

# First District Democrats

Endorsements as of July 2022

## State of Washington

### U.S. Senator

#### **Patty Murray**

As one of the senior senators, Patty Murray has worked hard for Washington State. She has stood up to protect women's rights, human rights, health care, voting rights, and for democracy. The committee recommends her for endorsement.

### U.S. Congressional Representative — 1st Congressional District

#### **Suzan DelBene**

A stalwart Democrat and leader of the New Democrat Coalition, Congresswoman DelBene has fought hard for women's rights, voting rights, the expansion and continuation of the ACA, and issues that affect Washington State. She has earned her the recommendation of the committee.

### U.S. Congressional Representative — 7th Congressional District

#### **Pramila Jayapal**

Representative Jayapal continues to be a voice for the average American in her district and we proudly endorse her to continue to fight for the issues that we care about, such as education, voting rights, reproductive rights, and many other rights that the majority of Americans deserve to have protected.

### U.S. Congressional Representative — 8th Congressional District

#### **Kim Schrier**

Representative Schrier works hard to represent her district, offering common-sense solutions and supporting legislation that benefits her constituents. She supports reproductive rights, access to health care for all, gun safety, protecting the environment, and other issues that affect us all.

### Secretary of State

#### **Steve Hobbs**

Secretary Hobbs brings a no-nonsense approach to the office of the secretary of state, not letting political views get in the way of ensuring that our votes will be counted, and that access to voting remains among the best in the country. Our state is an exemplar of how to run elections for the country and under Secretary Hobb's leadership it will remain that way.

### Supreme Court Justice — Position 1

#### **Mary Yu**

Incumbent Judge Yu has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Yu is running unopposed.

## Supreme Court Justice — Position 5

### **Barbara Madsen**

Incumbent Judge Madsen has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Madsen is running unopposed.

## 1st Legislative District Representative — Position 1

### **Davina Duerr**

Representative Duerr has worked hard for issues that affect the 1st Legislative District. Currently she serves on the Transportation Committee and as Vice Chair of both the Environment and Energy Committee as well as the Local Government Committee. She also served as an assistant whip. Her policy work focus on the environment and local government. The committee recommends her for endorsement.

## 1st Legislative District Representative — Position 2

### **Shelley Kloba**

Representative Kloba has worked hard for issues that affect the 1st Legislative District. Her support of education and women's rights shows that she is the future of the state, and her engagement in the committees she serves on is proof. The committee recommends her for endorsement.

## King County

### Prosecuting Attorney

#### **Leesa Manion**

Leesa Manion is running against Jim Ferrell for prosecuting attorney. While both candidates are excellent, the committee felt that Leesa's positions more closely aligned with those of the First District Democrats. Her experience as the Chief of Staff of the King County Prosecutor's Office gives her first-hand experience with the cases and issues facing King County. The committee recommends her for endorsement.

## Superior Court Judge — Position 2

### **Kristin Ballinger**

Incumbent Judge Ballinger has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Ballinger is running unopposed.

## District Court Judge, West Division — Position 1

### **Joe Campagna**

Incumbent Judge Campagna has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement.

## District Court Judge, West Division — Position 2

### **Karama Hawkins**

Karama Hawkins is running for an open seat and is running unopposed. She thoroughly impressed the committee with her knowledge of the issues, drive, and goals to improve the court system and address imbalances and inequities in the system.

## King/Snohomish County

### District Court Judge, Northeast Division — Position 2

#### **Michelle Gehlsen**

Incumbent Judge Gehlsen has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement.

### District Court Judge, Northeast Division — Position 4

#### **Kevin Peck**

Incumbent Judge Peck has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement.

### District Court Judge, Northeast Division — Position 6

#### **Michael Finkle**

Incumbent Judge Finkle has proven over his long tenure to be a fair and equitable judge. He believes in restorative justice and the reformation of individuals, but never to the point where the community is endangered. He works hard to understand the culture and circumstances influencing those brought before him and treats the individuals through that lens. He chaired the groups that created the Regional Veterans Court and the Regional Youth Court. He is challenged by Joshua Schaer, but we feel that Judge Finkle continues to serve very effectively as a judge. Judge Finkle has earned the committee's endorsement.

### District Court Judge, Northeast Division — Position 7

#### **Rania Rampersad**

Incumbent Judge Rampersad has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Rampersad runs unopposed.

## Snohomish County

### District Court Judge, South Division — Position 1

#### **Beth Fraser**

Incumbent Judge Fraser has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Fraser runs unopposed.

District Court Judge, South Division — Position 2

**Jeffrey D. Goodwin**

Incumbent Judge Goodwin has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and has earned the committee's endorsement. Judge Goodwin runs unopposed.