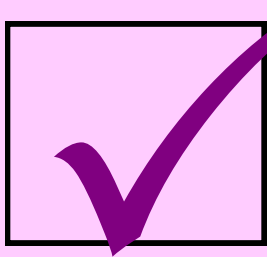


IMPORTANT!

Please encourage everyone you know to **register to vote and send in their ballots** to help us protect Washington's "everything but marriage" Domestic Partnership law.



REFERENDUM 71

APPROVE!

- ✓ Protect Domestic Partnerships
- ✓ Ensure ALL families are treated fairly

APPROVE REF 71

www.approverefendum71.org

King County's Vote-By-Mail Process

In a vote-by-mail elections environment, all registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail 20 days prior to the each election that they are eligible to cast a vote.

For voter information, assistance or registration forms call: **206-296-VOTE** or **800-325-6165**. To register to vote online: www.vote.wa.gov. You may register in person at the county elections office up to 8 days prior to an election.

Public Polling Locations are non-precinct based voting locations that provide voters the opportunity to vote in person on an accessible voting unit. These locations are open to all voters. **Ballot drop boxes are also located at accessible voting centers for voters to securely return their mail ballot, without the cost of postage.** Ballot drop boxes are available 19 days before the election and are available 24 hours until 8pm on November 3. See the website (www.kingcounty.gov/elections/voting/balldropboxes.aspx) or call **206-296-VOTE** for more information.

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SEATTLE METROPOLITAN
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



CANDIDATE RATINGS

2009 GENERAL ELECTION Candidate Ratings and Endorsements

Ballots must be postmarked by

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

Please copy and distribute these ratings to your friends and family.

*A PDF version may be downloaded from our website
so that you may distribute to others by email.*

*Additional information, a **LARGE PRINT** edition of this guide,
written questionnaires, and member feedback available on our website at*

<http://www.seamec.org>

SEAMEC Candidate Ratings

✓ General Races CR E R G H A

KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Short- and Full-Term

✓ Dow Constantine	5	A	A	A	A	A
Susan Hutchison	?	di				

KING COUNTY ASSESSOR

✓ Lloyd Hara	5	A	A	A	A	A
Bob Blanchard	3	U				
Gene Lux	3	U				
Bob Rosenberger	3	U				
Graham Albertini	?	U				

KING COUNTY SHERIFF

Sue Rahr, i	3	di				
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL

District Number 1						
Bob Ferguson, i	3	di				
District Number 3						
Kathy Lambert, i	2	di				
District Number 5						
Julia Patterson, i	4	di				
District Number 7						
Pete von Reichbauer, i	2	di				
District Number 9						
Beverly Harison Tonda	3	B	B	C	B	C
Reagan Dunn, i	2	di				

PORT OF SEATTLE

Commissioner Position No. 1						
John Creighton, i	3	U				
Commissioner Position No. 3						
✓ Rob Holland ▼	4	B	A	A	B	A
David Doud	2	A	B	B	C	C
Commissioner Position No. 4						
✓ Max Vekich	4	A	A	A	B	A
Tom Albro	?	U				

CITY OF SEATTLE

Mayor						
Joe Mallahan	3	A	A	A	A	A
Mike McGinn	3	A	A	B	B	B
City Attorney						
Tom Carr, i	4	A	A	A	A	A
Pete Holmes	3	A	A	A	A	A

PARTY AFFILIATIONS

Affiliation not listed for non-partisan races
 (D) Democrat (R) Republican
 (I) Independent (G) Green
 (PR) Progressive (L) Libertarian
 i Incumbent

SYMBOLS

- ✓ Endorsed
- ▼ Openly LGBT Candidate

More ratings explanations on next page.

✓ General Races CR E R G H A

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 2						
Richard Conlin, i	5	A	A	A	A	A
David Ginsberg ▼	4	A	A	A	A	A
Position Number 4						
✓ David Bloom	5	A	A	A	A	A
Sally Bagshaw	4	A	A	A	A	A
Position Number 6						
✓ Nick Licata, i	5	U				
Jessie Israel	3	A	A	A	B	A
Position Number 8						
Robert Rosencrantz	3	B	B	A	C	B
Mike O'Brien	3	B	B	C	B	C

✓ School Board Races CR S Ed F H Cu

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, District Number 4						
Michael DeBell, i	?	NS				
Director, District Number 5						
Mary E. Bass, i	4	B	A	A	A	A
Kay Smith-Blum	3	A	A	B	A	A
Director, District Number 7						
Betty Patu	2	U				
Wilson Chin	?	U				

Join SEAMEC!

We need YOU!

- The SEAMEC board is recruiting new members.
- Donations are necessary to keep providing our community with vital election information.

For more information, please contact us on our website at www.seamec.org.

SEAMEC is an independent non-partisan candidate rating organization that interviews, evaluates, and rates candidates running for political office in Seattle, King and Snohomish Counties and the State of Washington. **SEAMEC** rates candidates on their attitudes, knowledge, position, record of proven activism, and past, present and potential commitment to or action on issues specifically concerning the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities. Candidate interviews are conducted by panels of volunteers. **SEAMEC** has been serving the community since 1977. Membership and donations are welcomed and encouraged.

Co-Chair: Derek Stanford; Treasurer: Michael Andrew

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2009 General Election

✓ Suburban Races CR

BOTHELL CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 5	
Jennifer Armenta	3

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 3	
Melissa Ponder	4
Position Number 7	
✓ Dave Kaplan ▼	5
Susan White, i	3

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 3	
Brad Larssen	3
Position Number 5	
Karen Tennyson	3
Amy Walen	2
Position Number 7	
Doreen Marchione	2

MERCER ISLAND CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 2	
Dan Grausz, i	3

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 1	
✓ Keith McGlashan, i ▼	4
Position Number 3	
Will Hall	3
Position Number 5	
Cindy Ryu, i	3
Shari Tracey	3
Position Number 7	
Chris Roberts	3

SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Position Number 2	
Corey Murata	3

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Position Number 2	
Rich Zwicker, i	3

Explanation of Ratings

ENDORSEMENT

SEAMEC endorsements (marked in **BOLD CAPITAL** letters and by a ✓) are granted by a 2/3 majority of the SEAMEC Steering Committee, in recognition of a clear choice of importance to the LGBT community, or in recognition of a distinguished history of activism on behalf of the LGBT community.

CANDIDATE RATING SCALE

The numerical **SEAMEC Candidate Rating** uses the following scale:

- 5 - DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP**
- 4 - EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**
- 3 - MEETS EXPECTATIONS**
- 2 - NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**
- 1 - RESISTANT**
- 0 - HOSTILE**

Ratings are derived from all information available to the SEAMEC Steering Committee, including but not limited to:

- Information from the in-person interview
- Interview panelists' recommendations
- The candidate's voting and sponsorship record
- The candidate's written questionnaire (addresses his/her history of activism)
- Media clippings
- Other organizations' ratings
- Information gathered from "political insiders"

See our website for a more detailed explanation of each rating.

Please Note: The numerical SEAMEC Fairness Rating does not necessarily correlate to the interview (letter) grades, e.g. all A's do not necessarily yield a SEAMEC Fairness Rating of 5.

Two other ratings are possible:

- ?** **UNKNOWN:** SEAMEC has insufficient information to determine a rating.
- X** **NO RATING GIVEN:** This means that SEAMEC has considered but has declined to rate the candidate.

✓ General Races CR E R G H A

STONEWALL CITY COUNCIL

Position 7						
✓ SYLVIA RIVERA	5	A	B	A	A	B
Jimmy Baldwin, i ▼	4	B	A	B	C	B
William Tipton	4	U				
Alexander T. Great	3	A	A	A	A	A
A. Bryant	0	F	D	F	D	F

Ratings are listed in order from highest to lowest; identical ratings are listed in order of interview grades (if no interview, "U" beats "di"); further ties are listed alphabetically by candidate's last name.

JUDICIAL RATING SCALE

Judicial candidates are restricted in what they can discuss by "judicial canons," so SEAMEC administers a different questionnaire to judicial candidates in the in-person interview. In addition, the subject matter may differ slightly, but the same categories (at right) are used unless noted.

Furthermore, the scale used for the numerical SEAMEC Fairness Rating for judicial candidates is different:

- 5 - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- 4 - RECOMMENDED**
- 3 - ADEQUATE**
- 2 - INADEQUATE**
- 1 - RESISTANT**
- 0 - HOSTILE**

INTERVIEW GRADES

To the right of the SEAMEC Fairness Rating are the interview letter grades, which are the median grades given by the in-person interview panelists. (Panels typically consist of 3-8 volunteers, the total number of which varies from interview to interview.) The scale used by the interview panelists is as follows:

A B C D F
Excellent Good Fair Poor Failed

CANDIDATE INDICATORS

After the candidate's name there may be one or two symbols.

I **INCUMBENT CANDIDATE.** The candidate currently holds the position and is running for re-election.

▼ **OPENLY LGBT CANDIDATE.** In 2006, at the request of SEAMEC members, we added this symbol to indicate openly LGBT candidates.

2009 INTERVIEW CATEGORIES

The questions are asked in five categories. The categories are:

General Races:

- Equality (E)
- Relationships (R)
- Age & Gender (G)
- Health & Safety (H)
- Awareness (A)

Judicial Races:

- Civil Rights & Governance (C)
- Relationships (R)
- Age & Gender (G)
- Health & Safety (H)
- Awareness (A)

School Board Races:

- Students (S)
- Educators (Ed)
- Families (F)
- Health (H)
- Curriculum (Cu)

The question topics for each of the above categories may be viewed on the SEAMEC website at www.seamec.org.

OTHER INTERVIEW INDICATORS

If a candidate did not complete an in-person interview with SEAMEC, the following indicators are used:

- U** **UNABLE TO SCHEDULE** interview.
- di** **DECLINED INTERVIEW.** Either declined to be interviewed outright or did not respond to written and verbal invitations.
- DR** **DECLINED RUDELY.**
- NS** **NO SHOW.** Failed to appear for a scheduled interview.

NOTE: No interview grades were given to candidates in suburban races in the 2009 General Election.