



First Legislative District Democrats

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Ballot Measure Recommendations for the **November 2025 General Election**

Lake Forest Park Proposition 1

Yes on Proposition 1

The City of Lake Forest Park is obligated to provide public safety services to residents, including police service, 911 dispatch, prosecutor and public defense, and mental health crisis support. Costs for these services have increased steadily due to a combination of improved services and inflation. However, the City's property taxes- the primary funding source for these services- have not kept pace. We agree that our communities should, when possible, look to their own residents to fund their public safety needs. We also agree that increasing the property tax is the least regressive option available to Lake Forest Park residents. Proposition 1 proposes increasing the City's portion of property taxes by \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for 6 years to provide a dedicated revenue stream for public safety. The proposal includes exemptions for qualifying seniors, disabled veterans, and others with disabilities. We urge the Lake Forest Park community to responsibly fund their agreed services by approving Proposition 1.

Endorsement Recommendations for the **November 2025 General Election**

King County Council

Executive: Dual Endorsement

Girmay Zahilay

Incumbent King County Council Member Zahilay has successfully championed affordable housing and mental health care, and has successfully worked to advance public safety through community-based solutions. Girmay is a South Seattle resident who initially came to Seattle as a refugee and, thanks to public assistance, educational grants, and hard work, became a successful lawyer prior to entering electoral service. Our community has greatly benefited from his perspective and his advocacy as a King County Councilmember: Girmay has consistently delivered results that uplift working families and underserved communities.

Claudia Balducci

Incumbent King County Council Member Balducci has guided the successful expansion of affordable housing and public transit while concurrently improving public safety. As Bellevue Mayor she championed Sound Transit's East Link light rail line and fought for improved transportation safety.

Claudia has also worked with other city leaders to improve housing, address homelessness, find ways to locally address climate change and worked to improve public parks and pathways. Claudia has consistently prioritized equity, transparency, and collaboration.

District No. 1

Rod Dembowski

Incumbent Councilmember Dembowski continues to fight to preserve open spaces in the County, supporting the Conservation Funds measure and others to accomplish this. He has consistently demonstrated principled leadership and a deep commitment to the people of King County. Throughout his service on the County Council, he has been a thoughtful problem-solver, bringing communities together to address challenges with fairness, transparency, and integrity. His dedication to improving transportation, protecting the environment, expanding access to healthcare and housing, and ensuring responsible use of public resources shows his vision for a stronger, more inclusive King County. Rod's proven record of collaboration and results makes him an outstanding choice to continue serving our community on the King County Council.

District No. 3

Sarah Perry

Incumbent Councilmember Perry is a proven leader who listens closely to her community and takes action to deliver results. She brings people together across differences, building practical solutions to expand affordable housing, improve transportation, protect our environment, and strengthen local services that families depend on. With a deep commitment to equity, accountability, and fiscal responsibility, Sarah has shown she has both the vision and the experience to move King County forward. She is the kind of collaborative, thoughtful leader we need to continue serving on the King County Council.

Port of Seattle

Commissioner, Position 1

Ryan Calkins

We recommend incumbent Commissioner Ryan Calkins for Port of Seattle Commissioner because, since 2017, he has led with a strong focus on sustainable economic development, championed clean energy innovation in maritime and aviation, and worked to ensure the Port's growth benefits all communities.

Commissioner, Position 3

Hamdi Mohamed

We endorse incumbent Commissioner Hamdi Mohamed for Port of Seattle Commissioner because, since 2021, she has championed community investment, environmental justice, and immigrant protections—securing resources for South King County initiatives and advancing policies that prioritize workers and sustainability.

Commissioner, Position 4

Toshiko Grace Hasegawa

We endorse incumbent Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa for Port of Seattle Commissioner because, since 2021, she has delivered bold, equity-focused leadership—securing millions for underserved communities, advancing cruise decarbonization, and protecting public spaces.

Court of Appeals, Division 1, District 2

Judge Position 1

Karen D. Moore

Judge Moore is highly qualified and originally appointed to her position by Governor Inslee, who has a track record of appointing excellent judges. She has worked with the YMCA, teaches Street Law, and received an award from the Red Cross. As an attorney, she negotiated a contract with the firm that hired her to allow her to do pro bono work.

Bothell

Bothell City Council, Position 1

Prasad Anguluri

Prasad Anguluri is endorsed for city council because of his actions to make his community better, from being HOA president, serving on the board of OneBothell, and founding a startup for better neighborhood engagement.

Bothell City Council, Position 3

Jenne Alderks

Incumbent Councilmember Alderks' commitment to racial equity, affordable housing, the poor and unhoused, LGBTQIA+ individuals, young families, climate change, safe policing and public safety, improved local transit, a livable City, and her energy and activism earn her our endorsement.

Bothell City Council, Position 5

Brittany Miles

We recommend Brittany Miles for Bothell City Council Position because her lived experience could provide valuable insight into how the city council could work to make our city more livable for everyone. She has personal experience being a parent for a child dealing with mental health issues and is an accomplished writer.

Bothell City Council, Position 7

Rami Al-Kabra

Incumbent Councilmember Al-Kabra brings a diverse and progressive voice to the Council. He has an impressive record of community activism and leadership. He helped establish Anti-Racist Communities of Bothell, whose mission is to fight for the freedom and rights of all BIPOC in the Northshore area. He focuses on justice, transparency, and accountability. His policies are well-thought-out and aligned closely with the goals of the Bothell community and our Legislative District organization.

Kenmore

Kenmore City Council, Position 2

Tracy Banaszynski

Tracy is our pick for position 2 and will bring a fresh, dynamic voice to the Kenmore City Council. An experienced leader in environmental restoration and stewardship, Tracy will be a strong and consistent voice for protecting our environment and promoting climate action. She has city leadership experience as a Kenmore Planning Commissioner and is now the elected Chair. She brings a progressive vision encompassing both novel and proven initiatives for developing more affordable housing options in Kenmore. Tracy openly addresses challenging development issues while remaining true to our party's values. She is a public official who believes in transparency, listening, and bringing all residents together to make Kenmore a great place to live and prosper.

Kenmore City Council, Position 4

Nigel Herbig

Nigel has been on the Council since 2014. He has been Mayor since 2022 and 4 years as Deputy Mayor since 2018. He has consistently supported Affordable Housing programs to increase opportunities for home ownership and renting in Kenmore. Nigel has worked hard to balance the budget meeting the needs of the residents with financial accountability. Climate and Action and Environmental sustainability is a focus point for his successful progressive initiatives on the Council. Keep a great experienced Democrat on the Council.

Kenmore City Council, Position 6

Eric Adman

Eric is a well-known contributor to Kenmore's future. He has served in several leadership positions promoting environmental quality and combating climate change. He will work to develop affordable housing options for service workers and other low-income earners that are feasible and promote Kenmore as a livable city. He is a retired paramedic and member of IAFF Local Shoreline Firefighters union. He understands the importance of public safety needs and costs.

Kirkland

Kirkland City Council, Position 1

Jay Arnold

Councilmember Arnold has been a steady, effective, and forward-thinking leader for Kirkland. On the City Council, he has championed smart growth, sustainability, and inclusive community engagement, ensuring that Kirkland remains a vibrant and welcoming city for all. Jay's commitment to fiscal responsibility, public safety, affordable housing, and environmental stewardship demonstrates his balanced approach to governing and his dedication to the long-term health of our community. With his proven record of collaboration and results, Jay Arnold is exactly the kind of leader Kirkland needs to continue guiding our city's future.

Kirkland City Council, Position 3

Shilpa Prem

We endorse Shilpa Prem for her dedicated, ongoing advocacy for inclusive policies, sustainable infrastructure, and public safety initiatives. Her commitment to affordable housing, walkable neighborhoods, and responsive governance reflects the values we stand for. We commend her vision for improving contracting policies and expanding opportunities for women-, minority-, and LGBTQIA+-owned businesses. Her involvement in the local PTA and her professional experience as a successful lawyer provide her with skills that will make her an effective and thoughtful public servant.

Kirkland City Council, Position 5

Neal Black

Incumbent Council Member Black continues to serve the City of Kirkland well and has again earned our endorsement. Neal has worked with the Council to make the City more approachable and transparent. He has championed affordable housing, climate action, and safer streets. His collaborative approach and broad community support—from environmental groups to housing advocates to local leaders—reflect his ability to unite diverse voices around practical solutions.

Kirkland City Council, Position 7

Kurt Dresner

Kurt Dresner is a dedicated community advocate who brings energy, creativity, and a deep commitment to inclusive decision-making. He understands the importance of smart planning, environmental stewardship, and maintaining the quality of life that makes Kirkland a thriving city. Kurt's focus on listening to residents, supporting local businesses, and ensuring fiscal responsibility will make him a strong, collaborative voice on the City Council. He is ready to work hard for Kirkland's future.

Kirkland Municipal Court Judge

John Olson

Incumbent Judge Olson has proven to be a fair and equitable judge and continues to earn the committee's endorsement. Judge Olson worked to develop a Community Court in Kirkland — a neighborhood-focused program that combines the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems.

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 1

Semra Riddle

Incumbent Council Member Riddle brings an experienced voice to the city council, augmenting her deep knowledge of public works and city planning with expert project management and personal skills. We value her long-standing contributions to our community as a Council Member, share her vision for increasing housing diversity options that best meet the needs of Lake Forest Park residents, and stand behind her commitment to successful implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 2

Matt Muilenburg

Having grown up in Lake Forest Park, attended Shoreline Public Schools, and raised his children here, Matt has a long-term commitment to Lake Forest Park. He studied Economics and Law at the University of Washington and now works in automotive industry software. His background in environmental studies and business management will be solid assets, and we commend both his commitment to continual improvement of municipal financial transparency and our environmental resiliency. Matt shares our core democratic values, including respecting and caring for all of our community members and building a better social safety net for everyone during these troubling times.

Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 3

Josh Rosenau

As a science educator and advocate for environmental stewardship Josh will bring relevant expertise and a fresh progressive voice to the Lake Forest Park City Council. He is a conservationist with a solid background in Biology and Ecology. He has served as a volunteer on our City of LFP Park and Recreation Advisory Board and has taken on leadership roles as Advocacy Chair and Communications Chair for the Lake Forest Park PTA. His experience as a nonprofit executive, communicator, and policy advocate will help our community collaborate and move forward together, with financial accountability and respect for our community values.

Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 5

Tracy Furutani

Tracy currently serves as our Deputy Mayor and is running for his second term on our City Council. Holding a Ph.D. in geological sciences, he has worked with the Stewardship Foundation on environmental issues for several years and has consistently advocated for climate resiliency. As a council member Tracy has been diligent in requiring careful budgeting, strict financial accountability, and improving transparency. He has worked thoughtfully and persistently to address our community's needs for affordable housing, safer streets, and maintaining our City's financial stability.

Lake Forest Park City Council, Position 7

Larry Goldman

Larry has been a consistent advocate for combating climate change and improving our resilience as a community; improving local transportation (including pedestrian mobility); expanding affordable housing; developing our lakefront park; and expanding neighborhood-park connections. We commend Larry's commitment to financial accountability and improving the transparency of city government. We sincerely appreciate Larry's calm, collaborative approach to governing: by listening to and working with community and council members he helps our council identify and implement real solutions to really challenging problems, including adopting budgets; planning for ADUs; and adopting our Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Woodinville

Woodinville City Council, Position 1

Michelle Evans

Incumbent Councilmember Evans brings a thoughtful, collaborative, and community-driven approach to leadership on the Woodinville City Council. She is deeply committed to preserving Woodinville's unique character while planning responsibly for the future, ensuring that growth is balanced with sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and respect for community values. Michelle is an active listener who works hard to represent all voices, and she has consistently shown dedication to strengthening local services, supporting small businesses, and protecting the environment that makes Woodinville special. Her vision, integrity, and proven commitment make her an outstanding choice to continue serving our community.

Woodinville City Council, Position 3

Amber Wise

With a background rooted in labor activism, Amber cares deeply about working people in our community. She is committed to bringing new voices into the political process who may not otherwise feel represented or heard. Her willingness to take on the crisis of affordability head-on makes her a compelling candidate to represent her city. As a Public Spaces Commissioner, she has championed safe and connected neighborhoods, and we endorse her pledge to "plan boldly for Kirkland's future while staying true to what makes it special."

Woodinville City Council, Position 5

Sarah Arndt

Council Member Arndt champions affordable housing, sustainable transportation, and environmental stewardship. She brings empathy to everything she does, whether listening to concerns from constituents or ensuring city policies support working families. Her collaborative approach and commitment to transparency demonstrate the kind of responsive, forward-thinking leadership Woodinville deserves.

Woodinville City Council, Position 7

James Randolph

Council Member Randolph has successfully worked to expand transit access, protect natural spaces, promote thoughtful growth management, and improve local amenities. In his role as Deputy Mayor and on the council, he has demonstrated a commitment to inclusive decision-making and pragmatic solutions that reflect the kind of leadership that helps Woodinville thrive.

Edmonds School District No. 15

Director District 4

Thomas Garrard

Thomas Garrard is a passionate advocate for students, families, and educators in the Edmonds School District. He is committed to ensuring safe, supportive schools where every student has the opportunity to succeed. With a focus on equity, transparency, and responsible budgeting, Thomas will bring strong leadership to the School Board, always putting students first while collaborating with teachers, parents, and the community. His vision and dedication make him an outstanding choice for School District Director.

Lake Washington School District No. 414

Director District No. 3

Angela Meekhof

Angela Meekhof's platform centers on expanding mental health support, reducing financial barriers, and creating personalized learning pathways, especially for students of color and LGBTQIA+ youth. With a background in social work, Angela's trauma-informed approach and advocacy for programs like Running Start and the Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WaNIC) make her a powerful champion for inclusive, equitable education.

Director District No. 4

Aspen Richter

Aspen Richter has built strong relationships across the district and consistently championed policies that support diverse learners, safe schools, and transparent governance. Through their work on the Lake Washington School District's Facilities Advisory Committee and volunteer work with the Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee, Aspen has demonstrated their ability to balance goals of district administrators with those of students, teachers, and parents. Their collaborative style and forward-thinking approach make Aspen a trusted voice for families and educators alike—and a powerful advocate for the success of every student.

Northshore School District No. 417

Director District No. 1

Carson Sanderson

Carson Sanderson is a champion for public schools, inclusive education, and supporting neurodiverse learners. Her platform focuses on balancing the district's budget, strengthening community partnerships, and ensuring legislative accountability—all while maintaining high standards for academic excellence. She brings an in-depth understanding of the challenges Northshore School District faces in budgeting, and in planning for growth while retaining programs that support all students whether they are highly capable or benefit from other supportive programs. We believe Carson's thoughtful, community-rooted leadership will help Northshore schools thrive.

Arun Sharma

Note: This was originally a dual endorsement, but Arun Sharma withdrew from the race on 10/02. Though he will appear on the ballot, this is effectively now a sole endorsement.

Arun Sharma is a long-time Bothell resident, engineer, educator, and founder of the UTSAV and UTSAV Voice organizations serving south Asians in Washington state. Arun has spent more than 20 years connecting community, education, and leadership. Arun will prioritize inclusive teaching, holistic development, and equitable funding for programs like STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), special education, and the arts. We believe Arun will be a thoughtful, solutions-oriented voice who uplifts every student and strengthens our schools for the future.

Director District No. 4

Sandy Hayes

Incumbent Director Hayes led the district through the trying challenges of COVID-19 coupled with ongoing budget constraints, and has earned our respect and gratitude. She has served on the Northshore School Board since 2009 and has held the positions of Legislative Representative and President. She works to address the unique needs of each school, and has volunteered weekly at different schools throughout her time on the board. Her commitment to prioritizing best outcomes for students has helped her guide our district through the tumult of recent years. She is currently working on addressing funding challenges, and also to improve broadband access and digital equity among our students.

Director District No. 5

Kimberlee Kelly

Kimberlee Kelly is exceptionally well-qualified to serve our community as a Northshore School Board Director. She is a veteran teacher who brings a deep commitment to our public schools and to all of our students, including providing equitable access to special education, bilingual programming, arts, technology, and more. We are confident that she will help our district address existing and upcoming challenges in service to our community and children.

Woodinville Fire & Rescue

Commissioner Position No. 4

Dominik Faunce

Dominik Faunce will be an excellent Woodinville Fire & Rescue Commissioner. Holding a masters in public administration with a focus on emergency management he has a clear vision of local resiliency, despite the uncertain availability of federal resources like FEMA and their emergency support and funding systems.

South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority

Commissioner District 1

Harmony Crawford

Harmony Crawford is a proven leader with a strong record of service to the community. She is deeply committed to public safety, accountability, and ensuring that South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue has the resources it needs to respond effectively and equitably. Harmony values transparency, fiscal responsibility, and building trust between first responders and the community they serve. With her dedication and integrity, she will be an excellent Commissioner, strengthening the services that protect us all.

Snohomish County Charter Review Commission

Note that 3 commissioners are elected to each District

Commissioner District 3

Carol McMahon

Carol McMahon has a strong passion for voting rights and environmental advocacy. In addition to actively supporting voting rights, she has worked to preserve mature tree forests and expand urban tree canopies. Carol has lived and worked in the Lynnwood area for over 30 years and knows the issues that are important to Snohomish County residents.

Snohomish County Charter Review Commission

Commissioner District 4

Amanda Dodd

As a trusted, progressive member of the Bothell City Council, Amanda Dodd's advocacy for transportation and affordable housing will bring a valuable perspective to the charter review process. Her attention to detail and effectiveness at working with both stakeholders and constituents make her an essential voice to have in the room.

Bob Terwilliger

Having served as both the Snohomish County Auditor and Court Administrator, Bob Terwilliger possesses extensive knowledge of rule-making and the county charter. Bob's commitment to the rule of law and his experience make him particularly suited for the charter review commission.