

# 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.

## FAIRNESS RATING SCALE

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

✓Candidate	CR	ER	GH	A
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## 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" and "NI" beat "di"); further ties are listed alphabetically by

Two other ratings are possible:

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

## 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 Candidate 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 Candidate 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.

- ✓ **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.

## 2016 INTERVIEW CATEGORIES

The questions are asked in five categories. The categories and the question topics are:

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

## 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.
- NI **NOT INTERVIEWED.** Due to limited resources, SEAMEC did not request an in-person interview with this candidate in this election cycle.
- NS **NO SHOW.** Did not show up for a scheduled interview.



SEATTLE METROPOLITAN  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

# CANDIDATE RATINGS

## 2017 GENERAL ELECTION Candidate Ratings and Endorsements

**BALLOTS DUE TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

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**SEAMEC Candidate Ratings**

**2017 General Election**

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WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE						
Legislative District 31						
State Senate						
Michelle Rylands (D)		3	NI			
Phil Fortunato, (R), <i>i</i>		1	NI			
State Representative, Position 2						
Morgan Irwin, (R), <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Nate Lowry (D), <i>i</i>		?	NI			
Legislative District 37						
State Senate						
Rebecca Saldaña (D)		4	NI			
Legislative District 45						
State Senate						
✓ MANKA DHINGRA (D)		3	NI			
Jinyoung Lee Englund (R)		?	NI			
Legislative District 48						
State Senate						
✓ PATTY KUDERER (D), <i>i</i>		4	NI			
Michelle Darnell (L)		?	NI			
State Representative, Position 1						
Vandana Slatter (D), <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Ciaran Dougherty (L)		?	NI			
KING COUNTY OFFICES						
King County Executive						
Dow Constantine, <i>i</i>		5	NI			
Bill Hirt		?	NI			
King County Sheriff						
John Urquhart, <i>i</i>		5	A A A A A			
Mitzi Johanknecht ▼		4	A A B B A			
County Council, District 1						
Rod Dembowski, <i>i</i>		4	NI			
County Council, District 3						
John Murphy		3	NI			
Kathy Lambert, <i>i</i>		1	NI			
County Council, District 5						
✓ DAVE UP THE GROVE, <i>i</i> ▼		5	NI			
County Council, District 7						
Pete von Reichbauer, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
County Council, District 9						
✓ REAGAN DUNN, <i>i</i>		5	NI			
Denice Carnahan		?	NI			

PORT OF SEATTLE						
Commissioner, Position 1						
Ryan Calkins		3	B B B B A			
John Creighton, <i>i</i>		3	B B B C B			
Commissioner, Position 3						
Stephanie Bowman, <i>i</i>		4	B C B C B			
Ahmed Abdi		?	NS			
Commissioner, Position 4						
Preeti Shridhar		4	A A A A A			
Peter Steinbrueck		4	B A B B B			
CITIES & TOWNSHIPS						
City of Auburn						
Mayor						
Nancy Backus, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Largo Wales		?	NI			
City Council, Position 6						
✓ LARRY BROWN		4	A A A A A			
Mike Kahler		?	NI			
City of Bellevue						
City Council, Position 2						
Randy Grein		3	NI			
Conrad Lee, <i>i</i>		1	NI			
City Council, Position 4						
Karol Brown		3	NI			
Jared Nieuwenhuis		?	NI			
City Council, Position 5						
Janice Zahn		3	NI			
Phillip Yin		2	NI			
City Council, Position 6						
Lynne Robinson, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Steven Fricke		?	NI			
City of Bothell						
City Council, Position 3						
✓ ROSEMARY MCAULIFFE		4	NI			
Vicki Somppi		3	NI			
City Council, Position 7						
Aaron Moreau-Cook		3	NI			
Thomas E. Agnew, <i>i</i>		?	NI			
City of Burien						
City Council, Position 7						
Krystal Marx ▼		3	NI			
Patty Janssen		?	NI			

City of Des Moines						
City Council, Position 1						
Anthony Martinelli		3	NI			
Matt Pina, <i>i</i>		?	NI			
City Council, Position 5						
Harry Steinmetz		3	NI			
Traci Buxton		?	NI			
City Council, Position 7						
Chad Harper ▼		4	NI			
Matt Mahoney		?	NI			
City of Federal Way						
Mayor						
Jim Ferrell, <i>i</i>		2	NI			
Susan Honda		?	NI			
City Council, Position 6						
Roger Flygare		3	NI			
Martin A. Moore, <i>i</i>		1	NI			
City of Issaquah						
City Council, Position 1						
Brian Weinstein		3	NI			
Christopher Reh		?	NI			
City of Kenmore						
City Council, Position 2						
Joe Marshall		3	NI			
Suzanne Greenhouse		1	NI			
City Council, Position 4						
Nigel Herbig, <i>i</i>		4	NI			
Patrick O'Brien		?	NI			
City Council, Position 6						
Debra Srebnik		3	NI			
Carol Baker		?	NI			
City of Kent						
City Council, Position 2						
Satwinder Kaur		3	NI			
Paul Addis		?	NI			
City Council, Position 4						
Tye Whitfield		3	NI			
Toni Troutner		?	NI			
City of Lake Forest Park						
City Council, Position 3						
Benjamin Gonzalez O'Brien		3	NI			
John Wright, <i>i</i>		?	NI			

**2017 General Election**

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City of Maple Valley						
City Council, Position 6						
Dana C. Parnello, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Richard Axtell		?	NI			
City of Redmond						
City Council, Position 4						
Tanika Padhye, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Eugene Zakhareyev		?	NI			
City of Renton						
City Council, Position 1						
Randy Corman		3	NI			
Neil Sheesley		?	NI			
City Council, Position 2						
Diane Dobson		2	NI			
Armondo Pavone, <i>i</i>		?	NI			
City Council, Position 6						
Jami Smith ▼		3	NI			
Ruth Perez, <i>i</i>		2	NI			
City of Sammamish						
City Council, Position 1						
Jason Ritchie		3	NI			
Mark Baughman		?	NI			
City Council, Position 3						
Karen N. Howe		3	NI			
Karen Moran		?	NI			
City Council, Position 5						
Rituja Indapure		3	NI			
Chris Ross		?	NI			
City of Seattle						
Mayor						
✓ JENNY DURKAN ▼		5	A A A A A			
Cary Moon		3	A B B B B			
City Attorney						
✓ PETE HOLMES, <i>i</i>		5	A A B A A			
Scott Lindsay		3	B B B B B			

City Council, Position 8						
✓ TERESA MOSQUEDA		5	A A A A A			
Jon Grant		4	A B B B B			
City Council, Position 9						
M. Lorena Gonzalez, <i>i</i>		5	B B A A A			
Pat Murakami		4	A A B A B			
City of Shoreline						
City Council, Position 1						
✓ KEITH A. MCGLASHAN, <i>i</i> ▼		5	NI			
Jin-Ah Kim		2	NI			
City Council, Position 5						
Susan Chang		3	NI			
Carolyn Ahlgreen		?	NI			
City Council, Position 7						
Christopher Roberts, <i>i</i>		4	NI			
City of Tukwila						
City Council, Position 7						
De'Sean Quinn, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Laura Ann Garris		?	NI			
SCHOOL DISTRICTS						
Bellevue School District 405						
Director District 5						
My-Linh Thai, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Hugh Gladner		?	NI			
Fife School District 417						
Director District 4						
Cheryl Reid-Simons ▼		3	NI			
Kent School District 415						
Director District 4						
Denise Daniels		3	NI			
Bryon Madsen		?	NI			
Lake Washington School Dist 414						
Director District 3						
Anita Damjanovic		3	NI			
Cassandra Sage		?	NI			

Northshore School District 417						
Director District 1						
Jacqueline McGourty		3	NI			
Brian M. Travis		?	NI			
Director District 2						
Bob Swain		3	NI			
Sherry Krainick		?	NI			
Director District 5						
Amy Cast, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Rob Taft, Jr.		?	NI			
Riverview School District 407						
Director District 1						
Lori Maudlin Oviatt, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Stuart Lisk		?	NI			
Seattle School District 1						
Director District 4						
Eden Mack		3	B B B C C			
Herbert J. Camet, Jr.		2	B B B B C			
Director District 5						
✓ ZACHARY PULLIN DEWOLF		4	A A B B B			
Omar Vasquez		3	C B C B B			
Director District 7						
Chelsea Byers		3	U			
Betty Patu, <i>i</i>		2	U			
Shoreline School District 412						
Director District 2						
Heather Fralick		3	NI			
Jill Brady		2	NI			
Snoqualmie Valley School Dist 410						
Director District 1						
Tavish MacLean, <i>i</i>		3	NI			
Melissa Johnson		1	NI			

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Dedicated to the memory of SEAMEC Steering Committee member **JIM IRISH** (October 3, 1936 – March 23, 2017)

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