Court and other judges.

- Jay Inslee, former Washington State Governor
- Christine Gregoire, former Washington State Governor
- Gary Faye Locke, former Washington State Governor
- Nick Brown, Washington State Attorney General
- Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Washington Supreme Court Justice
- Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Washington Supreme Court Justice
- Washington State Labor Council
- Washington Education Association (WEA)
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Washington Conservation Action
- King County Democrats
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Pierce County Democrats
- Complete list here: <https://www.diazforjustice.com/endorsements>

Jaime Michelle Hawk - Received Approval Recommendation

Currently serving her fourth year as a King County Superior Court Judge, she was appointed to this position by then Governor Inslee in 2022 and has been elected twice (both of the 2022 and 2024 elections were unopposed races) after her appointment. She has served on the Washington Supreme Court's Minority and Justice Commission, working to strengthen public trust in the courts and expand access to justice.

Judge Hawk began her legal career with the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. Worked in trial litigation as a juvenile public defender in Grant County, and in Spokane as a federal public defender for Eastern Washington and Idaho. Clerked in Yakima for a federal judge and worked in Seattle on civil rights class-action litigation. Civil Rights Attorney, Attorney for the ACLU of Washington. (2007 - 2014). Jaime Hawk is the first ACLU of Washington attorney to become a judge in our state. Worked at the ACLU of Washington as Legal Strategy Director for its Smart Justice campaign in 2015. Previously taught as an adjunct professor at Gonzaga University School of Law. Member of the Washington Supreme Court's Minority and Justice Commission.

<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2026/jul/05/3-judges-vie-for-washington-supreme-court-position/>

Judge Hawk is also a court reformer. She currently serves as a member of the Washington Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission working to eliminate bias in our courts and make them more accessible to working families — not just those who can afford access.

<https://www.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.sub&org=mjc&page=members&layout=2&parent=about>

On the Washington Courts website, you can see how involved Judge Jaime Hawk is in the system.

https://www.courts.wa.gov/search/index.cfm?fa=search.start_search

No Washington State Bar Association appears to have done a rating for Jaime Michelle Hawk for the State Supreme Court. She has never had a trial overturned for legal error.

Campaign Finance

Total Contribution for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$170,492.12

- Individual \$146,675.63
- Other \$11,258.00
- Self \$7,669.62
- Union \$3,100.00
- Business \$1,788.87

Endorsements

Numerous endorsements: 35+ Labor and Democratic Organizations, 100+ Current and Retired Judges and Justices, and 28+ State Executives and Legislative Elected Leaders:

- Bob Ferguson, Washington State Governor
- Pramila Jayapal, U.S. Representative WA 7th Congressional District
- Justice Helen Whitener, State Supreme Court Justice
- Justice Mary Yu, Retired State Supreme Court Justice
- American Federation of Teachers of Washington
- Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- SEIU Healthcare 775 NW
- SEIU 925
- Third Act Washington
- Spokane County Democrats
- Kitsap County Democrats Approved
- Young Democrats of Washington

There is no doubt she is politically well connected.

David Stevens

Senior Deputy Prosecutor for Mason County. Has many good professional experiences for example Mason County Superior Court Judge and Chief Public Defender for the Colville Confederated Tribes however, when interviewed by a conservative news network he "vowed to rein in activist WA Supreme Court".

Campaign Finance

Total Contribution for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$30,251.65

- Individual \$18,260.00
- Business \$4,800.00
- Other \$3,230.00
- Self \$1,581.50
- Miscellaneous \$1,000.00
- Loans \$1,380.15

Endorsements

- WA State Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party

Position 4 -Received Postponement Recommendation-Not a Primary Race

Ian Birk

Fifth generation Washingtonian. Graduated UW as a 19 year-0ld. 20 years a Civil Litigator, appellate advocate and Supreme Court law clerk. Serves on Division 1 WA State Court of Appeals (2022) He has sat on three court of appeals (Spokane, Tacoma, and Seattle). Volunteered for 10 years on King County Bar Assoc. Neighborhood Legal Clinics providing free legal assistance. He serves on the State Bar Association and the Supreme Court's A.I task forces. He says: "with 5 supreme court justices on the ballot, WA is at an unprecedented inflection point. Judicial philosophy is rooted in compassion,fairness, independence and honesty."

From the Washington Women Lawyers Bar Association and The Cardozo Society, Ian Birk received an Exceptionally Well Qualified rating for the Washington Supreme Court. From the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Ian Birk received a Qualified rating for the Washington Supreme Court.

"When Birk speaks, you can see the depth of his thinking. Especially around fairness, access to the courts, and Court's role in addressing racial inequities and mass incarceration. Whe he picked us and our questions apart, we thought, "this is exactly the person your'd want sitting on our State Supreme Court." He's no-nonsense, with zero interest in political games or in flattering the SECB. There is only the law, and its fair application for all people. He lives for this and treats it as a sacred responsibility. It was inspiring." -- The Stranger's 2026 Primary Election Endorsements

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$348,944.18

- Individual \$320,380.00
- Business \$22,575.93
- Other \$5,738.25
- Self \$250.00

Endorsements

Only a sampling of Ian Birk's endorsements - <https://ianbirk.com/endorsements/>

- Pramila Jayapal, Washington Congressional District 7 U.S. Representative
- Jay Inslee, Former Washington State Governor
- Nick Brown, Washington State Attorney General
- WA Women Lawyers Bar Association
- Justice Theo Angelis, WA State Supreme Court

- Justice Steve González, WA State Supreme Court
- Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, WA State Supreme Court
- Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, WA State Supreme Court
- Justice Sal Mungia, WA State Supreme Court
- Justice G. Helen Whitener, Washington Supreme Court
- Justice Mary Yu, WA State Supreme Court (ret.)
- Cardozo Society
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Washington Conservation Action
- Washington Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- WEA PAC
- Sierra Club
- American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
- Kitsap County Democrats
- 26th LD Democrats
- Pierce County Democrats
- King County Democrats
- Spokane Democrats

Sean P. O'Donnell

Chief judge of both, Family Law and Criminal Division. Lead Judge King County Involuntary Treatment Act Court. Special Assistant to the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Won outstanding Lawyer of the year in 2004 and judge of the year in 2018. Strong interest in the intersection of AI and the legal profession. Endorsed by Democratic Representative Adam Smith and 210 Judicial officers, attorneys, etc.

"Exceptionally Well Qualified" for the Supreme Court Rating received from:

- King County Bar Association (KCBA)
- Washington State Veterans Bar Association (WSVBA)
- Cardozo Society of Washington State
- Latina/o Bar Association of Washington

<https://www.odonnellforjustice.com/endorsements> - **Needs to be verified**

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$241,710.15

- Individual \$224,770.12
- Other \$6,095.22
- Political Action Committee \$5,152.72

- Business \$500.00
- Self \$192.09
- Loan \$5,000.00

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION'S SITE LISTS \$5,152.72 FROM PACS, IT WAS THOUGHT THIS WAS AN ERROR AND THE AMOUNT WAS \$552.72) PAC DONATIONS ARE CAPPED AT \$2,400. **What is this from? More than one PAC could be involved?**

Endorsements

Over 210+ Judicial Officers, Attorneys, Elected Officials, Victims Advocates and community members - <https://www.odonnellforjustice.com/endorsements>

- Adam Smith, U.S. Representative Washington Congressional District 7
- Christine Gregoire, Former Governor of Washington
- Marilyn Strickland, U.S. Representative, 10th District of Washington
- Chief Justice Helen Whitner, Washington State Supreme Court Justice
- Bobbe Bridge, Justice, Washington State Supreme Court (ret)
- Chad Enright, Kitsap County Prosecutor
- Washington Farm Bureau PAC
- Washington Retail Association, Retail Action Council
- Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs
- King County Police Officers Guild
- King County Corrections Guild
- Spokane Police Guild
- 26th LD Democrats - Approval

Position 5

Sharonda D. Amamilo

Before the bench, spent twelve years at the Thurston County Office of Public Defense, representing adults and children in criminal, juvenile, and dependency matters. She spent 25 years in the U.S. Army military intelligence, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. She serves on the Thurston County Superior Court, where voters elected her in 2020, making her the first person of color to hold this seat. Presides over adult felony cases, domestic violence, drug prosecutions, and property crime. Conducts multi-day evidentiary hearings in family law. Manages complex civil litigation, corporate tax disputes, Medicaid fraud, and Puget Sound environmental cases.

Exceptional Well Qualified rating received from:

- Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Washington State Veterans Bar Association
- QLaw Association of Washington
- Loren Miller Bar Association
- Pierce County Minority Bar Association

<https://www.sharondaforjustice.org/#ENDORSEMENTS> - **Needs to be verified**

From the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Sharonda Amamilo received a Well Qualified rating for the Washington Supreme Court.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$36,596.55

- Individual \$26,291.13
- Other \$4,705.00
- Self \$3,200.42
- Political Action Committee \$2,400.00

Endorsements

<https://www.sharondaforjustice.org/#ENDORSEMENTS>

Justice Theo Angelis - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Currently in the position on the State Supreme Court. Law degree from Yale Law School. Clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit before beginning his legal career. Appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in March 2026. 25 years of legal experience as an appellate advocate, legal scholar, and public interest lawyer. Has represented asylum seekers and children in need, and his work supporting vulnerable communities has been recognized by organizations including the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and Kids in Need of Defense (KIND). Recipient of the ACLU's Humanitarian Award and the King County Bar Association's Mentor of the Year honor.

From the Washington Women Lawyers Bar Association Theo Angelis received an Exceptionally Well Qualified rating for the Washington Supreme Court

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$290,836.98

- Individual \$255,000.52
- Other \$12,820.00
- Business \$11,100.00

- Union \$6,000.00
- Miscellaneous \$5,916.46

PACS (Planned Parenthood, WEA, Labor Council, Sierra Club) 2,400, union 2,400)

Endorsements

<https://justiceangelis.com/endorsements/> **Need to expand**

Dave Larson

He spent 23 years as a trial lawyer, arguing cases in both state and federal courts, earning an “AV Preeminent” peer review rating for his legal skill and ethical standards. Served nearly 18 years as a trial judge, including time on the City of Federal Way’s municipal court bench since 2008, before retiring.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$234,605.74

- Starting Balance \$2,616.37
- Individual \$195,984.82
- Other \$31,160.50
- Business \$2,750.00
- Party \$1,500.00
- Self \$594.05

Endorsements

- Washington State Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party

Greg Miller

After Northeastern Law School, Greg joined the Washington bar in 1984. He clerked for Judge Ken Grosse at the Court of Appeals on 75 cases, worked in municipal and school law including serving tribal districts on the Olympic Peninsula, sat as a Seattle Municipal Court judge pro tem and prosecuted for a small city, and ran a solo appellate practice for ten years before joining his current firm in 2008.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$24,190.14

- Individual \$16,200.03
- Self \$4,800.00
- Other \$570.00

Endorsements

No endorsements from any overtly political parties, want to maintain independence.

Position 7

Todd A. Bloom

Received a B.A. in economics from Simpson College and an M.A. in national security and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College. While studying at Tulane University on an A.B. Freeman Fellowship, he received both a J.D. and an M.B.A. He then obtained an LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree from the University of Washington, specializing in taxation. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), as well as an attorney with the Louisiana State Bar Association. Has been an adjunct faculty and has presented tax and financial planning topics to various professional organizations. Served as a FINRA Arbitrator, and has been involved with the CFA Institute's Examination program. Served as an Officer and Director of the Financial Analysts of New Orleans and has served on his parish Finance Council. Is a member of the AICPA, the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants (LCPA), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA), the CFA Institute, and the CFA Society of Seattle. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Western District of Washington, the U.S. Tax Court, and the Louisiana and Washington state bars.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11 , 2026: \$3,507.68

- Self \$3,007.68
- Loan \$500.00

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Karim A. Merchant

King County-based criminal defense attorney with nearly two decades of experience (18+ years cited in some profiles). Runs Karim Merchant Law, focusing on serious felony cases and constitutional rights defense. • Practice Focus: Emphasizes fighting government overreach and protecting clients' rights in the criminal justice system. Solo criminal defense attorney, K. Merchant Law PLLC (Renton); trial attorney listed at King County Department of Public Defense. Has handled 300+ trials.

Campaign Finance

Total Contribution for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$15,948.98

- Self \$7,386.99
- Individual \$700.00
- Other \$475.00
- Loan \$7,386.99

Endorsements

Not found on his website.

David R. Shelvey

Graduated from Mount Rainier High School in Des Moines, Washington, in 1982. Earned associate degree in paralegal studies from Crown College in Tacoma in 2007, bachelor's degree in business administration and [MPM] from Herzing University in 2008, master's of business administration from City University of Seattle in 2013, and a law degree [in Taxation and both a Juris Doctor and a Master's in Intellectual Property from Western Michigan University's] Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan in 2012.

Family law, estate planning and tax matters as a sole practitioner at Rockcraft, PLLC since 2015. Has worked seasonally as a [master] tax adviser [experienced in tax audits and litigation] at H&R Block since 2016. Worked as an associate attorney at Robert, Taub & Associates from 2019-23. Worked as a paralegal from 2006 to 2009 before going back to school.

<https://www.spokesman.com/elections/2024/washington-primary-election-aug-6/candidates/david-shelvey/>

Currently pursuing an L.L.M. in Antitrust and Global Law from George Mason University; not clear if he graduated as expected in 2025. Career experience includes working as an attorney at law.

Campaign Finance

No contributions reported.

Endorsements

Not found on his website.

Chief Justice Debra Stephens - Received Sole Endorsement Recommendation

Chief Justice Stephens has served in Position 7 on the Washington State Supreme Court, since January 2008. Appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in 2008, Justice Stephens made history as the first woman from Eastern Washington — and the first judge from the Court of Appeals, Division Three — to serve on our state's highest court. She has since been re-elected by Washington voters three times, and currently serves as Chief Justice, a position she also held in 2020–2021. Before her appointment to the Supreme Court, she served as a judge for Division Three of the Washington Court of Appeals and practiced appellate law in Spokane.

<https://justicestephens.com/about/>

She has received numerous accolades for her work, including the "Judge of the Year" award from the WA State Association for Justice and the "Innovating Justice" award from the Board for Judicial Administration, recognizing her leadership of the judicial branch during the COVID-19 crisis. She is the recipient of the "Myra Bradwell Award" from the Gonzaga Women's Law Caucus, the "President's Award" from Washington Women Lawyers, the "Leadership & Justice Award" from MAMAS (Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle), and the "Distinguished Judicial Service Award" from Gonzaga University School of Law. In 2023, Chief Justice Stephens was named a Rodel Judicial Fellow, joining fellow jurists to advance the role of the courts in strengthening democracy.

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions for 2026 as of July 11, 2026: \$105,206.38

- Starting Balance \$26,513.38
- Individual \$69,093.00
- Political Action Committee \$4,800.00 (WEA, Labor Council, WA State Assoc for Justice)
- Business \$2,400.00
- Union \$2,400.00

Endorsements <https://justicestephens.com/endorsements/>

- Governor Bob Ferguson
- Former Governor Christine Gregoire
- Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland

- Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson
- All current State Supreme Court Justices
- Justice Mary Yu, State Supreme Court Justice, ret.
- Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Washington Education Association
- American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
- The Stranger
- King County Democrats
- Spokane County Democrats

VIII. Candidate Forums

This section includes links to recorded candidate forums and interviews for your review.

The League of Women-Kitsap has completed candidate interviews for the August primary and are available on its website, <https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/candidate-forums>.

Legislative races

- [Legislative District 23 State Representative, Pos. 1](#) (Daria Ilgen, Tarra Simmons)
- [Legislative District 23 State Representative, Pos. 2](#) (Kristin Lillegard, Greg Nance, Lance Byrd)
- [Legislative District 26 State Senator](#) (Gary Parker, Deborah Krishnadasan)
- [Legislative District 26 State Representative, Pos. 1](#) (David Olson, Adison Richards, Natalie Bornfleth)
- [Legislative District 26 State Representative, Pos. 2](#) (Katy Cornell, Renee Hernandez Greenfield, Randy Phillips, Tedd Wetherbee)
- [Legislative District 35 State Senator](#) (Carolina Mejia, Drew C MacEwen)
- [Legislative District 35 State Representative, Pos. 1](#) (Jim Pierson, Dan Griffey, Shaena Garberich)
- [Legislative District 35 State Representative, Pos. 2](#) (Travis Couture, Maria Littlesun)

Kitsap County races

- [County Commissioner, District 3](#) (Kevin Tisdell, Katie Walters)
- [County Assessor](#) (Phil Cook, Michael Simonds)
- [County Clerk](#) (David T Lewis III, Brien Kennedy)
- [County Prosecuting Attorney](#) (Joe Lombardi, Chad M. Enright)
- [County Sheriff](#) (Rick Kuss, Brandon L. Myers)

Kitsap County Republican Party Candidate Forum 6-1-2026 -

<https://youtu.be/3dW-jDIRewY>

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Shari Evans	Mary Ann Moss
Rita Giese	Tom Slyter
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As always, Stay Sane and Strong!
Lora Ferraro