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Check out Primary Results

Ballot Return Statistics-2026 Primary:

<https://www.kitsap.gov/elections>

Individual Races Statistics:

<https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Documents/results.html>

WA Elections: Secretary of State

To Check Registration Status (Check often):

VoteWA.gov

SKI Endorsement Updates

The SKI General Membership finalize these candidate endorsements as of August 25, 2026:

1. Elevated Jaime Michelle Hawk, State Supreme Court Justice, Position 3 to Sole Endorsement.
2. Endorsed Ian Birk and Approved Sean O'Donnell in the State Supreme Court Justice, Position 4 race.
3. Voted No Action – Race Level for the unopposed incumbent race for Court of Appeals Division 2, District 2, Position 2.
4. Voted No Action – Race Level for the unopposed incumbent races for District Courts Departments 1 – 4.

Sep 11 Political Workgroup Meeting 10:30 – 12:30 PM Manchester Public Library **VOTE on:**

- Kitsap County PUD District 3 – Stacey Smith
- Initiatives to the Legislature & to the People:**
- **IL26-001:** Restoring Parents Rights
- **IL26-638:** Protecting Girls Sports
- **IP26-645:** Repeal Millionaires Tax
- SKSD Capital Projects Levy
- KPUD Proposition 1: To move forward with a Public Power Assessment/Feasibility Study.

General Membership on Sep 22 5:30 – 7:30 PM Pilgrim Firs Retreat Center: **VOTE on: Stacey Smith and Initiatives/Ballot Measures.**

Stacey Smith will be a speaker at this meeting but cannot speak to the Proposition 1 Ballot Measure. She will field questions regarding her campaign and election to the KPUD Commissioner District 3 position only.

Steve Johnson of UnplugPSE, a guest speaker. The topic is about the KPUD Proposition 1

2026 SKI Voter Guide published by Sep 28.

Bremerton Indivisible Candidate Forum

Sylvan Way Public Library Bremerton, WA

August 16, 2026 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Chad Enright, Incumbent, Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney was a guest speaker.

Enright was raised here in North Kitsap and went to North Kitsap schools. He has only practiced law here in Kitsap County. His early Public Defense work included 10 felony trials within a four-year period of time. Chad has over ten years of experience in special assault cases, which included about 50-70 cases, in one year he worked on 10 cases. He has over 18 years working in the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office.

One way to look at Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is that it is the largest law firm in the county. They employ between 70 to 75 attorneys. They cover criminal prosecution, felony crimes except for Bremerton's misdemeanors, other cities such as Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, and Port Orchard contract with Kitsap County Prosecutor's Offices for services. There is a Civil Division within the Prosecutor's Office consisting of 10 attorneys and they represent all the county elected officials and county departments on behalf of the county government. There is a Family Division that supports litigating child support cases that are referred to the court by the State Department of Social and Health Services.

Chad listed several things he is most proud of that have occurred during his tenure (2018 to present). He indicated that across all the counties, there is an attorney shortage; however, his office has been fully staffed for the past 2.5 years. Also, in other county prosecutor office's within Washington state have case backlogs of over a thousand cases. Kitsap County does not have a backlog. Crime is down somewhere between 15- 19%. Over 80% of the Kitsap County Bar association has rated Chad Enright as Highly Qualified for the county prosecuting attorney.

Attorney Enright has several programs that he has collaborated on and has successfully implemented. One such program is the Pre-Arrest Diversion

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Program, that is associated with the North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center. First time offenders are given a choice to be arrested or to self-register into the recovery center's peer supported program. About 70% of the offenders make that choice. It has impacted and thus reduced the arrest rate significantly. Another program is the Washington State's first Girls Court in Juvenile court, which provides a holistic support services approach. There are other programs such as the Kitsap THRIVE Court for the Human Trafficking and Exploitation cases and The Welcome Home program which is a partnership with the Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe and the Kitsap County Jail.

Other efforts within the Prosecutor Office involve information technology-based improvements within the prosecutor's office, such as the Victim's Portal app – where a victim can opt into receiving Case notifications. There is work being done on the Data Dashboard, a data analysis report tool, that will be launched on the Prosecutor's website page. Another program will involve the use of AI, called the Race Neutral Charging program that has been implemented in California. AI is used to sanitize the case charging documents by taking out all gender, race, neighborhood information to reduce implicit bias concerns. If the prosecutor feels too much information was taken out there are clear rules they need to follow. They are required sign and provide a reason to see the original charging documents.

South Kitsap Indivisible has Sole Endorsed Chad Enright as Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney.

Phil Cookwill be highlighted in next newsletter.

General Election Voting Reminders

- Ballots mailed out on October 16
- **VOTE EARLY – October 20th!!!**
- **ELECTION WORKER APPRECIATION DAY – OCTOBER 20th – Info to Come**
- Share good Information – Combat disinformation
- Drop Box observers – **more info to come**
- Sign up as an Observer at the Ballot Processing Centers/Voting Centers. **More info to come**

• **ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 3**

Another good thought to motivate the early vote – To stop people from knocking on your door during the election voting period, vote early, it gets your name off the canvassers' lists!



The Indivisible National Program for Securing Our Elections.

- **Indivisible National Kickoff Call** the [recording of the call](#) and the [slides](#).
- **Election Protection 101 & 201 trainings** **Training 101:** this training was on August 19, here are the [recording](#) and the [slides](#). **August 26, Training 201** training; the [recording](#) and [slides](#).
- **Download and save the Hands Off Our Vote! Toolkit.**
- **Bookmark the Hands Off Our Vote! website** to hear about new calls to action.
- **Check out [The Whole Map](#)**, created and managed by Experiments4Good

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- **SHARE IT!** A fantastic new Sosha toolkit that makes it easy to share [empowering messages about voting and election protection](#) on social media or through texts to friends and family.
- **Poster Creation:** Canva graphics you can make a copy of and use for posters, social, and more! [Template 1](#), [Template 2](#), [Template 3](#), [Template 4](#), [Template 5](#), and [Template 6](#).

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Volunteer - Support Candidates

Emily Randal

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.

Deb Krishnadasan

WA State LD 26 Senator

Chloe@DebKforSenate.com, or
texting (360) 301-0591

Adison Richards

WA State LD 26 Representative Position 1

Go to this page to volunteer:

<https://www.adisonrichards.com/volunteer>

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

[Volunteer for Renee's Campaign](#)

Want a Renee yard sign?

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

Carolina Mejia & Maria Littlesun

WA LD35 Senator/Representative Pos 2

Patrick O'Donnell, Campaign Manager

patrick@argo.us

Jim Pierson

WA State LD 35 Representative Position 1

POC for Jim Pierson Campaign:

Melissa, msmmacki2@gmail.com

Learn more about Jim at:

<https://ElectJimPierson.com>

Initiatives to the Legislature

There are two Initiatives to the Legislature:

- [IL26-001](#): Restoring Parents' Rights
- [IL26-638](#): Protecting Girl's Sports

We are opposing these ill-conceived measures.
The activist group **NO HATE Washington** has
been indicating the correct path for us to follow.
VOTE NO to protect our LGBTQ+ communities.

Initiatives to the People

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

Here is why we will be not approving this Initiative:

Millionaires Aren't Fleeing — There is NO "Slippery Slope"

Brian Heywood wants Washingtonians to fear the new Millionaires' Tax. But before working families worry, let's look at who actually pays it.

Governor Bob Ferguson signed the Millionaires' Tax into law in March. **Fewer than one-half of 1% of Washingtonians will pay it.** The law provides a \$1 million standard deduction, meaning the first \$1 million is not subject to this tax.

Here is what that means:

- **\$60,000 annual income: \$0 Millionaires' Tax**
- **\$100,000 annual income: \$0**
- **\$250,000 annual income: \$0**
- **\$500,000 annual income: \$0**
- **\$750,000 annual income: \$0**
- **\$999,999 annual income: \$0**
- **\$1 million annual income: \$0**, under the simplified example assuming the income is otherwise subject to the tax and the full standard deduction applies.

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- **\$1.1 million: approximately \$9,900**, because only the \$100,000 above the \$1 million deduction would be taxed at 9.9%, under the same simplified assumptions.
 - **\$2 million: approximately \$99,000**, because the first \$1 million is covered by the deduction.
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That is a far different picture from suggesting ordinary Washingtonians are about to be hit with a new income tax.

**** What About the “Slippery Slope”? ****

Opponents may argue that \$1 million is only the beginning — that once Washington establishes the tax, lawmakers can simply lower the threshold until ordinary families are paying it.

But the legislation itself contains an extraordinary safeguard against exactly that scenario.

Section 314 of the enacted law makes it very clear that there is **NO “Slippery Slope”**:
“In computing a taxpayer’s Washington taxable income, a taxpayer may deduct from the taxpayer’s Washington base income a standard deduction of \$1,000,000 per individual.” That language matters enormously. The Legislature did not simply promise that the threshold would remain \$1 million. **It wrote the million-dollar floor directly into the statutory exception that permits this tax.**

And the protection becomes stronger over time, not weaker. Beginning in 2029, the law requires the \$1 million deduction to be adjusted for inflation. It expressly provides that if the inflation calculation would reduce the deduction, **the Department of Revenue “must not adjust” it downward.**

So, the accurate answer to the slippery-slope argument is this: **Under the law Washington enacted, the tax is structured to remain a tax on million-dollar-plus income, and its special authorization is expressly conditioned on maintaining at least a \$1 million household deduction.** Changing that protection would require changing the law itself; it cannot simply happen automatically or through ordinary administration.

And compare it with what working families already pay. Washington’s middle-income families pay about **10.9% of their income in state and local taxes**, while the wealthiest 1% pay about **4.1%**, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. For a \$60,000 household, 10.9% is approximately **\$6,540 every year**.

Opponents inevitably warn: *The millionaires will leave.* **Decades of research tell a different story. Stay Tuned to this explanation in the next newsletter.**

A great state isn't one where millionaires pay the least. It's one where everyone — workers, children, families, businesses and, yes, millionaires — wants to stay.

VOTE NO FOR IP 645

Kitsap County Ballot Measures



The South Kitsap School District (SKSD) Capital Projects Levy

The South Kitsap Board of Directors approved a resolution for a Capital Projects Levy **to fund**

districtwide improvements for safety & security, technology for learning, and facilities for school and community use.

Check out [this webpage](#) to see all the projects contained in this levy.

The theme of the Capital Projects Levy is **Taking Care of What We Have**. The proposal focuses on protecting and improving the facilities our students and community use every day. We believe the levy projects are practical, responsible investments that reflect the priorities our community helped establish. If approved, the Capital Projects Levy would collect \$72.6 million over 3 years from 2027-2029.

The **estimated levy rate is \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property value**. Example: a \$548,000 home will pay \$414 every 6 months in property tax.

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SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL SUPPORTERS

<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!](#)

Kitsap Public Utility District Board Places Public Power Authority Measure Before Voters

Help pass, Vote Yes for KPUD Proposition 1 on Nov. 3. Kitsap Public Utility District held listening meeting July 23 for Kitsap electricity users after complaints about Puget Sound Energy's proposed 30% rate increases between 2027-2029 being considered now by the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission. If approved, Kitsap ratepayers' electric bills increase 16% on Jan. 1, 2027. Kitsap rates increased 11% in 2025 and 12% in 2026. PSE is for-profit electricity supplier with 133,000 customers in Kitsap County.

As a result of the July 23 meeting and reviewing additional written and verbal comments, **KPUD commissioners voted July 28 to put a ballot measure on the Nov. 3 ballot to initiate a comprehensive feasibility study to answer the question is public electric service is possible and cost effective for Kitsap County.** KPUD has the funds already for this study.

A local Kitsap electricity ratepayer alliance formed called, Unplug PSE, to promote KPUD Proposition 1 ballot measure. It is looking to local Indivisibles to Vote Yes on the Nov. 3 ballot measure. One of our SKI members, Sue Ellen White, was a writer for the Pro (Yes) argument in the election voter's guide. The pro and con statements as well as the rebuttal statements have been completed and submitted to the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

Write letters to the media! Check out the UnplugPSE.com website – believe it will be live on Labor Day.

Vote YES for KPUD Proposition 1!

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. **Write to your county commissioners** and ask them to put this to a public vote.

Kitsap County Commissioners Contact Info:

District 1 - [Christine Rolfes](#)

Email: District 2 - [Oran Root](#)

District 3 - [Katie Walters](#)

1. **Submit a letter to the editor or op-ed** sharing why a Public Hospital District matters to you and your community.
2. Speak up at public meetings – **attend commissioner meeting** and use the public comment period to bring light to this issue.
3. **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.

Good News!

California Legislature passes the No Kings Act -

California lawmakers approved legislation that would make it easier for people to sue individual federal officers, including ICE agents, in state court for violations such as unlawful searches, racial profiling, infringements on free speech, and wrongful death. This is a win for freedom over fascism because badges and federal titles should never place government officials above accountability when they violate people's constitutional rights; the bill now heads to the governor. [San Francisco Chronicle](#)
[Resist and Rising Good News, Laurie Woodward Garcia and People United, Aug 30, 2026]



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?

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