

SKI Political Newsletter

July 22, 2026 Edition

SKI Endorsement Updates

See [SKI 2026 Primary Voter Guide](#)

- Use the Voter Guide to fill out the ballot
- Be an informed Voter
- Vote Early, way before Aug 4th
- Turn in Ballot at [Ballot Drop Boxes](#)

Get to know the Candidates

League of Women Voters
Good Source of Non Partisan Info



2026 Primary Election Candidate Interviews

For the August 4th Primary, the League of Women Voters of Kitsap conducted individual interviews for races where there are more than two candidates vying for election. Candidates were asked to make an introductory statement, then answer three questions submitted by the public.

<https://lwv-kitsap.org/candidate-forums>

Non partisan info from LWV on voter registration, ballots, candidates across the US.

Vote411.org

They Represent You (TRY)

A list of governmental officials that represent you at the national, state and local level in Kitsap.

<https://lwv-kitsap.org/TRY>

Know Your County

A document outlining Kitsap County's Governmental structure, what the departments do, and contact information for all officials.

<https://lwv-kitsap.org/know-your-county>

Voter Tools

Links to resources for voting and fact checking.

<https://lwv-kitsap.org/votertools>

Indivisible Gig Harbor Presentation

[IGH Presentation Slides -- Trump/Maga Threats to the Midterms](#)

WA Elections: Secretary of State

To Register, Update, and Track:

The VoteWA logo features the word "VoteWA" in a green and black font, with the tagline "The vote starts here" below it. To the right is a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "VoteWA.gov", "elections@sos.wa.gov", and "1 (800) 448-4881".

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

A poster titled "AMPLIFY YOUR VOICE" with a downward arrow. Below the title is a sticker that says "Good Trouble Lives On". The poster contains four QR codes arranged in a 2x2 grid, each with a label: "REGISTER TO VOTE", "PLEDGE TO VOTE", "CHECK YOUR VOTER STATUS", and "REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT". Above the QR codes is the text "AMPLIFY YOUR VOICE BY USING THE QR CODES BELOW TO CHECK YOUR VOTING STATUS TODAY!".

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Volunteering for Endorsed Candidates

Emily Randall

U.S. Congressional WA District #6

We need a group of rock-solid volunteers.

Volunteer Form for Emily's Campaign

When WA-06 shows up and votes, we win big. Thank you so much for your help and continued support.

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**Summer
Doorbelling
Schedule!**

Saturday, 8/1 @ 11 AM

South Kitsap Regional Park
2729 Jackson Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366

WSLC Labor Neighbor Doorbelling Event

8/2 Evergreen Rotary Park @ 10 AM

1500 Park Ave Bremerton, WA 98337

RSVP by emailing

Chloe@DebKforSenate.com, or

texting (360) 301-0591

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Adison Richards

For State Representative

DOORBELLING SCHEDULE

July - August 2026

Saturday,
August 1st

South Kitsap Regional Park @ 11 AM
2729 Jackson Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366
with State Senator Deb Krishnadasan

RSVP by emailing info@adisonrichards.com or
texting (206)-455-0189.



Renee Hernandez Greenfield

WA State LD 26 Representative Position 2

Audra Smith, MS (she/her)

Field Coordinator for Renee Hernandez
Greenfield Campaign, 26th LD
(972) 345-7210

To sign up, fill out this form to RSVP for the events for Renee.

Volunteer for Renee's Campaign

Upcoming Events:

Phone banking via Zoom

Monday (7/27) 5:30-7:45 PM

Thursdays (7/23 & 7/30) 5:30-7:45 PM

All day on Primary Eve (8/3)

All day on PRIMARY DAY (8/4)!

Door-knocking event

Sunday 8/2 from 10AM-1PM

Evergreen Rotary Park, Bremerton, WA

During Renee's remote phone banking and door knocking events, Renee's team will provide training and scripts, with leaders ready to support volunteers with any questions you may have, whether they are related to phone banking tech or Renee's campaign. Don't worry if you haven't done this before, Renee's team will walk you through it. You will receive both a calendar invite with the Zoom link and a reminder text/email from Audra before your shifts.

Want a Renee yard sign?

Reach out to Regen Langholz by text at 206-651-6004 or by email at rqlangholz@gmail.com.

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Jim Pierson

WA State LD 35 Representative Position 1

Primary Outreach Calling Party on July 22 and 23, 3-5:30pm. Location: Zoom!

To RSVP, just reply to Melissa, msmmacki2@gmail.com, Let us know the date(s) you can join us. We'll follow up with details.

We're setting this up as a group to rally around voter outreach and make it more fun. We will provide calling lists and scripts when you check in.

Our purpose is to remind voters to vote in the primary. In this session, we are only calling strong Democrats. Should be very friendly conversations.

Jim will give a quick talk about his campaign and platform, then call lists will be doled out. We all meet in the main zoom room but then move to break out rooms where it's quiet. Join us back in the main room when you have a question, want to talk about a conversation, or are finished with your list.

Learn more about Jim
at <https://ElectJimPierson.com>

Thank you all for your support!
Jim and Melissa
<https://ElectJimPierson.com>

J. Michael Diaz

State Supreme Court Justice Position 3.

Could you please send the following message to your members, networks, friends and family, who are Washington voters?

Please join me in honoring Judge Diaz with your vote and spreading the word to at least 10 friends or family members.

Subject Line: Tell folks to Vote for Mike Diaz

Dear Friends:

You should soon receive in the mail a ballot unusual in Washington history. There are four Supreme Court races on the primary ballot. Position Number Three (#3) includes Judge Mike Diaz, whom we have enthusiastically supported or endorsed for the position for these reasons.

Judge Diaz was born in Peru, immigrated to the United States as a child, and was raised in South Seattle. He was a federal civil rights lawyer, founded the Seattle U.S. Attorney's Civil Rights Unit, and led efforts to reform Seattle's Police Department. For this work, President Obama nominated him to the federal bench; a nomination Mitch McConnell refused to even bring to a vote.

Governor Inslee then twice appointed him to the bench: first to the Superior Court, where he presided over 45 trials, and again to his present position on the Court of Appeals, where he has authored over 200 opinions, including those protecting Washington's workers, holding corporations accountable, and keeping the public safe. He is the only candidate in the entire field to have served as both a trial court and appellate court judge. If elected, we would be ready to serve on day 1.

Finally, Judge Diaz has earned the endorsement of leading voices and the largest unions across Washington: -three former Governors; -Attorney General Nick Brown; -the Washington Education Association; Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO; Washington Federation of State Employees; -nine Supreme Court Justices, including a majority of the current court, and over one hundred other judges; -16 Democratic County Organizations, as well as 25 Dem Legislative District; -Planned Parent Alliance Advocates; -WA Conservation Action; -The Stranger; and -The Seattle Times. Four bar associations rate him Exceptionally Well Qualified, including Washington Women Lawyers.

Thank you,
Team Diaz

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General Election Initiatives on Ballot

No Hate Washington Opposition

This November, join nurses, doctors, mental health experts, teachers, and violence prevention groups in:

Voting NO on I-001 and I-638.

I-001 removes common sense protections for child abuse victims.

I-638 could put girls at greater risk of harm by requiring invasive genital exams to play sports.

State and Tax Focused Initiatives

IP26-645: This initiative concerns state and local taxes. This measure would repeal a 9.9% tax on annual individual income over \$1,000,000; prohibit taxes measured by individual income and taxes on individual income or the receipt of individual income; and define "income."

IP26-204: concerns state and local taxes. This measure would repeal taxes on annual income over \$1,000,000 and on certain capital gains over \$278,000; and would prohibit state and local capital-gains taxes and income taxes, including taxes measured by income.

The South Kitsap School District Capital Levy

Information Coming Soon.

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

South Kitsap School Supporters: We envision South Kitsap as a thriving community that values, supports, and centers education.

In partnership with SKSD, our mission is to secure the passage of levies and bonds that afford high quality education provided in safe and functional facilities.

The Future of South Kitsap starts with you!

[Get Involved!](#)

SKI Political Workgroup Meeting

August 14, 2026 10:30 AM – 12:30 AM
Manchester Public Library

Meeting Agenda for 14 Aug 26:

- [State Supreme Court Justice Position 4](#) – Ian Birk & Sean O'Donnell - Vote - Creation of Recommendation (Review Voter Guide - Candidate Summaries before meeting).
- [Post Mortem, After Action/Assessment](#) of the Primary Election Candidate Endorsement Process
 - What do you want to do differently?
 - Check out what Whidbey Indivisible did! - create *assessment forms* <https://www.indivisiblewhidbey.org/endorsements.html>
 - Improve presiding officer's summaries
 - Better explanation of the Endorsement Process
 - What went well?
- [General Election Races to Research and Endorse](#) – Assign Subject Matter Experts:
 - Court of Appeals Justice Div 2 Dist 2 Pos 1- Erik D. Price (unopposed)– **Dan?**
 - District Justices Dept. 1 – Claire A. Bradley (unopposed) –**Terry H.?**
 - District Justice Dept. 2 – Gina M Buskirk (unopposed)– **Dana?**
 - District Justice Dept 3 – Shane R. Seaman (unopposed)– **Bill?**
 - District Justice Dept 4 – Kevin P. Kelly (unopposed)– **Jenni?**
 - Kitsap County PUD District 3 – Stacey Smith (unopposed) – **Shari?**
 - Initiatives – No Hate opposes the Heywood Initiatives – **Scott?**
 - Income Tax Initiatives – **David S.?**, SKSD Capital Levy – **David H.?**
- Complete the research in by **Sept 1**
- Editorial Team complete Candidate Summaries by **Sept 11**
- Recommendation by **Sept 18** mtg - Scott to set Meeting
- General Membership Vote at General Meeting **Sept 22**

Regards,

Lora Co-Lead SKI Political Workgroup

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Transit Riders Deserve a Seat at the Decision-Making Table

To strengthen local democracy, decision-making bodies must reflect the people they serve. HB1418 ensures real equity in our public transit policies.: Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners needs to add 2 daily transit riders to the Transit Board. Decision pending September 30, 2026. Call, email, or send postcard to a Kitsap Transit Board Member. Contact Lora at Lora@Ferraro.cloud to receive the list of addresses/emails for the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners and other literature on this topic.

Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD) Commission special meeting

July 23rd from 6:00-8:00pm
The Bremerton Norm Dicks Building

The past several months KPUD has received numerous emails and communication from Kitsap community members primarily unhappy about the increased residential electric rates, as well corporate structure and lack of renewable energy from the current provider, Puget Sound Energy.

The special meeting is a step in the process for the KPUD Board (Commission) to consider placing an initiative on the November ballot asking the Kitsap residents if they support KPUD exploring options to acquiring the current electric grid, similar to how Jefferson PUD acquired their power grid. The special meeting will provide an opportunity for the KPUD Commissioners to hear directly from members of the public. Commissioners are seeking community feedback about electric service, including what customers value, the challenges they experience, what they believe is important in the delivery of electric utility service, and their expectations of a locally governed, public-owned electric utility.

- Here is the KPUD press release link: [Microsoft Word - FINAL Electricity Public Meeting 06.30.26](#)
- Voter approval is required before KPUD could obtain the legal authority to acquire and construct electric facilities and provide electric service.

Our KPUD Commissioner District 2, Stacey Smith wants to underscore the **KPUD Board of Commissioners has not made a determination about a November ballot initiative; the special meeting is a step in the process.**

If you have thoughts to share, please consider joining this community conversation. Every person will be given time to share. Please bring a friend and continue to share the information with others. It'll be a hybrid meeting with an in-person and virtual TEAMS option to join.

- If you're unable to attend the meeting, but want to share ideas please call the KPUD office (360) 779-7656 and leave a message or send an email to: customerservice@kpud.org

Thank you again for the outreach.

Stacey Smith, Commissioner District 2
Kitsap Public Utility District #1
ssmith@kpud.org

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Alliance For Equitable Healthcare (AEH) Fight for Our Public Hospital District Formation

Our focus on 2026 has not changed. The most direct route now is to urge our county commissioners to place the Public Hospital District measure on the ballot themselves – giving voters the opportunity to decide. We are asking every member and supporter to help make that the case.

1. Write to your county commissioners and ask them to put this to a public vote.
2. Submit a letter to the editor or op-ed sharing why a Public Hospital District matters to you and your community.
3. Speak up at public meetings – attend commissioner meeting and use the public comment period to bring light to this issue.
4. Mobilize your network – ask friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.

If our commissioners decline to refer this measure to voters, we will not stop. We will continue to gather signatures and press forward to qualify the Public Hospital District for the 2027 ballot. The work and signatures gathered this year are not wasted – they bring us closer to the threshold we need and demonstrate the real, growing support in this community. This community's health is worth fighting for, and we are not done.



Closing the Gaps

How a Public Hospital District
in Kitsap County Can Benefit You



**Because of service gaps,
do you or does someone you know:**

- ♥ Need a primary care physician?
- ♥ Experience long delays to receive care?
- ♥ Leave our county to access healthcare?
- ♥ Struggle with mental health challenges?

**Flip this card to see
how a PHD can help.**

Five Things to Know

Public Hospital Districts (PHDs):

- ✓ Are tax-based special districts that support healthcare. This is not an effort to build a new hospital in Kitsap County.
- ✓ Support a broad range of healthcare services including Primary Care and Mental & Behavioral Health.
- ✓ Offer predictable funding, providing stable revenue for long-term healthcare solutions.
- ✓ Collaborate with healthcare providers to ensure comprehensive care tailored to local needs.
- ✓ Are community driven, governed by an elected board that oversees the district's policies and funding priorities.

Educate yourself, donate, volunteer.

Visit the Alliance for Equitable Healthcare
www.allianceforequitablehealthcare.org



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