

2026 South Kitsap Indivisible (SKI) General Election Voters Guide

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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 allow us to sail into calmer seas.

United States Constitution Preamble

"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."

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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.

Kitsap County Auditor Office Information and Voter Guidance

VOTE EARLY - USE BALLOT DROP BOX!

Auditor's Office Election webpage - <https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Pages/elections.aspx>

VoteWA Voter Portal - Voter Registration Status Check -
<https://voter.votewa.gov/portal2023/login.aspx>

Change your address:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/KitsapCounty1/ElectionsAddressChanges>

Signature Update Form:
https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Documents/Signature_Update_Form%202026.pdf

Registration Deadlines

8 Days Before an Election - OCTOBER 26, 2026 - For General Election 2026

- Last day for online voter registration for new Washington voters
- Last day for mail-in voter registration for new Washington voters
- Last day for online and mail-in address changes for existing Washington voters

8 p.m. Election Day

- Deadline for in-person voter registration for new Washington voters and address changes for existing Washington voters.

Go to: A Voting Center - Kitsap County has three locations See on next page.

[Accessible Voting](#) The Kitsap County Auditor is committed to providing accessible voting systems, programs, and services across our community.

[Printable Vote Center and Accessible Voting](#) info page. (1 page, 283 KB)

KITSAP COUNTY VOTING CENTERS

(8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday,
7 a.m.-8 p.m. Election Day)
Kitsap County Elections
619 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

(7 a.m.-8 p.m. Election Day)
Poulsbo Vote Center
Poulsbo Fire Station
911 NE Liberty Road
Poulsbo, WA 98370

(7 a.m.-8 p.m. Election Day)
Marvin Williams Recreation Center
725 Park Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98337

[Printable Ballot Drop Box](#) listing & info page
(1 page, 111 KB)

SOUTH KITSAP BALLOT DROP BOXES:

Port Orchard (East) - SKFR Station 8
1974 Fircrest Drive SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(drive-up)

**Port Orchard (Glenwood) -
SKFR Station 17**
7990 McCormick Woods Drive SW
Port Orchard, WA 98367

**Port Orchard Kitsap County Auditor's Office
- Elections Division**
619 Division Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Manchester Stormwater Park
2399 Colchester Drive East
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Burley Store
14972 Bethel-Burley Road SE
Port Orchard, WA 98367
(drive-up)

Olalla Bay Market & Landing
13965 Crescent Valley Road SE
Olalla, WA 98359

Southworth WSF Terminal
11677 SE Southworth Ferry Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(Near ferry terminal entrance)

TRACK YOUR BALLOT: [VOTEWA.GOV](https://vote.wa.gov)

Sign up for text messages(SMS) that indicate the ballot received and when it is counted.

I. 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		
Emily Randall (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
WA State Legislative District #26 Senator			
Deborah Krishnadasen (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Gary Parker	Republican		
WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 1			
David Olson	Republican		
Adison Richards (Incumbent)	Democrat	Endorsement	Endorsement
WA State Legislative District #26 Representative Position 2 (No Incumbent)			
Katy Cornell	Republican		
Renee Hernandez Greenfield	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
WA State Legislative District #35 Senator			
Drew MacEwen (Incumbent)	Republican		
Carolina Mejia	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position 1			
Dan Griffey (Incumbent)	Republican		
Jim Pierson	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
WA State Legislative District #35 Representative Position2			
Travis Couture (Incumbent)	Republican		
Maria Littlesun	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Kitsap County Commissioner District 3			
Kevin Tisdell	Republican		
Katie Walters (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Kitsap County Assessor			
Phil Cook (Incumbent)	Republican	Endorsement	Endorsement
Michael Simonds	Democrat		
Kitsap County Auditor (Unopposed Race)			
Paul Andrews (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement

Kitsap County Clerk			
Brien Kennedy	Democrat		
David Lewis III (Incumbent)	Democrat	Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney			
Chad M Enright (Incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Joe Lombardi	Democrat		
Kitsap County Sheriff (No Incumbent)			
Rick Kuss	Republican		
Brandon L Myers	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Kitsap County Treasurer (Unopposed Race)			
Pete Boissonneau (incumbent)	Democrat	Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Supreme Court Justice Positions WA State (Nonpartisan Races)			
Supreme Court Justice Position 1			
Scott Edwards			
Colleen Melody (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Supreme Court Justice Position 3 (No Incumbent)			
Jaime Michelle Hawk		Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
David Stevens			
Supreme Court Justice Position 4			
Ian Birk		Endorsement	Endorsement
Sean O'Donnell		Approval	Approval
Supreme Court Justice Position 5			
Theo Angelis (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Dave Larson			
Supreme Court Justice Position 7			
Todd A Bloom			
Debra L Stephens (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement
Court of Appeals, Div2 Dist2 Pos1		NO ACTION-RACE	NO ACTION-RACE
Erik D. Price (Incumbent)			
District Court, Department 1		NO ACTION-RACE	NO ACTION-RACE
Claire A. Bradley (Incumbent)			
District Court, Department 2		NO ACTION-RACE	NO ACTION-RACE
Gina M. Buskirk (Incumbent)			
District Court, Department 3		NO ACTION-RACE	NO ACTION-RACE
Shane R. Seaman (Incumbent)			
District Court, Department 4		NO ACTION-RACE	NO ACTION-RACE
Kevin P. Kelly (Incumbent)			
PUD Commissioner, District 2			
Stacey Smith (Incumbent)		Sole Endorsement	Sole Endorsement

Initiatives/Ballot Measures			
IL26-001: Restore Parents' Rights		Endorse "No" Vote	
IL26-638: Trans-Girls in Girls Sports		Endorse "No" Vote	
IP26-645: Repeal Millionaires' Tax		Endorse "No" Vote	
SKSD Proposition 1 for District 402 (Capital Projects Levy)		Endorse "Yes" Vote	
KPUD Proposition 1: PUD Electricity		Endorse "Yes" Vote	Endorse "Yes" Vote

II. 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 & Occupational & 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; 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 they need. *"It's unacceptable that Washington ranks last in police staffing."*

- Income Tax? Climate Commitment Act? Washingtonians are being burdened by big government. It's time to say enough! Lower taxes, less regulation & real accountability.
- *"Modernizing the Navy shouldn't mean more middle management in D.C.; it should mean more tools and higher pay for the pipefitters and welders in Bremerton."*
- Protecting the 50-year legacy of Title IX - Fairness for all, not preference for some.
- Keep rural clinics open. Expand Telehealth Services. Federal incentives for Rural Doctors. Support Local Clinics.
- Congressional Term limits. Congress should be a service, not a career.

Campaign Financing - As of 7/15/2026

• <u>Federal Election Commission:</u> FOX FOR WA (C00939926)		
Itemized individual contributions	\$10,604.24	
Unitemized individual contributions	<u>\$ 8,475.78</u>	
Total individual contributions	\$19,080.02	
Party committee contributions	\$ 1,000.00	
Candidate contributions	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	
Total contributions		\$20,100.02
Loans made by candidate		<u>\$ 7,515.00</u>
Total receipts		\$27,615.02

Endorsements

- All County Republican Parties in the Legislative Districts 23, 26, 35
- Washington State Republican Party
- Sharon Trask, Mason County Commissioner

Emily Randall - Sole Endorsement

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 on Natural Resources - Oversees federal lands, national parks, forests, environmental policies, and energy production
- Committee on Oversight & 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, she pushed back and she accomplished in Congress what she had pledged in her campaign.
- She fought to bring down costs for working families.
- In January, 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
 - Clallam County Projects - Olympic Medical Center Telehealth Expansion Project – \$1M; čixwícən (Tse-whit-zen) Protection Area Restoration, Port Angeles -- \$850,000; Makah Housing Resilience Project – \$1.2M
 - Grays Harbor County Projects - Southern End Erosion Project - \$1.145M; Transforming Healthcare for the Harbor – \$1M; Quinault Indian Nation Fire Station Construction – \$1.015M
 - Jefferson County Projects - Hoh Tribe Resiliency Center – \$3.15M; Jefferson Healthcare Patient Imaging Project - \$1M
 - Kitsap County Projects - Central Kitsap Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – \$1.092M; Community Respite Center – \$1.736M; WSF Southworth Terminal Redevelopment – \$850K
 - Mason County Projects - Jorstad Substation Grid Resilience Project – \$1.145M; Essential domestic violence shelter services for safety and self-sufficiency - \$238K

- Pierce County Projects - 54th Ave E and Taylor Way Corridor Improvements \$500K; Northwest Seaport Alliance Berth Deepening on the Blair Waterway – \$2M
- In May, she successfully got 11 amendments included in the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bill that passed to support military families across Washington’s 6th district.
- In July, she co-chaired the new Defend the 14th Amendment Task Force, spoke on the House floor alongside her fellow task force members to call attention to President Trump and Stephen Miller’s persistent attacks on birthright citizenship.

Campaign Finance

- Federal Election Committee information: As of 7/15/26
 - Candidate for House WA - District 06 DEMOCRATIC PARTY ID: **H4WA06117**
 - [EMILY RANDALL FOR CONGRESS \(C00857094\)](#)
 - [EMILY RANDALL VICTORY FUND \(C00887646\)](#)
- Randall does not accept Corporate PAC money, Bans congressional stock trading

Itemized individual contributions	\$ 644,415.25	
Unitemized individual contributions	<u>\$ 231,651.41</u>	
Total individual contributions	\$ 876,066.66	
Other committee contributions	<u>\$ 311,706.07</u>	
Total contributions		\$1,187,772.73
Transfers from other authorized committees		\$ 1,594.29
Offsets to operating expenditures		<u>\$ 5,879.68</u>
Total receipts		\$1,195,246.70

Endorsements

- Senator Patty Murray
- National Education Association
- Kitsap County Democrats
- WA 26th Legislative District Democrats
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Human Rights Campaign
- Humane World Action Fund
- Jewish Democratic Council of America
- LGBTQ PAC (LPAC)
- Planned Parenthood Action Fund
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Reproductive Freedom for All
- Sierra Club Washington
- Women of Color in Politics
- Several Labor Council and Unions

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 state senators; 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. 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.

Candidates

Deb Krishnadasan - Sole Endorsement

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, WA Association of School Administrators 2019
- Significant legislative win: Senate Bill 6162 for property tax relief for seniors
- Authored & Sponsored Legislation during 2025-2026 Regular Session. Legislation includes: SB5000, SB5004, SB5030, SB5033, SB5071, SB5082 & SB5092 (162 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 of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC Information for Deb K](#)

• Individual contributions:	\$ 97,475.00
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 58,187.00
• Business:	\$ 68,496.88
• Other:	\$ 44,010.99
• Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 30,146.38</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$298,316.25
• Starting Balance:	<u>\$ 46,731.64</u>
• Total Raised:	\$302,754.01

Endorsements

- LD26 Democrats
- Kitsap Democrats
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Young Democrats of Washington
- Several Labor Councils & Unions
- Planned Parenthood
- Pro-Choice Washington
- National Women's Political Caucus of Washington
- WEA PAC
- WEA Olympic UniServ Council
- Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Sierra Club
- Humane Voters of Washington
- Fair Vote Washington
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Coalition of Pierce County
- FUSE Washington

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 2022 & Business Person of the Year 2023 Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- 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

Claims

Olympia is making life harder for the people who live and work in this district. The district deserves a strong voice focused on practical solutions

- Make life more affordable - cost of living, tax relief, family budgets
- Empower local employers - support businesses that hire local
- Support our seniors - property tax, fixed income protection
- Safe & Strong communities - public safety, law enforcement funding, community trust

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC Info for Parker](#)

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| • Self: | \$60,676.88 |
| • Individual: | \$13,860.00 |
| • Other: | <u>\$ 1,250.00</u> |
| • Total Contributions: | \$75,786.88 |
| • Loans: | <u>\$ 676.88</u> |
| • Total Raised: | \$76,463.76 |

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

David Olson

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Challenger, Republican

Background

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

Accomplishments

- Elected to the Peninsula School District Board in 2013 (re-elected three times)
- Served as President, Vice President, & the board's Legislative Representative
- 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 and 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Olson](#)

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|---------------|--------------|
| • Individual: | \$ 84,756.07 |
| • Caucus: | \$ 45,000.00 |
| • Business: | \$ 5,800.00 |

- Political Action Committee: \$ 6,550.00
- Miscellaneous: \$ 2,183.40
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$144,289.47**

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
- 16 Republican State Representatives
- Heidi Fenton, Former Port Orchard City Council (Resigned)
- 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 - Endorsement

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 votes
- 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - PDC for Richards

• Business:	\$134,813.45
• Individual:	\$ 76,839.00
• Other:	\$ 28,528.83
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 30,500.00
• Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 9,550.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$280,231.28
• Starting Balance:	<u>\$ 24,715.31</u>
• Total Raised:	\$304,946.59

Endorsements

- Emily Randall US Congress - 6th Congressional District
- 26th LD Democrats
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Ryan Mello Pierce County Executive
- Christine Rolfes Kitsap County Commissioner
- Katie Walters Kitsap County Commissioner
- Chad Enright Kitsap County Prosecutor
- Larry Seaquist Former State Representative LD 26
- David Lewis Kitsap County Clerk
- Greg Wheeler Bremerton Mayor and Mary Barber Mayor of Gig Harbor
- Rob Putaansuu Mayor of Port Orchard

- Several County & City Councilmembers
- Deanna Keller Port of Tacoma Commissioner
- Kyle Joyce South Kitsap Fire Commissioner
- AFT WA
- WACOPS
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Pro-Choice Washington

4. Wa State LD #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 BA in Psychology, Northwestern U & MA in Nonprofit Leadership, Seattle U
- Been a pastor for 13 years.

Accomplishments

- Founded Walk in the Light (2009), serving vulnerable communities in Burkina Faso.
- 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.

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 & Safety: 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. 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 & Growth: Excellent schools are essential to opportunity & long-term success. I will advocate for policies that strengthen education and support students, parents, & educators statewide. 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Cornell](#)

• Caucus:	\$111,500.00
• Individual:	\$105,868.57
• Business:	\$ 18,574.30
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 25,750.00
• Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 27,680.58</u>
• Total Contribution/Raised:	\$289,373.45

Endorsements

- Drew MacEwen, 35th LD State Senator (Republican)
- Travis Couture, 35th LD State Representative (Republican)
- 13 Republican State Representatives + 2 Former Republican State Representatives
- John Morrissey, Port Orchard City Council
- Eric Worden, Port Orchard City Council
- Heidi Fenton, Port Orchard City Council
- Key Peninsula Firefighters
- Master Builders Association of Pierce County
- Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors
- Kitsap County Association of Realtors
- AGC, Association of General Contractors
- AWB, Association of Washington Businesses
- Washington Hospitality Association
- APRN of Washington
- Tommy's Story Hour
- Pierce County Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party
- Young Republicans of Washington

Renee Hernandez Greenfield - Sole Endorsement

Legislative District 26, Representative Position 2, Democrat

Background

- Earned a BA-History, Occidental College (2001) & MS-Psychology, U of Phoenix (2010)
- Child Protective Services (CPS) investigator for the Suquamish Tribe
- Adjunct instructor for early childhood education at Tacoma CC and WWU
- 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
- Third-generation union member

Claims

Improving Education

- I understand how vital early childhood education and support is. Children need early care and education that meets their needs.
- Families who rely on subsidies can't afford private childcare.

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.

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, and fight for a better healthcare system.

Supporting Workers

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

100 Percent Pro-Choice

- 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

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

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Greenfield](#)

- Individual: \$ 88,362.29
- Other: \$ 19,536.47
- Political Action Committee: \$ 20,451.00

- Party: \$ 58,733.70
- Miscellaneous: \$ 13,925.53
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$201,008.99**

Endorsements

- Emily Randall, US Congress, 6th Congressional District
- Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner
- Chad Enright, Kitsap County Prosecutor
- Frank Dacca, District Court Judge, retired
- 3 City or County Councilmembers
- Kitsap County Democrats & Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Washington Democratic Latino Caucus & National Women's Political Caucus
- The 26th LD Democrats & Pierce County Democrats
- Young Democrats of Washington & Washington Stonewall Dems
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Women of Color in Politics
- 7 Labor Unions & Councils & Associations
- Washington Conservation Action
- Jane Fonda Climate PAC
- Environment & Climate Council - of the Washington State Democratic Party
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Children's Campaign Fund
- Sage Leaders

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 state senators; 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. 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.

Candidates

Drew MacEwen

Incumbent State Senator, Legislative District 35, Republican

Background

- 1992 graduated from Sheboygan Fall High School
- 1997 Bachelor's degree from SUNY & Bachelor's degree from Excelsior College
- 1992-1998 – served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force
- 2012-2022 Served in the House & 2023-present State Senator
- Owner of Falcon Financial
- Managing partner of Mountain Lakes Capital Management LLC investment firm
- Has investments in local businesses including 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 Nat'l Federation of Independent Business & The Assoc. of WA 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 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>
- 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for MacEwen](#)

• Business:	\$ 77,800.00
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 59,700.00
• Individual:	\$ 29,150.00
• Other:	\$ 45,902.00
• Party:	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$214,052.00
• Starting balance:	<u>\$ 14,349.00</u>
• Total Raised:	\$228,401.00

Endorsements

- Kitsap County & Mason County Republican Parties
- Washington State Republican Party
- Association of Washington Business
- Association of General Contractors, Washington Chapter
- 16 Business Associations

[Carolina Mejia - Sole Endorsement](#)

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 second term
- From 2022 - 2023, she served as Chair for the Thurston Co. 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

Boards and Committees (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

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."

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Mejia](#)

• Individual:	\$ 73,511.60
• Other:	\$ 28,104.07
• Party:	\$ 9,118.71
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 2,400.00
• Self:	<u>\$ 186.72</u>
• Total contributions/Raised:	\$113,321.10

Endorsements

- Emily Randall, US House of Representatives
- 4 State Senators

- Dontae Payne, Mayor of Olympia; Malcolm Miller, Deputy Mayor of Lacey; and several council members and county commissioners
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Mason County Democrats
- Thurston County Democrats
- 35th Legislative District Democrats
- Washington Democratic Latino Caucus
- National Women's Political Caucus of Washington
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Washington Stonewall Democrats
- Progreso, Latino Progress
- Win with Women PAC
- Women of Color in Politics
- WA State Labor Council, Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council, UCW 3000
- Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Children's Campaign Fund
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Sierra Club
- Washington Conservation Action
- Washington Education Association - PAC
- Several Labor Councils
- Olympia Indivisible

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 Allyn, 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

Dan Griffey

Legislative District 26 Representative Position 1 Incumbent, Republican

Background

- Lifelong resident of Allyn, Washington, married with children and grandchildren

- House of Representatives since 2015, Minority (Republican) Whip since 2019
- 2013-present Owner, Inferno Advertising
- 1998-present D&D Innovations
- Professional firefighter for Central Mason County, served for 30 years, 1992-2022
- Volunteer Firefighter beginning at age 16, one of the youngest EMTs at the time
- Member, Old Time Fiddlers, 1984-1998
- Volunteer, United Way, 2010-present
- Member, North Mason Chamber, 2011-present
- Member, Shelton Chamber, 2011-present
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, 2012-present

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:

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

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Griffey](#)

• Business:	\$30,650.00
• Other:	\$21,424.20
• Individual:	\$ 9,200.49
• Political Action Committee:	\$26,850.00
• Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 2,205.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$90,329.69
• Starting balance:	<u>\$ 4,646.76</u>
• Total Raised:	\$94,977.45

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 - Sole Endorsement](#)

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, built a future through decades of 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: <https://www.electjimperson.com/platform>

- Protect voting access
- Humane immigration policies
- Equal Opportunity, women's rights
- Focus on real issues, independent leadership
- Responsible energy cost management
- Fair tax system, micro-loan pools for small business
- Develop small industrial parks near Shelton
- Clean energy future
- Single payer/universal healthcare
- Practical road improvements
- Local housing solutions
- Remove barriers for rural providers
- Modernizing shellfish testing labs and monitoring
- Invest in education and teachers

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Pierson](#)

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Individual: | \$12,916.07 |
| • Other: | \$ 8,380.64 |
| • Party: | \$ 7,500.00 |
| • Political Action Committee: | \$ 6,500.00 |
| • Miscellaneous: | <u>\$ 2,766.88</u> |
| • Total Contributions/Raised: | \$38,063.59 |

Endorsements

- 35th Legislative District Democrats
- Kitsap County, Mason County, and Thurston County Democrats
- Thurston County Democratic Women
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Washington Stonewall Dems
- Washington State Labor Council and Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council
- American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Sierra Club
- SEIU 775
- UFCW 3000 Union
- Olympia Indivisible
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Washington Conservation Action
- Olympia Indivisible

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 Allyn, 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 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-honorably discharged (2011), having earned:
 - Submarine Dolphins warfare pin & Sea Service Deployment ribbons
 - Navy Good Conduct Medals & 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 Exec. Committee on Budget Transparency and Fiscal Sustainability
- Human Services, Youth and Early Learning Committee

Claims

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

3 Notable Bills Passed by Travis Couture in 2026: These legislative efforts reflect Couture's commitment to improving education, financial security for retirees, and support for vulnerable populations in Washington State.

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.

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.

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."

"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."

Campaign Finance as Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Couture](#)

• Business:	\$ 48,850.00
• Individual:	\$ 19,365.98
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 28,350.00
• Other:	\$ 11,413.68
• Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$110,079.66
• Starting Balance:	<u>\$ 59,194.83</u>
• Total Raised:	\$169,274.49

Endorsements

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

Maria Littlesun - Sole Endorsement

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.

- “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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Littlesun](#)

- Individual: \$40,999.35
- Other: \$23,038.70
- Political Action Committee: \$ 2,400.00
- Party: \$ 4,300.00
- Self: \$ 194.08
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$70,932.13**

Endorsements

- 3 State Senators; Jessica Bateman (22nd LD); Rebecca Saldana (37th LD); & Claudia Kauffman (47th LD)
- Kris Klabsch Peters, Squaxin Tribe Chairman
- Mary Townsend Johnson, Olympic Middle School Principal
- Skokomish Indian Tribal Council
- Sage Leaders
- Native Vote WA (Skokomish)
- Native American Caucus – Washington State Democrats
- 35th Legislative District Democrats
- Kitsap County and Mason County Democrats
- Thurston County Democratic Women
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Washington State Stonewall Democrats
- Women of Color in Politics
- American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO)
- Washington Education Association-PAC
- SEIU 775 & SEIU 925
- AFL-CIO Washington State Labor Council
- Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council
- Sierra Club
- Washington Conservation Action
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Moms Demand Action (Gun Sense Candidate)
- Human Voters of Washington
- Olympia Indivisible

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 Svcs, Community Development, Parks, & Emergency Mgmt
- **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 & 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 Tisdal

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 Business owner of a collision repair shop; General Mgr and Production Mgr.
- 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.
- 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 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, 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Tisdell](#)

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| • Self: | \$2,729.52 |
| • Party: | \$ 750.00 |
| • Individual: | \$ 340.00 |
| • Other: | \$ 100.00 |
| • Total Contributions/Raised: | \$3,919.52 |

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Katie Walters (Incumbent) - Sole Endorsement

Kitsap County Commissioner District 3 Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- Democrat (Incumbent)
- Born in Spokane, Washington, and raised in Helena, Montana & Calls Kitsap County home since 1991
- BA in Public Relations with a concentration in Political Science from Gonzaga U
- 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 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 & expand access to childcare. In Central Kitsap, she has championed the Silverdale Regional Center Plan, guiding a shared vision for growth, livability, & 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.
- 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 commerce.
- 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, & 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.
- 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 & workforce housing & advancing compassionate, practical solutions to homelessness that combine services, accountability, & 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - PDC for Walters

• Individual:	\$17,442.46
• Business:	\$ 2,152.00
• Other:	\$ 2,835.15
• Party:	\$ 750.00
• Self:	\$ 448.08
• Total Contributions:	\$23,627.69
• Loan	\$ 2,000.00
• Total Raised:	\$25,627.69

Endorsements

- Drew Hansen, Washington State Senator, LD23
- Phil Rockefeller, Washington State Senator, LD23 (2005-2011)
- Deb Krishnadasan, Washington State Senator, LD26
- Greg Nance, Washington State Representative, LD23
- Adison Richards, Washington State Representative, LD26
- Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner, District 2
- John Gese, Kitsap County Sheriff
- Chad Enright, Kitsap County Prosecutor
- 4 Current City Mayors and 3 Former City Mayors
- Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribal Council Chairman

- Cary Bozeman, Port of Bremerton Commissioner
- Debra Lester, KPUD Commissioner, District 1
- Stacey Smith, KPUD Commissioner, District 2 (Appointed 2025)
- David Fergus, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Commissioner, District 4
- Kitsap County Democrats & LD26 Democrats
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- LD23 Democrats and the LD 26 Democrats
- Laborers' Local 252
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Suquamish Tribe
- 28 Community Members

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

Philip (Phil) Cook - Endorsement

Kitsap County Assessor Incumbent, Republican

Background

- 1990 - 1993 Glendale High School
- 1993 - 1993 Glendale Community College - General Studies
- 1997 U of Arkansas - Bachelors Degree & 1998 Azusa Pacific U - Masters Degree
- 2003 University of Southern California - Masters in Public Administration
- Experience in operations and logistics management, education, youth athletics
- 25 years in real estate & property mgmt in Kitsap County sales manager and mortgage originator with a Fortune 500 company
- Board member, United Way of Kitsap County Board, Jan 2016 through Nov 2018.
- Volunteer in Scouting America and Eagle Scouts & Member Navy League, youth sports
- Volunteer: community clean-up; Relay for Life; Rebuilding Together; CSTOCK Theater

Accomplishments

- He has also completed **LEAN Six Sigma process improvement training**.
- Has served as Assessor for 12 years here in Kitsap County. First Elected in 2014; Had run unopposed until now in 2026
- Collaborated with title companies to get parcel legal descriptions unabbreviated and accurate at no cost to the taxpayers. Excellent skills in bringing stakeholders together
- Another large project involved Parcel Maps. Phil Cook then brought the Auditor's Office, Treasurer's Office and title companies together to solve this issue. Project completed within 3 years with 99% accuracy. Most other counties are still struggling to get this done.

Claims

- **Efficient government. Better service. Proven results.**
- He has worked with leaders from all parties across Kitsap County and Washington State to deliver practical results for taxpayers. Phil believes the Assessor's Office should be focused on accuracy, transparency, data, and service — not partisan politics.
- Emphasis on accuracy and transparency in the valuation process
- 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 nationally 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.
- Focused on citizen's needs by ensuring accuracy, maintaining transparency in the valuation process, adopting new technologies as they become available and providing exceptional customer service
- Committed to always work to ensure the Assessor's Office remains effective, accountable, fiscally responsible, and focused on serving all the people of Kitsap

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Cook](#)

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Self: | \$ 4,674.95 |
| • Individual: | \$15,429.00 |
| • Business: | \$ 2,250.00 |
| • Political Action Committee: | \$ 3,800.00 |
| • Other: | <u>\$ 10.00</u> |
| • Total Contributions/Raised: | \$26,163.95 |

Endorsements

Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner

Greg Wheeler, Mayor of Bremerton & Ed Stern, Mayor of Poulsbo

Kitsap County Republican Party

Kitsap County Association of Realtors & Kitsap Building Association

Washington Farm Bureau

Michael Simonds

Kitsap County Assessor Challenger, Democrat

Background

- Attended Broome Community College and 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; Kitsap County local real estate agent
- Vice Chairman of the Manette Neighborhood Coalition
- 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 & 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.
- **In violation of PDC regulations:** Has not submitted the correct forms: C-1 Candidate registration and an F-1 personal financial affairs statement. These forms were due around May 21, 2026. Michael Simonds was not present at his hearing on July 30, 2026. **WA State has issued a civil penalty** of \$1,500.00 and suspended \$1,000, if he pays by September 21, 2026 and submits the required completed forms. If he does not comply, the fee will be raised to \$1,500.00. [PDC Case 191209](#)
- **Another case filed:** The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) held a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) in accordance with RCW

29B.20.030 and RCW 29B.60.020 to determine if you violated RCW 29B.25.090 by failing to timely file one or more mandatory pre-primary expenditure and summary reports (C-4). Under the Brief Enforcement Hearing rules, the Presiding Officer has the authority to assess a civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143, a penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.

HEARING INFORMATION:

Date and time: Tuesday September 29, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Place: Remotely from Olympia/Live Audio and Online Transmission

Presiding Officer: J. Leach, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission, or his designee

Authority: Title 29B RCW and WAC 390

Results of the hearing are not posted as of October 1, 2026. [PDC Case 194509](#)

Endorsements - None

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 - Sole Endorsement

Kitsap County Auditor, Democrat Incumbent

Background

- Kitsap County Auditor since 2019
- Past President of the Washington State Association of County Auditors
- Co-Chair, State Licensing Committee & Secretary, 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
- Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA) through Auburn University
- Earned a Building Design degree
- 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.
- The auditor's office ensures the accuracy and integrity of our votes.
- The auditor's office delivers transparency and accountability of our tax dollars.
- The auditor's office makes our car and boat tabs renewals easy and accessible.
- The auditor's office issues marriage licenses and ensures public records are preserved and accessible to us.

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Andrews](#)

- Reviewed his personal finances and debt load. He is clean as a whistle.
- Self: \$1,635.04
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$1,635.04**

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, UW
- 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, UW Alumni Association
- Has held executive level positions at major tech companies and startups
- Built and ran his own consulting business for seven years

Accomplishments

- \$2 Billion+ 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 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 Brien filed to run for the position.

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Kennedy](#)

From Candidates/Washington State Public Disclosure Commission & Washington Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research: No money raised. C-1 and F-1 forms filed and are compliant. No contributions reported.

Endorsements

No endorsements mentioned on candidate's website.

David T Lewis III - Sole Endorsement

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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Lewis](#)

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

Total campaign contributions of \$100.00

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 - Sole Endorsement

Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney Incumbent, Democrat

Background

- He was raised in Poulsbo and attended North Kitsap High School.
- 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 Assoc. of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) & was elected as the WAPA Treasurer in 2026

Accomplishments/Claims

- Rated as **"highly qualified"** by **85% of Kitsap Bar Association** members.
- Manages the largest law firm in the county and is fully staffed while throughout the state there is an attorney shortage. Kitsap has been fully staffed for the past 2+ years.
- Helped establish a Pre-Arrest Diversion program in Poulsbo that gives police officers the option to get somebody into treatment. 70% of the offenders use this program which eliminates arrest and prosecution while the offender gets the help they need.
- Partnered with Kitsap Superior Court & the Center for Children and Youth Justice to create WA State's first Girls Court in juvenile court to address the rise in girl crime.
- 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, 3 members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang were sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole involving a complicated 5-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.** Other counties have backlogs of over 1,000 cases at one point in time.
- 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. Kitsap County is considering doing the Race NEutral Charging program that has been implemented in California.

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Enright](#)

- Self: \$30,544.40
- Individual: \$ 5,700.00
- Party: \$ 4,000.00
- Other: \$ 700.00
- Total contributions: \$40,944.40
- Loans: \$ 7,500.00
- **Total Raised: \$48,444.40**

Endorsements

- 11 Area Judges
- Current and Former Elected Officials: Currently 27 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
- 89 Community Members
- Four Organizations:
 - International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2819
 - Iron Workers Local Union 86
 - Kitsap County Democrats
 - 23rd LD Democrats
 - Kitsap County Democratic Women
 - Kitsap County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Guild
 - Poulsbo Police Officers Association

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

- Rated **"not qualified"** by **40%** of **Kitsap Bar Association** members to be Kitsap County Prosecutor.
- 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Lombardi](#)

- Individual: \$25,496.28
- Self: \$14,764.59
- Party: \$ 4,000.00
- Other: \$ 4,804.80
- **Total Contributions: \$49,065.67**

Endorsements

- 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)
- Daria Ilgen (Candidate, 23rd Legislative District Representative)
- Kitsap County Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO)
- 12 legal colleagues
- 10 other community members

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
- 30+ years of combined public service experience in law enforcement, military leadership, and community service

- 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
- 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Kuss](#)

From Candidates/Washington State Disclosure Commission & Washington

Candidates-Transparency USA and Candidates research:

- Individual: \$28,917.00
- Other: \$10,048.00
- Self: \$31,839.88
- Business: \$ 3,400.00
- Party: \$ 750.00
- **Total Contributions:** **\$74,954.88**

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Brandon L Myers - Sole Endorsement

Kitsap County Sheriff Candidate, Democrat

Background

- Born and raised in Kitsap County, 2nd generation Kitsap native; Central Kitsap Graduate
- 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:
 - Detective Sergeant-supervises complex criminal investigations
 - Reserve Deputy
 - 911 Dispatcher
 - Patrol Deputy
 - Patrol Sergeant Detective
 - Support Services Sergeant
 - Detective
 - Deputy Sheriff, Apr 2008 - Nov 2022 · 14 yrs 8 mos
 - 911 Dispatcher Sep 2006 - Apr 2008 · 1 yr 8 mos
 - Skilled in Investigation, Procurement
 - 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. His approach emphasizes making residents feel heard & fostering trust between the sheriff's office & the community

Training

- WA State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) Reserve Academy (261hrs)
- WSCJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy (720hr)
- Police Leadership: The West Point Model (124hrs)
- FBI-LEEDA Supervisor, Command, Executive Leadership (72hrs)
- FBI-LEEDA Media and Public Relations (40hr)
- With additional trainings adding up to over 880 hours total
- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program, Standards, Collecting & Preserving Evidence in Investigations
- Introduction to Cybertip Investigations & Proactive Investigations
- Understanding Hash Values and Photo DNA
- Anonymizer, Darknet & P2P
- Tracking Down the Suspect IP Address

Licenses

- Lead Investigator Independent Investigation Team, WSCJTC, Issued Oct 2023
- Crisis Intervention Officer, WSCJTC
- Crisis Negotiator, WSCJTC
- Field Training Officer, WSCJTC
- Instructor Trainer Certification, WSCJTC
- Peace Officer, WSCJTC, Issued Nov 2008

Professional and Community Recognitions

- Sheriff's Commendation Award – 2009
- Divisional Commendation Award – 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020
- Sheriff's Award for Lifesaving – 2015, 2017
- Leadership Kitsap's 20 Under 40 – 2016
- International Association of Chiefs Of Police 40 under 40 – 2017
- FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy Award – 2023
- Kitsap Board of County Commissioners 20 under 40 Recognition – 2025
- International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 under 40.
- Serves as the Board President with Central Stage Theatre of County Kitsap (CSTOCK)
- Chair, Vice Chair, & member of the Central Kitsap Community Council (8 yrs total)
- 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.
- 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. 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. 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 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Myers](#)

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

• Individual:	\$37,982.57
• Other:	\$ 5,391.00
• Business:	\$ 1,253.00
• Self:	<u>\$ 67.86</u>
• Total contributions:	\$44,694.43
• Starting Balance:	<u>\$ 192.00</u>
• Total Raised:	\$44,886.43

Endorsements

- Chad Enright, Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney
- Sally Olson, Kitsap County Superior Court Judge (RET)
- Bruce Richards, Central Kitsap School District Board (RET)
- Shannon Turner, Bremerton School District Board
- Senator Drew Hansen, 23rdLD District
- Greg Nance, 23rdLD State Representative
- John Gese, Kitsap County Sheriff (RET)
- Ed Stern, Mayor of Poulsbo
- Greg Wheeler, Mayor of Poulsbo
- Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor of Bainbridge Island
- David Fergus, Fire Commissioner, CKFR
- Ed Wolfe, Attorney & Former Kitsap County Commissioner
- James Doctor, Bremerton Municipal Court Judge (RET)
- Kitsap County Democrats
- Kitsap County Democratic Women
- Bremerton Police Officer Guild
- Poulsbo Police Officers Association
- Kitsap 911 Employee's Guild
- Kitsap County Deputy Sheriff's Guild
- Received endorsements from colleagues and community members (197) 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, & other local gov't units, 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 gov't investment.
- Prepares monthly, quarterly, or annual Federal and/or state reports and payments.
- Serves as Chairman of the Kitsap County Financial Review Committee.

Candidate

Pete Boissonneau - Sole Endorsement

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

- Programs created during his time in Kitsap County have kept Kitsap County fiscally balanced.

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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Boissonneau](#)

Boissonneau opted for **mini reporting**. **Campaigns that raise and spend no more than \$7,000** can register under mini reporting and do not have to report contributions and expenditures to the PDC. There are no contributions reported on the Public Disclosure Commission website for Boissonneau because he opted for mini reporting..

Endorsements

- Kitsap County Democrats
- 26th Legislative District Democrats
- The Political Revolution
- Blue Voter Guide

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 data found on the [Public Disclosure Commission website](#).

Candidates

Position 1

Scott M. 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Edwards](#)

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| • Individual: | \$109,457.00 |
| • Business: | \$ 26,200.00 |
| • Self: | \$ 3,537.70 |
| • Political Action Committee: | \$ 10,950.00 |
| • Other: | <u>\$ 4,951.62</u> |

- Total Contributions: \$155,096.32
- Loans: \$ 9,900.00
- **Total Raised: \$164,996.32**

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Colleen Melody - Sole Endorsement

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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Melody](#)

- Individual: \$211,779.43
- Other: \$ 43,871.55
- Political Action Committee: \$ 1,200.00
- Business: \$ 692.42
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$257,543.40**

Endorsements

Extensive list of endorsements from progressive organizations and individuals.

<https://melodyforjustice.com/endorsements>

Position 3

Jaime Michelle Hawk - Sole Endorsement

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. Clerk 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Hawk](#)

- Individual: \$234,028.28
- Other: \$ 18,298.00
- Union: \$ 13,700.00
- Business: \$ 13,586.62
- Miscellaneous: \$ 14,669.62
- **Total Contribution/Raised: \$294,282.52**

Endorsements

There is no doubt she is politically well connected. 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
- 4 Labor Unions
- Third Act Washington
- Spokane County Democrats & Young Democrats of Washington
- Kitsap County Democrats Approved

[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*". Also, he reaches the **mandatory retirement age** of 75 before he could complete the 6 year term for this elected position. Thus this seat will be up for grabs within a couple of years from now. Under the Public Disclosure Commission records his name appears as David Steven y Perez.

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Stevens](#)

- Individual: \$43,342.00
- Business: \$ 8,200.00
- Other: \$ 6,890.00
- Political Action Committee: \$ 1,700.00
- Miscellaneous: \$ 3,081.50
- Total Contribution: \$63,213.50
- Loans: \$ 1,380.15
- **Total Raised: \$64,593.65**

Endorsements

- WA State Republican Party & Kitsap County Republican Party

Position 4

Ian Birk - Endorsed

Fifth generation Washingtonian. **Graduated UW as a 19 year-old.** 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 courts of appeals** (Spokane, Tacoma, and Seattle). Volunteered for 10 years on King County Bar Assoc. Provided free legal services in Neighborhood Legal Clinics. 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.**"

Ian Birk received ratings for the Supreme Court from:

- The Washington Women Lawyers Bar Association, an **Exceptionally Well Qualified** <https://www.wwl.org/Judicial-ratings>
- The Cardozo Society, an **Exceptionally Well Qualified** <https://www.cardozowashington.org/cjec>
- The Latina/o Bar Association of Washington - **Qualified** <https://www.lbaw.org/services/jec>

"When Birk speaks, **you can see the depth of his thinking.** Especially around fairness, access to the courts, and the Court's role in **addressing racial inequities and mass incarceration.** When he picked us and our questions apart, we thought, "this is exactly the person you'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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Birk](#)

- Individual: \$419,354.54
- Business: \$ 40,221.71
- Other: \$ 8,645.27
- Union: \$ 8,400.00
- Miscellaneous: \$ 4,629.87
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$481,251.39**

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
- 7 current State Supreme Court Justices and 3 former Justices
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Washington Conservation Action
- Washington Labor Council & American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO's
- Pro-Choice Washington
- WEA PAC
- Sierra Club
- Nurses for America
- Kitsap County Democrats
- 26th LD Democrats
- 41 other Democrat Legislative Districts/County Parties
- 4 other Washington Indivisible Chapters - Seattle, Snohomish, Tacoma & Whidbey

Sean P. O'Donnell - Approval

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. **Awarded 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. His background as a prosecuting attorney is quite impressive with high profile criminal cases such as the **Green River serial killer case** and also with **human trafficking cases**. He focuses on **Victims' Rights, courthouse security** and finding ways to **make courts relevant and accessible for our communities**.

Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA 9) endorsed Judge O'Donnell and said, "Along with being a deeply experienced judge with a **well-earned reputation for applying the law fairly and accurately in tough, high-profile cases**, Judge O'Donnell is one the most respected legal minds in Washington State. He has my enthusiastic support."

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

- Washington State Veterans Bar Association (WSVBA)
- Cardozo Society of Washington State <https://www.cardozowashington.org/cjec>

Latino Bar Association of Washington - **Well Qualified** <https://www.lbaw.org/services/jec>

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for O'Donnell](#)

• Individual:	\$276,334.44
• Other:	\$ 9,252.12
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 16,952.72
• Business:	\$ 2,900.00
• Self:	<u>\$ 192.09</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$305,631.37
• Loan:	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
• Total Raised:	\$310,631.37

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
- 5 other Democrat Parties
- Seattle Times
- Washington State Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party
- \$500.00 from Former Republican Attorney General Rob McKenna

Position 5

Justice Theo Angelis - Sole Endorsement

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.

Theo Angelis received a rating for the Washington Supreme Court from:

- The Washington Women Lawyers Bar Association - **Exceptionally Well Qualified**
<https://www.wwl.org/Judicial-ratings>

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Angelis](#)

- Individual: \$358,806.84
- Other: \$ 16,426.00
- Business: \$ 17,899.75
- Union: \$ 15,200.00
- Miscellaneous: \$ 11,997.96
- **Total Contributions/Raised: \$420,330.55**

Endorsements

- WA Governor Bob Ferguson
- WA Former Governor Jay Inslee
- WA Former Governor Chris Gregoire
- WA Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck
- Chief Justice Debra Stephens, WA State Supreme Court
- The majority of the current State Supreme Court Justices
- State Senator Deb Krishnadasan, LD 26
- State Representative Adison Richards, LD 26
- Several Labor Councils and Unions
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- Indivisible Tacoma
- About dozen County or Legislative Districts Democrat Political Party Endorsements
<https://justiceangelis.com/endorsements/>

[Dave A. 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. Graduated from Federal Way High School 1976. Earned bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Puget Sound in 1980. Earned law degree from Seattle University School of Law in 1984.

Dave Larson received an Rating for the Washington Supreme Court:

- From the The Cardoza Society of Washington - **Well Qualified**
<https://www.lmba.net/judicial-evaluations>
- From the King County Bar Association - **Qualified**
<https://www.kcba.org/?pg=Rating-of-Candidates-in-2020-Election>
- From The Loren Miller Bar Association - **Exceptionally Well Qualified**
<https://www.lmba.net/judicial-evaluations>

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Larson](#)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Individual: | \$319,373.50 |
| • Other: | \$ 40,906.12 |
| • Business: | \$ 15,100.00 |
| • Political Action Committee: | \$ 12,400.00 |
| • Miscellaneous: | <u>\$ 3,094.05</u> |
| • Total Contributions: | \$390,873.67 |
| • Starting Balance: | <u>\$ 2,616.37</u> |
| • Total Raised: | \$393,490.04 |

Endorsements

- Washington State Republican Party
- Kitsap County Republican Party

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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Bloom](#)

• Individual:	\$11,341.08
• Self:	\$ 3,343.38
• Business:	\$ 3,150.00
• Other:	<u>\$ 1,075.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$19,409.46
• Loan:	<u>\$ 835.70</u>
• Total Raised:	\$20,245.16

Endorsements

Kitsap County Republican Party

Chief Justice Debra Stephens - Sole Endorsement

Chief Justice Stephens has served in Position 7 on the Washington State Supreme Court, since January 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 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. Stephens earned a BA and a JD from Gonzaga University.

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. 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 as of Oct 2, 2026 - [PDC for Stephens](#)

• Individual	\$106,903.00
• Political Action Committee:	\$ 7,200.00
• Business:	\$ 4,095.00
• Union:	\$ 4,800.00
• Other:	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
• Total Contributions:	\$124,298.00
• Starting Balance:	<u>\$ 26,513.38</u>
• Total Raised:	\$150,811.38

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

16. Court of Appeals, Division 2, District 2 (Unopposed Race)

The Washington State Court of Appeals serves as the intermediate appellate court in the state's judicial system. Its primary role is to review decisions made by lower courts to ensure that legal errors have not occurred.

Key Functions

- Review Legal Decisions: The court examines cases from lower courts, focusing on whether the law was applied correctly.
- Panel Hearings: Cases are typically heard by panels of three judges, who deliberate and issue rulings.
- Appeals to Supreme Court: Decisions made by the Court of Appeals can be further appealed to the Washington Supreme Court.

Structure

The court is divided into three geographic divisions:

- Division 1: Seattle - 10 Judges
- Division 2: Tacoma - 7 Judges
- Division 3: Spokane - 5 Judges

Types of Cases

The Washington Court of Appeals handles various types of cases, including:

- Appeals from final judgments of the Superior Court.
- Personal Restraint Petitions.
- Appeals from administrative agency decisions.
- Discretionary reviews of certain lower court decisions.

- This structure and function allow the Court of Appeals to play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of the legal system in Washington State.

[https://www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/]

Candidates

No Action at Race Level - Since the candidate is an incumbent and has no one challenging him, we did not evaluate for endorsement.

Erik D. Price, incumbent since 2021 (unopposed)-Position 1

17. District Court Justice Departments 1 - 4 (Unopposed Races)

The four Kitsap County District Court Judges are elected in non-presidential even-numbered years, also known as midterm election years, unless they are being elected to fill a vacancy. Terms are four years and all races are nonpartisan. If only one candidate files to run for a judge position, that candidate is considered elected and the term begins the second Monday in January. If the candidate is elected to fill the remainder of a term, that term begins once the election is certified.

District Courts Jurisdiction

Preliminary hearings for felony cases are also within the jurisdiction of the district courts. The maximum penalty for gross misdemeanors is one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. The maximum penalty for plain misdemeanors is 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. A defendant is entitled to a jury trial for these offenses. Juries in courts of limited jurisdiction are composed of six people. Jurisdiction in civil cases includes damages for injury to individuals or personal property and contract disputes in amounts of up to \$100,000.

District courts also have jurisdiction over traffic and non-traffic infractions, civil proceedings for which a monetary penalty--but no jail sentence--may be imposed. There is no right to a jury trial for an infraction. District courts have jurisdiction to issue domestic violence and anti-harassment protection orders and no-contact orders. They also have jurisdiction to hear change-of-name petitions and certain lien foreclosures. More information on these procedures can be obtained by contacting the Kitsap County District Court.

Small claims are limited to money claims of up to \$5,000, or up to \$10,000 when brought by a person. These are filed and heard in the Small Claims Department of the district court. Generally, each party is self-represented--attorneys are not permitted except with the permission of the judge. Witnesses may not be subpoenaed, but may be allowed to voluntarily testify for a party. Examples of cases heard: neighborhood disputes, consumer problems, landlord/tenant matters and small collections. The Kitsap County District Court clerk can provide specific information about filing a claim. [Taken from The League of Women Voters of Kitsap, *Know Your County: Kitsap*, Revised September 9, 2005.]

Candidates -

No Action at Race Level - Since candidates are incumbents and have no one challenging them, we did not evaluate for endorsement.

Claire A. Bradley incumbent since 2015 (unopposed) - Department 1
Gina M. Buskirk incumbent since Jun 2025 (unopposed) - Department 2
Shane R. Seaman, incumbent since 2023 (unopposed) - Department 3
Kevin P. Kelly, incumbent since Jul 2017 (unopposed) - Department 4

18. Kitsap Public Utility District-Commissioner District 2 (Unopposed)

Overview of Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)

Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD) is a municipal corporation located in Kitsap County, Washington. It plays a vital role in providing essential utility services to the local community.

Key Functions

Drinking Water Services

- **Safe Drinking Water:** KPUD is responsible for ensuring that residents have access to safe and reliable drinking water.
- **Water Resource Management:** The district maintains a county-wide water resource monitoring program to manage and protect water resources effectively.

Wastewater Services

- **Wastewater Management:** KPUD provides wastewater services to ensure proper treatment and disposal of sewage, contributing to public health and environmental protection.

Fiber Internet Infrastructure

- **Broadband Access:** KPUD has developed a fiber internet infrastructure to expand broadband access, particularly in underserved areas.
- **Open Access Network:** The district operates an open access fiber network, allowing multiple internet service providers to offer competitive services to residents.

Community Focus

KPUD is committed to serving the local community by prioritizing long-term benefits and sustainability in all its utility services. The district's mission emphasizes accountability and responsiveness to the needs of Kitsap County residents.

[kpudfiber.org and kitsap.gov]

About the KPUD Board of Commissioners

KPUD is governed by a three-member board of elected commissioners referred to as the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners are elected for a 6-year term. Elected terms are staggered, with a commissioner position being elected every two years. Each commissioner represents a district. District 1 covers North Kitsap, District 2 covers South Kitsap, and District 3 covers Central Kitsap. Commissioner salaries are set by state law, based on the size of the utility. Regular Board meetings are held twice a month in open session where members of the public can observe and participate in the decision-making process.

As a policy-setting entity, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for approving the budget, setting rates, and providing oversight and guidance while leaving operational implementation to the General Manager.

Time Commitment & Weekday Availability

The time commitment for a KPUD Commissioner can vary, but on average, the role may require 10-30 hours per month, predominantly Monday through Friday. This time commitment can increase during periods of significant projects or challenges. Typically, the time commitment for a KPUD Commissioner involves:

Board of Commissioners Meetings

- In-person attendance at bi-monthly board meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the KPUD Administrative Offices located at 1431 NW Finn Hill Road, Poulsbo. Meetings can last from 1-hour to several hours.
- Participation in workshops, strategic planning sessions, or special meetings is also required. Occasional travel throughout the county and state may be necessary.

Additional Outside Agency Meetings & Committee Involvement

Potentially serving on committees or attending meetings with other agencies or organizations related to the KPUD's work, including but not limited to the [Washington Public Utility Districts Association](#), [NoaNet](#), [Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts](#), [American Water Works Association](#), and [Kitsap County](#). Occasional travel throughout the county and state may be necessary.

Community Engagement

Engaging with state and federal legislators, public, attending community events, and responding to constituent inquiries with the assistance of KPUD staff.

Ongoing Education

Staying informed about utility regulations, emerging technologies, and best practices through training or conferences.

[\[https://www.kpud.org/board-vacancy-kpud-commissioner-district-2/about-the-role-of-commissioner/\]](https://www.kpud.org/board-vacancy-kpud-commissioner-district-2/about-the-role-of-commissioner/)

Candidate

Stacey Smith - Sole Endorsement

**Kitsap Public Utility District Commissioner District #2 Incumbent, Democrat
(Unopposed)**

Background

- Became KPUD Commissioner for District 2 in March 2025. District 2 covers South Kitsap, Gorst, and West Bremerton.
- 55+ year resident of Kitsap County with 35 of those years in South Kitsap
- Wife of Retired, Disabled Navy Veteran, “during his eight deployments, I managed our household in Kitsap, completed a Masters in Education, and juggled a promising career while raising our children in the District I currently served.”
- 32 years experience in community services & the public sector.
- 27 years at Kitsap County working in Youth Services, Human Services, and Community Development.
- She has been currently in the role for 11 years as Director of Aging & Long Term Care
- She has been a licensed mental health counselor for over 20 years.
- Mentoring at risk youth in the South Kitsap PALS program
- Board officer for the South Kitsap Eastern Little League
- Board officer for the South Kitsap Pee Wees and Football Booster clubs

Accomplishments:

- Ms. Smith was appointed to KPUD Commission in March 2025 and her term ends December 2026.
- Simultaneously, I am the Director of Kitsap Aging & Long-Term Care, in which I am responsible for 45 employees and a \$9.2 million annual budget. She has resigned from this position effective December 31, 2027, to dedicate more time to the KPUD Commissioner position for the 2027 - 2032 term.
- 2018-2020 Washington Association of Area Agency on Aging, Chair
- 2018 USAging Leadership Institute graduate
- 2012-2014 developed the Kitsap County 1/10 mental health program and Advisory Council after (sales tax increase) tax was voter approved.
- Kitsap County Juvenile Diversion Board (2017-2019)
- Kitsap County Department of Community Development (2020-2024, vice chair) to develop current Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Shoreline Protection Plan
- Kitsap Voter Accessibility Committee (2020- 2025)
- (National) 2026 USAging National Achievement Award for developing innovative strategies to address food insecurity for older adults. 1 of 4 agencies nationwide awarded this honor.
- (County) 2024 Kitsap County Volunteers of the Year: Aging Long Term Care Ombuds Program

- (State) 2003 Washington State Mental Health Advisory Council Emerging Leaders Award for developing parent support groups across three-County rural region

Claims

- With over 30 years experience in developing social programs and mental health services, conducting community needs assessments, managing projects, and ensuring fiscal responsibility, I am well qualified to continue advocating for our community on the KPUD Commissioner Board.
- Fair Publicly Owner Utility Rates. I am dedicated to ensuring fair rates for publicly owned utilities (water, sewer, and broadband). This includes ensuring publicly owned services utilize grants funding to build and expand infrastructure to underserved areas and maintain low rates. KPUD operations include an assistance program to ensure equitable access to all households.
- Equitable Broadband Access. I fully support KPUD's open-access, community-owned network. Using public funds, my goal is to expand broadband access across District 2, offering homes and businesses reliable, affordable connections. Having access to the internet is vital for our community, regardless of where you live or your economic background.
- Clean Drinking Water. All communities, regardless of their background, should have access to clean and safe services such as water and wastewater management. I am dedicated to ensuring KPUD continues to properly monitor, manage, and provide clean water to over 40,000 residents.
- Wastewater System Support. KPUD's primary responsibilities include managing the Kitsap County water quality report. We monitor all streams for capacity, annual flow, rainfall, and contaminants, and make this information accessible to the public. Minimizing environmental impacts is a central tenet of our work. I also aim to collaborate more closely with current water and wastewater providers to develop regional systems as existing infrastructure ages.
- Educating the Community. I am dedicated to informing my community about the role of publicly owned utility districts in Washington State and seeking ways to help them grow. District 2 would benefit from increased awareness regarding KPUD's strategic advancements. This could be achieved through the KPUD Communication Plan, to target District 2 households via social media outreach, newsletters featuring relevant local articles, or alternative channels such as Housing Association communications.

Campaign Finance as of Oct 2, 2026 -

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Self: | \$2,121.00 |
| • Individual: | <u>\$ 200.00</u> |
| • Total Contributions: | \$2,321.00 |
| • Loans: | <u>\$2,150.00</u> |
| • Total Raised: | \$4,471.00 |

Endorsements

- Deb Krishnadasan, 26th LD State Senator
- Drew Hansen, 23rd LD State Senator
- Adison Richards, 26th LD State Representative
- Greg Nance, 23rd LD State Representative

- Larry Seaquist, retired 26th LD State Representative
- Christine Rolfes, Kitsap County Commissioner
- Katie Walters, Kitsap County Commissioner
- Greg Wheeler Mayor of Bremerton
- Scott Diener, Port Orchard City Council Member
- Eric Worden, Port Orchard City Council Member
- Shannon Turner, Bremerton School District Director
- Mark Biggs, Precinct Committee Officer
- Kitsap County Democrats
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Washington Conservation Action

19. Initiatives to the Legislature

What is an initiative to the Legislature?

Unlike an initiative to the people, which goes directly to the ballot, an initiative to the Legislature is introduced as proposed legislation and considered alongside regular bills in the House and Senate. After receiving an initiative, the Legislature may take one of the following actions:

- **Adopt the initiative as law.** The measure becomes law without a vote of the people and is not subject to the governor's veto.
- **Reject the initiative or take no action.** In either case, the initiative is placed on the November ballot for a vote of the people.
- **Adopt an alternative proposal.** Both the Legislature's alternative and the original initiative appear on the ballot.

Before petitions for an initiative to the Legislature may be circulated, the measure must be submitted to the Office of the Code Reviser for review of technical issues and potential conflicts with existing law. It must then receive a ballot title and summary from the Office of the Attorney General.

Once a ballot title and summary are issued, proponents must print petition sheets at their own expense and begin collecting signatures. If a sufficient number of valid signatures is gathered, the petitions are submitted to the Secretary of State for verification and certification.

What happens if voters approve an initiative to the Legislature?

If voters approve an initiative to the Legislature on the ballot, the measure becomes law just like any other statute passed by the people — and the governor cannot veto it.

Can the Legislature overturn or change an initiative after voters approve it?

The Legislature cannot amend or repeal it for two years unless a two-thirds supermajority in both the House and Senate vote to do so. After that two-year period, the Legislature may amend or repeal the law by a simple majority.

IL26-001:concerns parental rights relating to their children in public school.

Recommended Endorsed “No” Vote

Initiative No. IL26-001 (Click on each line below to bring up the link to the [SOS.wa.gov](https://sos.wa.gov) page)

Ballot Title Letter (PDF)

Full text of the Initiative (PDF)

Explanatory Statement (PDF)

Fiscal Impact Statement (PDF)

Arguments and Rebuttals (PDF) - as it will appear in the State Voter Guide

Washington Initiative IL26-001 Argument Against

The authors of IL26-001 will have you believe that parental rights are under attack and that students have no privacy rights or concerns. It seeks to reenact the original Parental Bill of Rights (Initiative 2081) passed in 2024 and repeal changes made by the legislature under House Bill 1296 in 2025 which reduced parental notification requirements for minor medical and mental health services at school. Key provisions of the bill include:

1. Record Access: Guarantees parents fast access to student, medical, mental health, and disciplinary records.
2. Notifications: Requires immediate notice of medical or mental health services are offered to a child, or if health care services create insurance or financial impacts for the family.
3. Curriculum and Opt-Outs: Grants parents the right to inspect textbooks, instructional materials, and lesson plans, and to opt out of certain surveys or sexual health programs.
4. Religious Protections: Reaffirms that public schools cannot discriminate against students based on a family's religious beliefs.

We oppose the initiative for a multitude of reasons including that it rolls back confidential support systems for at-risk or abused youth. This bill is a distraction from real problems in our schools including inadequate funding, lack of support for special education, class sizes and caseloads, and addressing student behavioral health challenges. Furthermore, these added burdens on teachers and school administrators would:

1. Force educators to knowingly put students in danger from abusive and unsafe homes.
2. Worsen student mental health crisis by decreasing students' access to trusted and confidential resources at school. Removes protections for counseling and other medical records, especially for students facing domestic violence, sexual abuse, bullying or depression.
3. Force educators to our LGBTQ+ students to parents, even if they fear that the child could be kicked out of their home or otherwise harmed.

4. Add additional workload for educators (advance posting of lessons and instructional activities, and alternative lesson plans on demand), leaving less time for teaching, planning and learning.

We believe that current Washington state laws provide parental rights and supervision of their children's education, and protections for religious beliefs of the family. IL26-001 would risk real harm to at-risk students and impose administrative burdens on educators at a time when resources are strained.

This bill is a distraction from more pressing issues in our state's classrooms.

IL26-638: concerns participation in athletics at K-12 schools.

Recommended Endorsed "No" Vote

Initiative No. IL26-638 (Click on each line below to bring up the link to [SOS.wa.gov](https://sos.wa.gov) page)

Ballot Title Letter (PDF)

Full text of the Initiative (PDF)

Explanatory Statement (PDF)

Fiscal Impact Statement (PDF)

Arguments and Rebuttals (PDF) -as it will appear in the State Voter Guide

Proponents of IL-638 contend that biological boys are a threat to the safety and fairness of interscholastic girls sports and seek to confirm the sex at birth as a prerequisite for participation in K-12 athletic teams and events intended exclusively for female students. The proposal requires any student participating in a female designated sports category to submit a formal statement or documentation from a healthcare provider verifying their biological sex. The definition of sex verification is based on reproductive anatomy, genetic makeup, or naturally produced testosterone levels. It is notable that this initiative does not address biological females seeking to participate in male designated sports.

We oppose this initiative on the grounds that a far-reaching state law is not necessary due to the extreme rarity of the circumstances, the moral outrage of transsexual students is political performance rather than addressing a pressing danger, and fits a political narrative rather than correcting an actual problem. For example, less than 1% of students identify as transgender, either as male to female, or female to male. The proportion of those small subsets of students wishing to play in school sports is infinitely smaller yet. This proposition is fundamentally flawed for a multitude of reasons and is predicated on a narrow interpretation and definition of sex and gender. The National Academies 2022 consensus report describes sex as a multidimensional construct involving a cluster of traits, including chromosomes, gonads, hormones, internal and external reproductive anatomy, and secondary sex characteristics. It also distinguishes that from gender identity, gender expression, and social/cultural expectations. This bill does not separate nor address the distinction between biological sex, gender, or gender identity. The National Academies specifically cautions against treating sex

and gender as interchangeable and says that a binary measure of sex is not adequate proxy for gender, particularly for transgender and intersex populations.

Additionally, the promoters of this initiative will contend that the issue of safety when “biological boys” play certain sports is a major concern. In fact there have been no instances where a sports injury or competitive harm has occurred as a result of the current Washington state laws allowing transgender students to participate in sports on teams that match their gender identity. There are basically three categorical stages of transgender participants that have not been considered by the authors of this initiative that would describe competitive advantages between a transgender female playing in girls’ sports:

1. Pre-Pubescent children for whom the anatomical difference between girls and boys is relatively modest.
2. Puberty however creates a divergence between girls and boys in terms of strength, muscle mass, height, bone dimensions, and aerobic capacity. The bill in question does not address situations where puberty blockers have been initiated, which over time levels the physical playing field.
3. Transition post puberty is another category where the differences between girls and boys is valid, however, again when hormonal treatment is initiated the competitive advantages become considerably less in terms of strength, lean mass, and hemoglobin. Again, the bill does nothing to consider these stages of transition.

In conclusion, these are just a few of many arguments against this poorly conceived, politically inspired, discriminatory proposition. It makes simple assumptions about sex and gender and exploits a moral outrage rather than addressing real fairness or safety issues. Given the extraordinary, rare instances in question, we believe a lighter governmental touch is appropriate and allow parents, school districts, sport coaches, and medical professionals to address individual issues at the local level.

20. Initiatives to the People

An **Initiative to the People** is the name of direct initiated state statutes in the state of Washington. An **initiated state statute** is a citizen-initiated ballot measure that amends state statute. Initiatives to the people, go directly on the ballot for voters to decide.

Initiative No. IP26-645: concerns state and local taxes.

Recommended Endorsed “No” Vote

Initiative No. IP26-645 (Click on each line below to bring up the link to [SOS.wa.gov](https://sos.wa.gov) page)

Ballot Title Letter (PDF)

Full text of the Initiative (PDF)

Explanatory Statement (PDF)

Fiscal Impact Statement (PDF)

Washington Initiative IP26-645 Argument Against

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.
- **\$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.

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.** Stanford researchers studied **45 million tax records covering every million-dollar income earner in America over 13 years.** They found millionaire tax flights rarely--if ever--occurs. A separate Stanford University study examining 25 years of California tax data found **little to no migration response** to changes in top tax rates.

Why?

Because wealthy people have families, businesses, employees, friends, professional networks and communities. They don't choose where to live based on one tax rate alone.

And millionaires benefit from good government, too.

They benefit when their employees can afford childcare and healthcare. Their companies benefit from educated workers, reliable transportation and infrastructure. Their children and grandchildren benefit from excellent schools, libraries, parks and safe, attractive public spaces.

Stanford researcher Cristobal Young makes essentially this larger point: taxes can finance education, infrastructure and public services that make communities attractive places to live and work. Successful people are often deeply economically and socially connected to the places where they built that success.

Prosperity doesn't exist apart from society. Prosperity depends upon a society that works.

That is why Washington shouldn't be frightened by predictions of millionaire flight.

A healthier, better educated and more financially secure workforce is good for business. Better schools are good for everyone's children. Beautiful parks, libraries, transportation and public spaces make Washington more desirable for everyone — including millionaires.

The Millionaires' Tax isn't punishment for success. It asks the people who have benefited enormously from Washington's economy to invest a little more in keeping it successful and healthy for ALL who live here.

And perhaps that is the simplest argument of all:

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.

21. South Kitsap School District (SKSD) Capital Projects Levy

Recommended Endorsed “Yes” Vote

This levy will appear on your General Election Ballot in 2026. The language is as follows:

Proposition 1

The Board of Directors of South Kitsap School District No. 402 concerning a proposition to fund safety, technology, and facility improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund Districtwide school improvement, including upgrading security cameras, access controls, emergency communication systems, educational technology, internet access/cybersecurity, parking, school accessibility, theatre, athletic facilities for student/community use, and other educational facilities.

At an assessed value of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value this levy is to deliver \$23,488,622 to the district in 2027, \$24,192,839 in 2028 and \$24,918,539 in 2029. The levy is for three years.

Specific Projects are in three areas as described immediately below.

Safety and Security Projects: Security cameras to elementary schools, intercom systems upgraded in schools for daily and emergency communications, school entrance access control system updates, bus radio system upgraded, traffic/parking access safety improved at Burley Glenwood Elementary and East Port Orchard Elementary.

Technology for Learners: Replace and update devices used by students for learning and testing. Maintain reliable instructional technology, document cameras and classroom displays, invest and upgrade infrastructure and cybersecurity.

Facilities for School and Community Use Improvement Projects: Renovation to South Kitsap High School Theatre with upgrades to lighting, seating, carpet, paint, acoustics, and sound system. Replacement of South Kitsap High School Gymnasium bleachers and accessibility improvements including railings. Replacement of grass with synthetic turf at softball and baseball fields at South Kitsap High School. Replacement of grass with synthetic turf at soccer/football, softball, and baseball fields at centrally located Marcus Whitman Middle School along with improved parking and accessibility access.

Types of Levies

In Washington State there are four types of levies that school districts use, Debt Service Fund Levies, Transportation Vehicle Fund Levies, Capital Project Fund levies and Educational Programs and Operations levies.

Proposition 1 is a Capital Projects Fund Levy.

Recent levies approved by the voters in South Kitsap School District include a Capital Projects Levy approved in 2018 and it expired in 2022.

In 2025 the voters approved an Educational Programs and Operations Levy for collection in 2026 through 2029.

The new levy, if passed, will run concurrently with the 2025 approved Educational Programs and Operations Levy in 2027 and 2028.

Background:

Theme of the Resolution for the 2026 Capital Projects Levy

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.

Key Focus Areas of the Levy

Safety and Security Projects, Technology for Learning, Facilities Improvement

Pros:

Vote Yes to keep /south Kitsap schools safe, reliable, and ready for learning.

Our students rely on safe and accessible buildings, security systems, and technology that work. The state doesn't provide funding for most school repairs or technology. South Kitsap relies on voter-approved levies to take care of the schools our community has built and to make sure they're ready for student learning.

Proposition 1 funds reliable technology to ensure students are ready for the future.

Our classrooms and schools need technology, reliable networks, and cybersecurity systems that work. The levy would replace aging devices, improve school technology systems, and help protect student information. It would also reduce technology failures that can interrupt learning and school operations.

Proposition 1 helps take care of what we have.

Even South Kitsap's newest schools are more than 30 years old. This levy would fund practical facility improvements, including work at the South Kitsap High School theater and gym. The levy also improves spaces that our whole community uses, such as synthetic turf and accessibility improvements at South Kitsap High School and Marcus Whitman Middle School.

Proposition 1 is a responsible investment.

Capital levy dollars stay in South Kitsap and may be used only for voter-approved safety, technology, and facility projects.

Strong schools support students, families, neighborhoods, property values, and our economy. Acting now prevents more disruptive and expensive failures later. Vote yes by November 3 to take care of South Kitsap schools and ensure our students are ready to learn every day.

As drafted by Katherine Ander and Carl Olson for South Kitsap School Supporters to be included in the Washington State Voters Guide

Cons:

No committee formed against the measure.

Letters published in 2025 by the Kitsap Sun concerning the 2025 South Kitsap School District Levy subsequently approved by the Voters in 2025. They may be similar to comments that might be written about this 2026 levy.

State, Not an SK Levy, should fund schools | Letters

Submitted by Ron Flerx, Port Orchard, published February 10, 2025

"I am opposed to the South Kitsap District's Levy Renewal as presented to our community. This school district has not been transparent continuing to deify the need to know what they are doing or spending our levy tax dollars on.

The Washington State Constitution has decided that the state provides ample education for all students in the state public school system. McCleary v State Supreme Court of Washington decision in 2012. While McCleary was a victory, there continues to be dialog between the Court and Washington State Legislature.

The state does fund basic education! This current renewal levy is for all the extras: School safety and security, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities, health services, of which are impacting parental rights through additional counselors. All the mentions are wanted and not necessarily needed by the district.

Until the Legislature is providing initiative-taking solutions for improving Washington State's education requirements and are serious about setting priorities that will lessen the tax burden on our communities, now is the time to oppose this renewal levy. "

Say no to the South Kitsap School District levy | Letters

Submitted by Chris Lemke, Port Orchard, published February 5, 2025

"The State Supreme Court ruled the state is fully funding public education 2019. The taxpayer received a healthy state tax increase to fund this ruling, and the State also approves a pay

scale with yearly cost of living increases for teachers. The state also funds district staffing based on a well-developed model.

Washington is the fourth highest in the nation for teacher pay. District Superintendent salary is 46% higher than state median at \$279,272. The district also had many employees above the state model.

What do you receive for your levy dollar? Not much. Students are leaving, 50 through 60 percent of them cannot meet state reading, writing, math, and science standards.

We do have district interference in parental responsibilities. Community access is limited. Do not support the waste of \$130 million. Do support a levy that clearly defines where every dollar is needed and spent. "

[McCleary v. State - Wikipedia](#)

See below a discussion of the McCleary case first filed in King County Superior Court that was appealed to the Supreme Court and later found in support of the claim by the McCleary family. The requirement of this decision is the state is required to fully cover the funding cost of basic education.

In a separate and later case, The Supreme Court identified teacher salaries as one of the basic components (along with class size) of an ample education.

The McCleary decision was the result of a lawsuit against the State of Washington by the McCleary family. The case alleged that the state had failed to meet the state's constitutional duty "to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders."

Mathew and Stephanie McCleary et al., v. State of Washington (short form: *McCleary v. Washington*), commonly known as **the McCleary Decision**,^[1] was a lawsuit against the State of Washington. The case alleged that the state, in the body of the state legislature, had failed to meet the [state constitutional](#) duty (in Article IX, Section 1) "to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders."

Judge John Erlick, Justice at King County Superior Court, sided with the Plaintiffs, stating that the State was indeed failing to adequately provide for basic education, saying "State funding is not ample, it is not stable, and it is not dependable."

On January 5, 2012, the Washington State Supreme Court agreed with the opinion of the King County Superior Court that the State was not fulfilling its obligation to fully fund education in the state,^[4] with some justices dissenting in part on the question of continued judicial oversight.

After several legislative efforts by the Washington Legislature, the State was still found in contempt of the court and was ordered to pay fines of \$100,000 per day and the Court urged Governor Jay Inslee to call a special session of the legislature. Governor Inslee did so, the

legislature passed new legislation and on January 5, 2012, the Supreme Court found the state in compliance with the opinion of the King County Superior Court. The Supreme Court declared the state had fully covered the funding of basic education, lifted the contempt order and dropped the daily fines.

The standard was set by the McCleary decision that the state must meet the mandate of the Constitution to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders by fully covering the funding of a basic education in Washington. At a later date, under a separate ruling, the court identified teacher salaries as one of the basic components (along with class size) of an ample education.

The items covered in this levy may not be covered by the McCleary decision, are not paid for by the state, and hence the need for this levy by South Kitsap School District.

Property Tax Exemptions Available

Property tax exemptions may be available from Kitsap County Assessors Office for Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Disabled Veterans, with a combined household income of \$65,000 or less.

Check out the Kitsap County Assessor's website for more information. Senior Disabled Exemption Details.

Funding Sources for South Kitsap School District in 2024-2025.

\$189.1 million in the General Fund Revenues by Source 2024-2025 budget

State Dollars 74.69%

Local Levy Dollars 15.85%

Federal Dollars 7.53%

Other Dollars 2.13%

Summary

In this document we summarized the taxes that South Kitsap School District (SKSD) wants to levy against real property in the district from 2027 to 2029. We have discussed the revenue the district will gain through this tax and we also discussed the three main areas where these funds will be used.

We have reviewed the McCleary versus the State of Washington Supreme Court finding where it was established by the court the responsibility of the state of Washington to fully cover the cost of a basic education. In an additional ruling, the court further identified that teachers salaries and class size as components of a basic education. School districts are responsible for generating additional funding for other areas beyond basic education. School districts do this through bonds and levies as approved by the voters in their districts.

SKSD recognizes the impact of these tax increases and has highlighted that taxpayers may be able to obtain tax exemptions from the Kitsap County Assessor's office. These exemptions are

available to Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Disabled Veterans with a combined household income of \$65,000 or less. Taxpayers are encouraged to check with the Kitsap County Assessor's office for details.

Each voter will need to recognize the cost versus benefit of the new taxes imposed by this levy and choose with his/her vote to support or oppose the school board proposals for safety and security improvements at SKSD schools, for improvements at the high school and Marcus Whitman Middle School that will be shared with the public and the improved technology to assist students and teachers with learning and teaching.

Please be an informed voter as you cast your ballot in the fall general election in 2026.

22. Kitsap Public Utility District Proposition 1 Ballot Measure

Endorsed “Yes” Vote

This ballot measure came into existence after a KPUD commissioner listening session was held on July 24, 2026 where the public was given 90 seconds each to explain why this measure was a good idea or not. More than 150 people showed up to this meeting. On July 28, the Kitsap Public Utility District Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution:

<https://www.kpud.org/wp-content/uploads/Resolution-26-07-28A.pdf>

placing a ballot measure before Kitsap County voters in the November 3, 2026, General Election. The ballot measure asks voters whether KPUD should be authorized to acquire or construct electric facilities and provide electric service within Kitsap County. Approval of the measure would provide the legal authority for KPUD to consider those activities. It would not require KPUD to acquire electric facilities or begin providing electric service. **The Board has stated it will not consider acquiring or constructing electric facilities unless a feasibility study is completed to evaluate whether doing so would be in the best interest of Kitsap County communities and KPUD.**

[Kitsap Public Utility District “Kitsap Connections” Newsletter. August/September 2026. [KPUD.org](https://www.kpud.org)]

For more information, view the [KPUD Proposition 1 Fact Publication](#). This handout provides clarity on what this proposition means and provides answers to frequently asked questions. It is definitely worth a read.

Puget Sound Electric (PSE) is the current private corporation that provides electricity to the Kitsap County communities. Their website is: [NoKitsapPUDProp1.com](https://www.nokitsappudprop1.com).

There is another activist group called, UnplugPSE, that has just launched their website on Labor Day. Check out what they have to say at [UnplugPSE.org](https://www.unplugpse.org).

Here’s an excerpt from my latest Letter to the Editor to the Kitsap Sun:

Vote “YES!” for KPUD Proposition 1 on Nov. 3.

I am a Puget Sound Electric (PSE) customer. This is big, for-profit corporate greed fighting working-class residents in eight counties, including Kitsap. There must be a better way than rate payers absorbing constant rate hikes (17 percent more for 2027). Numerous commenters say a vote yes gives Kitsap Public Utilities District a blank check, done deal. That is untrue. Kitsap PUD is in the “Let’s get the data” phase. Twenty-four of 28 Washington state PUDs provide electricity. Kitsap should have the opportunity to explore this option.

The Kitsap community wants profits to stay local. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) prioritizes PUDs and the rate per kilowatt hour is much lower than what PSE is charged. Consumers want alternative green energy which BPA offers. KPUD acts on behalf of voters, because KPUD commissioners are elected. Customers want a seat at the table. I believe this is a win for rates, a win for the environment, a win for Kitsap control. Vote YES for KPUD Proposition 1.

Separate truth from propaganda!

The Kitsap County Democrats have circulated a flyer that indicates the following:

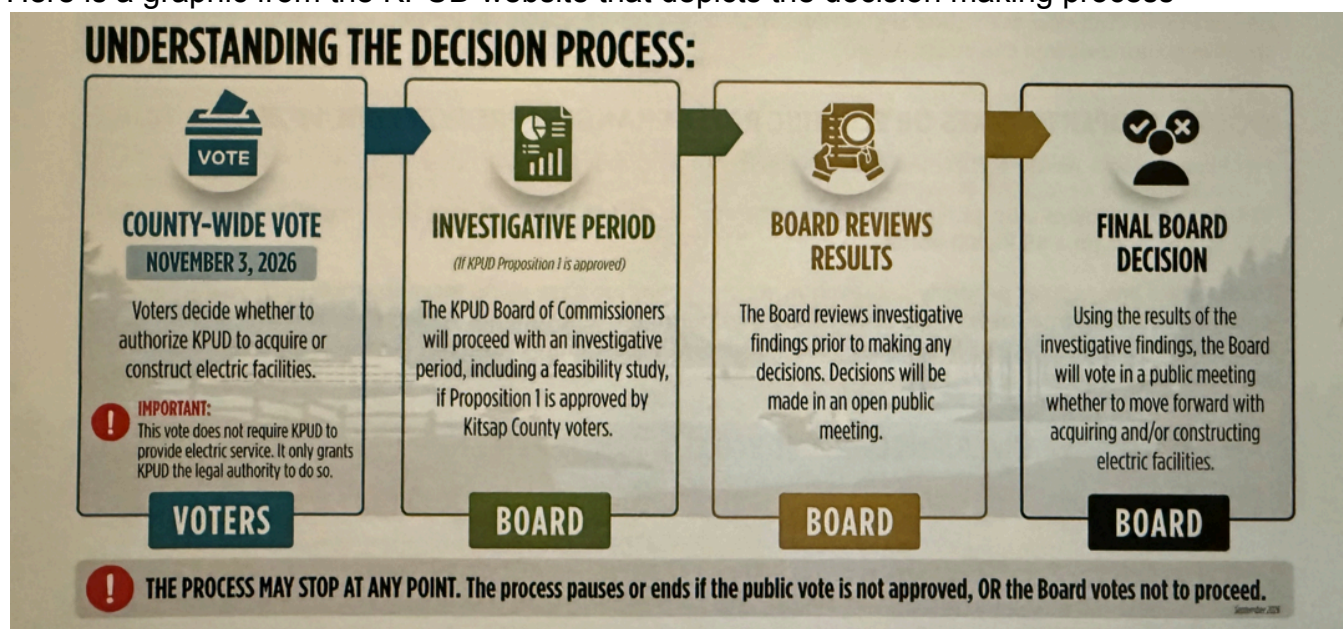
What a YES vote does:

- Allows a full public study of costs, rates, reliability, and infrastructure
- Gives Kitsap County the change to evaluate local public power options
- Keeps future decisions in the open, with public input and transparency

What a YES vote does NOT do:

- It does not require KPUD to purchase PSE’s system
- It does not commit ratepayers to a specific financing plan
- It does not approve any final takeover without further public review

Here is a graphic from the KPUD website that depicts the decision making process



A response from Lora Ferraro submitting a comment to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission provides regulated utility companies with information, services, and resources to help ensure they comply with state and federal laws and regulations. Regulated industries include energy, telecommunications, transportation, and water. ["Who we Are", www.utc.wa.gov]

Case Number: 260005

Dear Interested Person:

Thank you for contacting the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) regarding the General Rate Case filed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE).

On Feb. 27, 2026, PSE submitted a filing in docket UE-260005 and UG-260006 requesting a three-year rate plan for electric and natural gas services. If approved as filed residential customers would see increased rates for electric and natural gas services.

Proposed electric increase

Effective	Proposed Revenue Increase	Proposed Basic Charge	Proposed Average Rate per kWh	Estimated Residential Monthly Bill Increase Including Basic Charge
Jan. 2027	\$625 million	\$12.50	\$0.236261	17.75%
Jan. 2028	\$179 million	\$15.00	\$0.244484	3.5%
Jan. 2029	\$432 million	\$20.00	\$0.265603	8.07%

NOTE: Residential estimates are based on an average monthly usage of 800 kWhs.

Proposed natural gas increase

Effective Date	Proposed Revenue Increase	Proposed Basic Charge	Proposed Average Rate per Therm	Estimated Residential Monthly Bill Increase Including Basic Charge
Jan. 2027	\$192 million	\$18.12	\$1.91002	12.93%
Jan. 2028	\$48.8 million	\$18.12	\$1.97514	3.18%
Jan. 2029	\$57.8 million	\$18.12	\$2.05686	3.71%

NOTE: Residential estimates are based on an average monthly usage of 64 therms.

You are receiving this communication because you have already provided written comments on this case. Your written comments will be included in the case record. There are two separate public comment hearings scheduled for this General Rate Case. At these comment

hearings customers will have the opportunity to provide verbal comments to the Commissioners.

In-person only public comment hearing:

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29
Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., Room 110
Lacey, WA 98503

Virtual public comment hearing (join via Zoom or telephone)

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/82213518474?pwd=BmsrsNzVWp6WmOpoBdLBoxxvxD6Qb0.1>

Join by Telephone

(253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 822 1351 8474#

Passcode: 226995#

Additional information on the filing can be found at www.utc.wa.gov by selecting “Dockets Search” and entering the docket number 260005 for the electric general rate case, 260006 for the natural gas general rate case, or 260113 for transmission network interest expense case into the search bar.

If you have questions, please contact me at andrew.roberts@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1101.

The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882) or comments@utc.wa.gov.

Here is the argument for that will be published in the Kitsap County Auditor’s Voter Guide:

Argument For the Measure

A Yes vote enables Kitsap Public Utility District to conduct a transparent, state-authorized feasibility study of local public power. It gathers facts before any larger decision. If the numbers do not work, the effort stops; if they do, residents can consider a reliable, community-focused alternative.

Lower-Cost Power: Electricity costs affect every household and business. Washington has 23 electric PUDs, and 2025 rate data show their residential energy rates substantially below PSE's. The study can determine whether lower-cost Bonneville power and the public utility model could provide Kitsap with more stable, affordable rates over time.

Local Community Value: Public utilities serve communities, not outside shareholders. Local options could reinvest revenues in dependable service, infrastructure, conservation, and long-term priorities, keeping more energy dollars circulating within Kitsap. *In 2024, PSE paid shareholders \$175.9 million and continues to raise our rates. Let's keep our money!*

Local Accountability: Local public power would put decisions closer to the people who pay the bills. Residents could engage directly with locally accountable leaders on rates, reliability, investments, customer service, and the priorities shaping Kitsap's energy future. *It's buying our energy future, not renting it.*

Workers, Resilience, and Choice: Kitsap has a skilled utility workforce and a strong public-service tradition. Local ownership could retain experienced workers, improve emergency planning, and create good jobs and benefits for our young people and future generations. A Yes vote does not decide the outcome; it supports careful study, public transparency, and a responsible community decision.

*Argument prepared by David Behar, William Woznicki and Sue Ellen White, Committee Members, Committee for the Measure.
Email: KitsapPublicPower@gmail.com*

Here is the argument against that will be published in the Kitsap County Auditor's Voter Guide:

Argument Against the Measure

Vote No: Look Before You Leap

This measure grants KPUD broad, permanent authority to build or acquire an electric utility, before providing the financial evidence to justify it. KPUD says this vote "would not commit" them to anything. Jefferson County voters heard the same thing in 2008, then their PUD went ahead anyway, without a second vote.

The Pacific Northwest faces a looming electricity shortfall, projected to grow from roughly 1 gigawatt today to 9 gigawatts by 2030, and retail rates could rise up to 47% above inflation regardless of who provides

Kitsap's power. That means every Kitsap household could see higher bills, and KPUD has not explained how it would keep costs down instead.

Vote No: Others Did

Voters in Skagit, Island, and Thurston counties have already rejected similar measures at the ballot. Whatcom County's PUD board and the Bainbridge Island City Council each commissioned their own cost studies and chose not to proceed. KPUD has provided no comparable details for Kitsap voters and doesn't need this vote to begin a cost-benefit study; it has that authority now.

Kitsap County deserves independent cost estimates, debt projections, and rate analyses first, not promises that the analysis comes later, and not a process where three commissioners alone can finalize a purchase this size without asking voters again.

Vote No: Demand the Facts First

A "No" vote does not kill KPUD's power plans. It isn't a vote for PSE. It's a vote for transparency and informed consent before expanding government authority.

Argument Against - Authors not stated.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

This measure does not obligate KPUD to buy anything. It allows voters to keep public power as an option while facts are gathered. Any future acquisition would still require cost studies, financing, public review, and open decisionmaking. Voting yes protects local choice, accountability, and the chance to pursue better service if the evidence supports it. Kitsap voters deserve information before shutting the door. Vote yes to keep responsible options available for everyone.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against prepared by David Behar, William Woznicki and Sue Ellen White, Committee Members, Committee for the Measure.

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III. 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>