

Initiative Measure No. 1464: NO

[ourkidsbeforepolitics.com](#) | I-1464 aims to get big money out of Washington politics and, unfortunately, misses. This complex initiative was not written as carefully as it should have been. As a consequence, its new public finance system would likely be underfunded from the start. Should funds run out, money would be taken from the general fund and campaign contribution voucher access could be limited, effectively subsidizing wealthy individuals’ campaign donations while underfunding other essential state services. While there are some positives, like limiting the revolving door between government and lobbyists, those ideas should be saved for a bill that doesn’t include a botched public financing component.

Initiative Measure No. 1491: YES

[gunresponsibility.org](#) | This measure could reduce gun violence by empowering people to take action when those closest to them pose a significant danger to themselves or others. Suicidal individuals and mass shooters often show warning signs in advance of violent acts. Concerned families would be able to seek an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) in court, temporarily removing firearms from individuals exhibiting these signs, thereby saving lives. I-1491 also includes due process mechanisms for preventing abuse of the ERPO system.

Initiative Measure No. 1501: YES

[yeson1501.com](#) | I-1501 seeks to protect vulnerable individuals and seniors from consumer fraud by increasing criminal and civil penalties for targeting those populations. This initiative would also prohibit certain public disclosures of vulnerable individuals’ sensitive personal information such as names, addresses, and social security numbers that are often used by scammers to impersonate, defraud, and commit identity theft.

Initiative Measure No. 735: YES

[wamend.org](#) | This measure would call for Congress to overturn *Citizens United* with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I-735 would make Washington the 18th state to call for such an amendment. In *Citizens United*, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations have a protected right to free speech including the right to spend money to support or oppose political campaigns. This has lead to campaign finance laws being struck down in 14 states, campaign spending by special interest groups skyrocketing, and super PACs allowing the wealthy to make undisclosed political donations and push their personal agendas. Get big money out of politics – vote yes on I-735.

Advisory Votes

Advisory Vote No.14, House Bill 2768  
MAINTAINED

[advisoryvotes.org](#) | Advisory votes are triggered every time the State Legislature takes an action that raises or recovers revenue for the state treasury, such as repealing outdated tax exemptions. This biased language is dictated by I-960, an initiative written by Tim Eyman. Advisory votes are non-binding, will not change state law, and only serve to give Eyman leverage to stand in the way of a functional government. In this case, HB 2768 clarified laws around taxing certain stand-alone dental plans. It passed the state house and senate with overwhelming bipartisan majorities.



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Featured Candidates



Secretary of State  
Tina Podlodowski (D)

[votersfortina.com](#) | Tina Podlodowski will fight for every voter to have equal access to the ballot. She brings 30 years of technology, public policy, and management experience.

Commissioner of Public Lands  
Hilary Franz (D)

[hilaryfranz.com](#) | Hilary has devoted 20 years to protecting Washington’s environment through local governments, nonprofits, and citizen groups. She will combat the climate crisis and expand clean energy.



Superintendent of Public  
Instruction: Chris Reykdal

[chrisreykdal.com](#) | With 20+ years working in public education, Chris will put our 1 million kids first, fully fund our schools, reduce standardized testing, and bring back career and technical education.

Legislative District No. 45  
Representative Postition  
No. 1: Roger Goodman (D)

[rogergoodman.org](#) | Recognized for his pioneering DUI legislation, Roger will continue to work for children, education, women’s rights, and reduction of harm to Washington families.



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Hello Neighbor!

Greetings from your friends in the 45th District Democrats. We coordinate the party’s activities throughout the district, which includes portions of Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish; all of Duvall and Woodinville; and parts of unincorporated King County This November, we urge you to exercise your right to vote. There are many important initiatives and excellent candidates this year. Be sure to vote in all the judicial races; judges administer justice when you find yourself needing legal help.

Ballots are due November 8th by 8 PM. Ballot drop boxes are located at Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish City Halls and at the Woodinville and Kingsgate Libraries. You can also mail your stamped ballot before the last collection time on November 8th; mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Learn more about returning your ballot at [kingcounty.gov/elections](#)

The 45th District Democrats work with candidates and campaigns who seek our endorsement to verify they support our values. We recommend candidates after reviewing their answers to detailed questionnaires and discussing their candidacies Our membership has voted by at least two-to-one margins to endorse each of the candidates and ballot measure positions in this guide.

We value:

- Human rights at home and abroad
- Clean air, clean water, and clean soil
- Healthcare for all
- Education for all
- The right of workers to organize and earn a living wage
- Broad prosperity and economic security for every family
- Fair taxation and responsible budgets
- An inclusive and caring community
- Open and respectful discussions and free elections
- Religious liberty and the separation of church and state
- Government that promotes the common good, justice, and the rule of law

Join us in accomplishing great things for our community! The 45th District Democrats meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center. Visitors are welcome. Learn more about the 45th District Democrats and campaigns we’ve endorsed at [45thdemocrats.org](#) or on Facebook: [facebook.com/45thdemocrats](#)

Enjoy your Endorsements Guide and let us know if you have any questions we can answer. Our future is in your hands!

Ken Albinger  
Chair, 45th District Democrats

State Initiatives

Initiative Measure No. 1433: YES

[raiseupwa.com](#) | I-1433 will ensure every Washington worker has access to paid sick leave starting in 2018 and will gradually increase Washington state’s minimum wage to \$13.50 per hour by 2020, giving companies time to adapt. After 2021, the state minimum wage would return to being regularly increased by the rate of inflation. This initiative will help reduce the spread of disease by allowing all contagious workers time to recover and it will boost the local economy through increased spending.

Advisory Vote No. 15, Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2778: **MAINTAINED**

[advisoryvotes.org](#) | As with Advisory Vote No. 14, we urge you to vote maintain and protest Tim Eyman’s misleading initiatives. HB 2778 adjusted the sales and use tax exemption for electric cars and other clean alternative fuel vehicles, closing a loophole that exempted luxury vehicles from these taxes by limiting the exemption to vehicles that cost \$32,000 or less.

Amendments to the State Constitution

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8210: **APPROVED**

Every ten years, a bipartisan commission is formed to redraw the boundaries for legislative and congressional districts as the state’s population moves and grows. SJR 8210 will adjust the deadline for completing this redistricting plan, giving the public an extra 46 days to provide feedback and giving county officials more time to implement the new boundaries.


Federal Candidates

President & Vice President of the United States Hillary Clinton (D) & Tim Kaine (D)


 [hillaryclinton.com](#) | Hillary Clinton is the clear choice against her ghastly Republican opponent. Countless people who have been in “The Room” with her over the years—while she was First Lady, Senator, and Secretary of State—praise and endorse her, including President Obama and Vice President Biden.

Bernie Sanders ran a brilliant and captivating campaign. The 45th District asks that all Democrats heed Bernie’s request now that his race is over: vote for Hillary Clinton.


United States Senator: Patty Murray (D)

 [pattymurray.com](#) | Originally known for her work on education and children’s issues, Patty has become a national leader on the budget, transportation, economic development, and health care.

United States Representative Congressional District No. 1: **Suzan DelBene** (D)


 [delbeneforcongress.com](#) | Suzan is our champion in Washington, D.C., where she leads on protecting women’s health, supporting working families, and addressing the climate crisis.

United States Representative Congressional District No. 8: **Tony Ventrella** (D)


 [teamventrella.com](#) | Proud of his 30 years in broadcasting, decade with the Seattle Seahawks, and lifetime of community service, Tony is running for Congress to serve all the people.

State Candidates

Governor: Jay Inslee (D)

 [jayinslee.com](#) | Jay has worked to build a stronger economy and better future for our state. He’s fought for good schools, new infrastructure, and action to tackle the climate crisis.


Lieutenant Governor: Cyrus Habib (D)

 [cyrushabib.com](#) | As Lt. Governor, Cyrus will continue his work as a pro-growth, progressive champion, prioritizing education, environmental protections, and new jobs. Cyrus currently serves in the State Senate.


Secretary of State: Tina Podlodowski (D)

*Learn more about Tina on page one of this guide or [votersfortina.com](#)*

State Auditor: Pat (Patrice) McCarthy (D)

 [patmccarthy.org](#) | Pat is passionate about restoring the public’s confidence and trust in the Auditor’s Office. She has a wealth of experience serving as Pierce County Executive and Pierce County Auditor.

Attorney General: Bob Ferguson (D)

 [electbobferguson.com](#) | As an advocate for consumer protection and public safety, Bob will continue to fight for equality and stand up to powerful interests that break the rules.


Commissioner of Public Lands: Hilary Franz (D)

*Learn more about Hilary on page one of this guide or [hilaryfranz.com](#)*

Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal

*Learn more about Chris on page one of this guide or [chrisreykdal.com](#)*


Insurance Commissioner: Mike Kreidler (D)

 [mikekreidler.com](#) | Mike is an experienced Insurance Commissioner who is nationally recognized for his work to protect consumers. Mike has long believed health care is a right, not a privilege.

Legislative District No. 45, Representative Position No. 1: **Roger Goodman** (D)


*Learn more about Roger on page one of this guide or [rogergoodman.org](#)*

Legislative District No. 45, Representative Position No. 2: **Larry Springer** (D)


 [larryspringer.org](#) | As a former Kirkland Mayor and local business owner for almost thirty years, Larry believes in the value of public service and the need to put our families first.

State Supreme Court Candidates


Justice Position No. 1: Mary Yu

 [justicemaryyu.com](#) | A former trial court judge for 14 years, Justice Yu is the first Latina, first Asian, and first member of the LGBTQ community to serve on the Supreme Court.

Justice Position No. 5: Barbara Madsen


 [chiefjusticemadsen.org](#) | Twice elected Chief, Justice Madsen is a leader in access to justice reform. She has initiated system changes to eradicate racial and gender bias in the courts.

Justice Position No. 6: Charles (Charlie) Wiggins


 [justicecharliewiggins.com](#) | Elected in 2010, Justice Wiggins has fairly decided cases among diverse parties and will continue to protect your constitutional rights.

King Co. Superior Court Candidates


Judge Position No. 14: Nicole Gaines Phelps

 [electnicolegainesphelps.com](#) | An experienced judicial officer and trial attorney, Nicole is committed to eliminating barriers to legal services and educating the public on their legal rights.


Judge Position No. 26: David Keenan

 [keenanforjudge.com](#) | A leader on access to justice, David is President of Northwest Justice Project and the Federal Bar and is endorsed by the entire Washington Supreme Court.


Judge Position No. 31: Helen Halpert

 [retainjudgehelenhalpert.com](#) | Helen Halpert has served the people of King County since 1999. She is particularly involved in issues involving children and families.


Judge Position No. 44: Cathy Moore

 [cathymooreforjudge.com](#) | Respected Judge and Commissioner pro tem in King County Superior Court for 6 years, Cathy has worked for 20 years to improve our legal system.

Judge Position No. 52: Anthony Gipe

 [gipeforjudge.com](#) | An experienced pro tem Judge and accomplished trial attorney, Anthony Gipe has dedicated his career to serving others and seeking equal justice for all.

Judge Position No. 53: Mariane Spearman

 [retainjudgespearman.com](#) | Mariane Spearman has been a judge for over 20 years including 8 years on King County Superior Court. She is proud to be endorsed by the 45th LD Democrats.

Regional & Local Ballot Measures

King County Charter Amendment No. 2 (Gender-Neutral Language): **YES**

This amendment is a straightforward proposal to replace gendered language such as “councilman” and “manpower” in the King County Charter with gender-neutral language like “councilmember” and “labor.” It’s time for our county charter to reflect the value and reality of diversity in the 21st Century. These changes will also make the language in the Charter more consistent and less ambiguous.

Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1, Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion: **APPROVED**

[masstransitnow.com](#) | Prop 1 funds a much-needed mass transit expansion for our region. ST3 will connect major employers, downtown business districts, and colleges across three counties, allowing commuters to bypass traffic congestion; offering efficient, accessible transportation options; and decreasing pollution to the benefit of transit riders and drivers alike.

Proposed Eastside Regional Fire Authority Proposition No. 1: **YES**


[wa-eastsidefirerescue.civicplus.com](#) | This proposition would combine Fire Districts 10 and 38, both east of Lake Sammamish, into one Eastside Regional Fire Authority. Prop 1 would also modify how property owners fund fire services in these areas to take fire risk and building size into account. These changes will provide more stable funding for and more efficient use of fire service resources.


City of Duvall, Proposition No. 1: **APPROVED**

Prop 1 would fund improved lighting and turf for Big Rock Ballfield; a full-time School Resource Officer to enforce school rules, promote student safety, and deter criminal activity in Duvall schools, among other responsibilities; and modernization of critical city IT systems.

City of Duvall, Advisory Vote No. 1: **YES**

The Duvall City Council is considering prohibiting the private sale and use of fireworks for the week surrounding July 4th, a step which many neighboring cities have already taken. Duvall already limits their use the other 51 weeks of the year; limiting fireworks to public displays organized by trained professionals reduces the risk of fire, property damage, and personal injury and decreases disturbances that negatively impact people with PTSD, pets, and others. The results of this vote are non-binding but will inform the Council as they determine the next steps to take on this issue.

 If you are registered to vote and have not received your ballot by Monday, October 24th, contact King County Elections at (206) 296-8683.

 Mail your ballot early to avoid excessive campaign contact! After King County elections receives your ballot, campaigns will stop calling you.