

# YOUR 2020 WASHINGTON BUS VOTER GUIDE

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## Who Made This Guide?

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**The Washington Bus** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to youth voter engagement and supporting the issues that youth care about. While helping young folks get hyped about voting and learning the ins and outs of civic engagement, this year the Washington Bus supported candidates and referendums that young folks support and/or that help advance issues concerning young people. This guide was created independently of any candidate or campaign, and research for this guide was found in statements available to the public, candidate websites, social media, and news media.

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**Rahel Ambachew (she/her)** is a Fall 2020 Intern with the Washington Bus studying Biology at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Rahel's experience immigrating from Ethiopia and seeing the police brutality epidemic in the United States helped motivate her to engage in community organizing. Through her time as an intern, she hopes to learn more about how to organize social media voter engagement.

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**Annalisa Mueller-Eberstein** is a Washington Bus Fall 2020 Intern and is currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at the University of Washington planning to pursue dual degrees in Materials Science Engineering and International Affairs. Originally from Kirkland, WA, Annalisa has a passion for working with the environment and her local community—volunteering with and participating in organizations to help achieve her goals.

## Glossary

### Attorney General of Washington

The Attorney General serves as a legal counsel to the Governor, legislators, state officials, state agencies, universities, and commissions.

To protect the public, the Attorney General helps uphold the Consumer Protection Act, environmental protections, and other civil liberties.

### Districts

Your **state legislative district** is the regional boundary where your State Senators and Representatives represent. Each district has two state representatives and one state senator. Washington currently has 49.

Your **congressional district** is the regional boundary where your U.S. House of Representatives Congressperson and U.S. Senator in Washington, DC represent. Washington currently has 10.

### Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor serves as the presiding officer of the State Senate and is first in the line of succession.

Interestingly, the Lieutenant Governor is elected independently of the Governor and theoretically could come from a different party.

## Glossary

### Referendum

**Referendum bills** are proposed laws the State Legislature has referred to voters to decide on. Any voter may demand a proposed law passed by the State Legislature put before the voters before taking effect.

**Referendum measures** "Referendum measures are laws passed by the State Legislature that voters have demanded be put on the ballot for a vote, by acquiring roughly 130,000 signatures (4% of number of votes in last governor election).

E.g. Referendum 90!

### Washington Secretary of State

The Secretary of State manages elections, corporate and charity filings, preserving state historical records, and the usage of the state seal and flag.

### Washington State Treasurer

The State Treasurer is the main financial officer and manages cash flow, investments, and debt. They also chair the Public Deposit Protection Commission, ensuring safety of deposits in qualified banks.

### Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Superintendent of Public Instruction is the chief officer for the state Board of Education and is responsible for certifying teaching personnel, administration of educational programs, accrediting programs, and distributing funds.

## Referendum 90 (R-90): vote to approve

R-90 is a law which would require all public schools to teach age-appropriate, inclusive, comprehensive sex education to K-12 students in Washington state (with an opt-out option for parents who choose to do so). This curriculum will benefit students by providing information and resources about healthy relationships and how to build them in their own lives, asking for consent, and learning how to say and receive a “no” response. Providing comprehensive sexual health education can also prevent and intervene sexual assault. Giving youth the tools necessary for understanding sexual abuse and utilizing language to communicate to a trusted adult when something like this may be occurring in their life. Additionally, the inclusivity of LGBTQ youth through positive and accepting approaches to sexual health education is much needed.

### Endorsed By

ACLU Washington

Washington Education Association

American Academy of Pediatrics: Washington Chapter

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

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## Jay Inslee | WA State Governor

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### **Endorsed By:**

The Stranger  
Seattle Times  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

**Bio:** Jay Inslee has served two previous terms as governor and is now running for his third. Born and raised in the Seattle area, Inslee has spent the past nearly thirty years in public service advocating for climate change, education, and drug policy reform. His interest in politics was sparked when successfully advocating for the construction of a new high school in Selah, Washington and has existed since his own high school years when he helped his parents lead clean up efforts on Mount Rainier. During his 2020 Presidential campaign, he championed fighting climate change as his main issue and was even endorsed by Bill Nye.

**On the Issues:** Inslee's five top priorities are economic recovery, healthcare reform, education, climate and clean energy, and justice and safety. In his last term as governor, he has worked to address educational funding disparities while increasing access to mental health resources and increasing pay. He also awarded \$6.4 million to help fund apprenticeship programs for over 29,000 youth while advocating for increased carbon emission restrictions and providing incentives for green building through the Clean Energy Fund. More recently, Inslee has followed scientific recommendations concerning the coronavirus crisis and advocated for altering policing policy.

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## Marko Liias | Lieutenant Governor



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ACLU Washington

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

Washington Education Association

**Bio:** Marko Liias is a first-generation college graduate who graduated from Georgetown University. He has served as a representative for the 21st legislative district and was a member of the Washington House of Representatives from 2008 to 2014. Being the first millennial elected to state office and someone who identifies within the LGBTQ+ community, Marko is committed to serving youth and representing the voice of marginalized and underrepresented people in our communities.

**On the Issues:** Liias channels his commitment to serving the youth and translates it into legislative action: “I have put an emphasis on the issues that matter to young people in Washington, including higher education and debt reform, increased wages, and investments in a clean energy future.” He is a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, which addresses affordable housing and homelessness, has helped create the Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention, and champions mental/behavioral health measures, along with many others. In addition, Marko is the only candidate in this race who has endorsed the Whole Washington initiative that seeks to get us universal healthcare.



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Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest  
Washington Bus  
Stonewall Democrats

**Bio:** Gael is a member of the Washington House of Representatives, representing District 36-Position 2. She served as the Vice Chair of the Technology and Economic Development Committee for five years and was House Majority Floor Leader for two years. Additionally, Gael worked for the Pentagon for ten years as a senior defense analyst, during which she received the Director of Intelligence’s “National Intelligence Medal of Achievement” for recognition of her exceptional contributions to protecting vital national interests.

**On the Issues:** Gael is a supporter of expanding automatic voter registration and increasing voter education. Gael is also a firm believer in strengthening our voting technology by investing in new tools to make voting easier and more secure, and bring voters into the process so that we stay ahead of the curve and maximize voter engagement.

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## Mike Pellicciotti | State Treasurer

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### Endorsed By:

Jay Inslee

Public Employees of Washington

Washington Education Association

Washington State Nurses Association

**Bio:** Mike Pellicciotti received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration before receiving a Masters in Rural Development as a Fulbright Scholar. Mike then attended Gonzaga University School of Law, where he led a national initiative to reduce student loan debt, representing almost 50,000 students as the chair of the student division of the American Bar Association. Continuing on this path, Mike went on to serve as a King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, Chair of the Washington Equal Justice Coalition, and State Representative for the 30th district (flipping the House of Representatives to a Democratic majority). During the 2016 election, he was endorsed by President Barack Obama.

**On the Issues:** Passionate about campaign finance reform, Mike has never accepted corporate campaign donations. As an Assistant Attorney General, he managed the return of over \$30 million to taxpayers from corporate healthcare fraud and government waste. In the past four years, he has also introduced legislation to end corporate tax breaks while reducing taxes on working families and retirees as well as publicize legislative records. HB 1159 closed the lobbyist 'revolving door' and HB 1806 increased fines for corporations convicted of crimes.



**Endorsed By:**

Fuse Washington  
Humane Voters of Washington  
NARAL Pro-Choice Washington  
Alliance for Gun Responsibility  
Washington Education Association

**Bio:** A fourth-generation resident of Washington, he claims that his great-grandparents homesteaded on the Skagit River lead to his avid appreciation of the outdoors. After graduating as the Student Body President for the University of Washington, Bob joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest and obtained a Juris Doctor from New York University. In 2017, he was named one of the 100 most influential people by TIME Magazine. Bob is an internationally-ranked chess master who won the Washington State Championship.

**On the Issues:** Bob has been an equal opportunity leader, filing lawsuits against both the Trump and Obama administration in order to defend Washington's environment and people. In fact, he has brought more consumer protection cases to court than any previous Attorney General (not losing a single case). Some notable wins include Arlene's Flowers where he guaranteed the same rights for same-sex couples as opposite-sex couples, defeating the travel ban, blocking the decision to rescind Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Monsanto (a chemical corporation polluting waterways), speeding up the Hanford site clean-up, and defending Washington's minimum wage and paid sick-leave policy.

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## Chris Reykdal | Superintendent of Public Instruction



### Endorsed By:

Washington Education Association

The Seattle Times

Washington State Nurses Association

King County Young Democrats

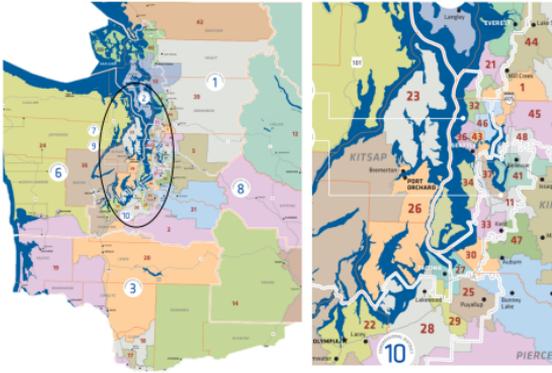
Cyrus Habib, Lieutenant Governor

**Bio:** Chris Reykdal has been in this job since 2017, and he's hoping to keep it! He started as a school teacher and school board member, then managed Washington's community college system, before becoming a legislator. He is the current Superintendent of public instructions.

**On the Issues:** Unlike his opposing runners, Chris is the only one with a background in public education. He believes in strengthening public education and believes it is the most systemic way to democratize opportunity and learning resources. Under his leadership, the office of Superintendent of public instructions has worked to secure resources for students with disabilities, built out training on inclusive practices in the classroom, enhanced bilingual education, built learning standards for ethnic studies, ensured access to comprehensive sexual health education and supported indigenous youth. In partnership with Governor Inslee, Chris has secured funds to build climate science learning standards in every grade. Going forward, Chris will also support legislation to prohibit the carrying of firearms by school resource officers. Chris's role is to further improve and transform our public education system so that it creates opportunities for all learners.

## Legislative District Map

Washington State is divided into 49 legislative districts. This guide focuses on races from 12 of these districts.



- 5th:** West King County (Snoqualmie, Issaquah, North Bend)
- 11th:** Southern Seattle, Renton, Tukwila, Kent
- 17th:** Eastern Vancouver, Southwest Clark County
- 23rd:** Northern Kitsap County, Bainbridge Island
- 25th:** Western Pierce County (Puyallup)
- 28th:** Southwest Pierce County (Tacoma, Lakewood, DuPont)
- 30th:** Southwest King County (Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way)
- 37th:** Seattle (Central District, Columbia City, Rainier Beach) and Renton
- 40th:** San Juan County, Anacortes, Bellingham
- 42nd:** Whatcom County (Bellingham, Ferndale, Lynden)
- 43rd:** Seattle (Capitol Hill, Downtown, Ravenna, University District)
- 44th:** Western Snohomish (Lake Stevens, Mill Creek)

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## Ingrid Anderson | State Senator LD 5

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### **Endorsed By:**

Jay Inslee

Washington State Labour Council

Washington State Progressive Caucus

American Federation of Teachers - Washington

**Bio:** Over 30 years ago, Ingrid moved to the Snoqualmie Valley, graduating from Two Rivers High School and later from Bellevue College and the University of Washington - Bothell with a Bachelor's in nursing. Currently, she is working towards her master's degree at Gonzaga University to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and is employed as a nurse in Overlake Hospital's psychiatric department. She has also served in the emergency department and as a sexual assault nurse examiner for over ten years. In her community, Ingrid has also self-funded scholarships with her husband, been a member of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Eastside, and organized clothing and food drives.

**On the Issues:** As a member of the Washington State Nurses Association, Ingrid has been fighting for increased funding, healthcare worker benefits, and lowered costs. In 2019, while lobbying in Olympia, she helped secure the passage of a bill that ensured healthcare workers would receive rest breaks. Her other key focuses are ensuring affordable housing, strengthening the K-12 education system, protecting the environment, instituting common sense gun reform, and fighting for workers' rights.



### Endorsed By:

Jay Inslee

Win with Women

Equal Rights Washington

**Bio:** A former foster care student who made the decision to stay in the system rather than continue with an unstable living situation, T'wina has faced hardship and overcome it, creating her own story and developing a unique perspective on affordability, education, housing, and transportation. A dedicated community member, T'wina has received a Parent Teacher Association Golden Acorn Award in 2014 and 2018, a Tacoma Public Schools Gold Star Community Partner Award, a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Keep Living the Dream" Award, and a Washington Association of School Administrators Community Leadership Award. T'wina and her husband and four children currently live in Fircrest.

**On the Issues:** An advocate for education, T'wina plans to ensure proper investment in our students, schools, and teachers. As an instructor for Metropolitan Development Council's College Bound program, University Place Board Director, and co-founder of Ladies First, a program dedicated to empowering young women, she is already on this path. Another priority of hers is in managing transportation solutions, something she has experience with as an active member of a link light-rail extension stakeholder group in Pierce County.

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## Liz Lovelett | State Senator LD 40

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### Endorsed By:

Sierra Club

Washington Conservation Voters

Kelli Linville, Mayor of Bellingham

Jill Boudreau, Mayor of Mount Vernon

Laurie Gere, Mayor of Anacortes

**Bio:** Liz Lovelett is a single mom, an organizer, an artist and small business owner. She served as a city council member in Anacortes then became a state senator for legislative district 40 and now is running for reelection.

**On the Issues:** Liz is a climate and social justice activist who believes social justice and equity occur when layers of systemic race and gender bias in housing, employment, environment, and education are addressed. A primary focus for her career to date and future legislative action is investing in affordable housing and homeless services. If elected as a senator, she will continue to support legislation that works to provide affordable housing to all members of the community. Liz is currently working on a clean fuel carbon tax proposal with a core value of social and environmental justice. She focuses on how to reduce pollution while achieving economic and racial equity and working to bring new, green technology to low socio-economic and communities of color. She has sponsored several bills at protecting waterways and marine environments and has worked on electrifying and cleaning the transportation sector. She also supports all gun reform bills in the legislature and has co-sponsored a bill to restore voting rights after incarceration.

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## David Hackney | State Representative LD 11 Pos.1

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### Endorsed By:

The Stranger

Seattle Times

Seattle Subway

Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund

**Bio:** While studying at Cornell University, David Hackney's mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer and the healthcare costs impacted his family. His sister had to drop out, but David feels fortunate that he was able to graduate. A few years later, he graduated from Harvard Law School as well as the JFK School of Government at Harvard. Following graduation, David worked as an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and later in The Hague as a war crimes prosecutor for the UN. More recently, David served as the Senior Counsel for Global Human Resources at The Nature Conservancy and on the Washington Human Rights Commission for the state.

**On the Issues:** One of his main priorities is to implement the 5-point "Safe-T" plan, an equitable solution that would help prevent economic strife for individuals and small businesses in the community while providing essential medical services. His other top five priorities for the eleventh district are addressing the affordable housing crisis, lowering the burden of healthcare costs, combatting the climate crisis, closing the opportunity gap and supporting teachers, and pursuing common sense gun legislation.

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## Tanisha Harris | State Representative LD 17 Pos.1

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### Endorsed By:

Emily's List  
Moms Demand Action  
Children's Campaign Fund

**Bio:** A graduate of Evergreen High School, Clark College, and Washington State University-Vancouver, Tanisha has been an advocate for children and working families. She spent ten years in multicultural and diversity education and now works as a CASA Program Specialist, advocating for children in the foster care system. Tanisha has also received the YWCA Val Joshua Racial Justice Award and the General George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award.

**On the Issues:** Some top priorities for Tanisha include education, public safety, and civil rights. If elected, she plans to continue fighting for increased funding for schools and teachers as well as advocating for equal pay and developing Clark County's economy to minimize the amount of people who must commute to Portland. Following her past track record (in 2016 she supported the City of Vancouver's Prop 1 Affordable Housing Levy), Tanisha pledges to support legislation that gives local authority for rent control policies and incentives for alternative and affordable housing.

**Endorsed By:**

Washington State Labor Council

Women of Color in Politics

Washington Conservation Voters

**Bio:** Tarra grew up in Bremerton and is a registered nurse. She has first hand experience of the struggles many face regarding economic insecurity, housing affordability, and lack of access to healthcare, education, and job skills training. Tarra co founded the Civil Survival Project, a nonprofit organization that provides legal and policy advocacy to help formerly incarcerated people better reintegrate in their communities. Additionally, Tarra supports reducing carbon pollution, increasing incentives for producing cleaner fuels and energy efficient construction, and investing in communities most affected by climate change.

**On the Issues:** Tarra is committed to ensuring all students in our community can access quality education they need to succeed through affordable higher education, funding for early childhood education and wrap around services for children with additional needs, and increasing access to job trainings and apprenticeship programs. In regards to healthcare, Tarra is a supporter of universal healthcare, making prescription drugs more affordable, protecting women's reproductive healthcare, and increasing funding for behavioral healthcare.



**Endorsed By:**

National Women's Political Caucus

Sierra Club

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii

**Bio:** Jamie moved from Oregon to Washington to attend Pacific Lutheran University. She has been an educator for 17 years and coached cross country and track at Puyallup High School. She is an active member of her church and worked to raise money for a women's shelter.

**On the Issues:** Jamie is a supporter of providing universal healthcare for all. In regards to fighting climate change, she believes we should expand the workforce in renewable resources. She believes in creating a more equitable tax system which would no longer punish the poor and working classes. As an educator, Jamie has firsthand knowledge of the importance of increasing graduation rates, offering classes for career and college readiness, and the need to increase funding for special education.



**Endorsed By:**

Jay Inslee  
Puyallup Tribe  
Stand for Children  
Washington Fire Chiefs

**Bio:** A graduate of Tacoma Community College with a Ph.D. in Community Leadership from Oregon State University, Mari has advocated for service-members, students, and the homeless population. Currently, she lives in University Place with her husband, several children, two cats, and a dog. She also serves on the truancy board and as a PTSA board member for University Place School District.

**On the Issues:** While working in the higher education sector, Mari has helped local students with college readiness and career success. As the Deputy Director of Pierce County Human Services, she helped administer programs addressing homelessness, youth violence prevention, early learning, and job training. In the legislature, Mari ensured over \$17 million in capital and transportation projects for the district, including highway expansion, community projects, and salmon habitat restoration.

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## Jesse Johnson | State Representative LD 30 Pos. 2

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**Endorsed By:**

Nikkita Oliver

King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay

Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund

Washington State Attorney Bob Ferguson

Rep. Mike Pellicciotti

Rep. Adam Smith

**Bio:** Jesse Johnson was appointed as State Representative in January 2020 and is running for his first re-election. Jesse grew up in Federal Way and has served as the youngest city council member in Federal Way's history and is one of the youngest elected State Representatives. He is a Staffing Analyst in Workforce Planning and Development for Highline Public Schools and works closely with community organizing youth forums and youth violence prevention in addition to fighting to support youth and working families.

**On the Issues:** As an African American man witnessing the justice system denying justice, safety, and lives to black people, Jesse is an advocate for criminal justice reform and has denounced the King County Youth Detention Center and raised awareness about the lack of preventive supports in place. Jesse understands that there is a housing shortage and affordability crisis in the area. In 2019 he led a campaign to enact tenant protections and impose additional requirements on landlords. He is an advocate for preventive steps including investments in jobs and opportunities for young people and access to quality and affordable mental health care. Jesse acknowledges that there is so much more to be done and it is his top priority to make meaningful progress.

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## Jamila Taylor | State Representative LD 30 Pos. 2

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### **Endorsed By:**

King County Young Democrats  
Asian Pacific Islander Americans for Civic  
Empowerment (APACE)  
Alliance for Gun Responsibility  
Attorney General Bob Ferguson

**Bio:** Jamila Taylor is Black women, an attorney, a small business owner, and the daughter of a University of Washington Black History professor. She primarily practices law, specifically family and small business law and provides consultation services to nonprofits. Jamila's career and community involvement revolves around providing much-needed resources to underserved communities.

**On the Issues:** Jamila's upbringing and experience as a Black woman inspired her to join organizations that are committed to addressing structural racism. She believes that despite Washington's attempt to be a progressive state, racially discriminatory practices and policies still impact communities of color on issues like housing, education, employment, public health and other opportunities. If elected she promises to fight to ensure every family can have access to homes and access to critical services. She'll continue to strengthen the partnership with labor unions to address systemic issues. Jamila has worked with the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Her rich experience gives her the ability to navigate and address youth violence and gun violence as a public safety issue. Jamila's expansive work from preventing youth violence to advocating for the safety of domestic violence survivors and seniors at risk of exploitation makes her well-adapted to representing her diverse community.

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## Kirsten Harris-Talley | State Representative LD 37 Pos. 2

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### Endorsed By:

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal

State Senator Rebecca Saldaña

Larry Gossett

MLK Working Families Party

Nikkita Oliver

Ijeoma Oluo, author

**Bio:** Kirsten Harris-Talley is Black, queer, a mother of two, an educator, and an activist. She has worked in Seattle and throughout Washington State for over 20 years advocating for racial, gender, and economic justice. She currently serve as interim Executive Director for NARAL Pro-choice Washington. She previously served on Seattle City Council.

**On the Issues:** As a legislator, Kirsten Harris-Talley plans to approach policy with universal and intersectional values. Among many things her campaign focuses on climate justice, economic justice, equitable transportation policy and reproductive freedom. She is interested in restructuring the current tax system while pursuing progressive revenue solutions. Being the youngest candidate in the race and having the youngest, most diverse campaign team of any campaign in the 37th District, much of her campaign centers around youth and youth movements. Kirsten Harris-Talley is proud to have led efforts in policing justice, ending youth incarceration, and abolition for more than a decade. She believes investing in community-built alternatives that address upstream needs and care are effective rather than investing in the expansion of policing systems and incarceration.

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## Debra Lekanoff | State Representative LD 40 Pos. 1

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### Endorsed By:

Former Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib  
Muckleshoot indian tribe  
Nisqually tribe  
Squaxin island tribe

**Bio:** Debra Lekanoff is the current Representative to the 40th Legislative district, Pos. 1 and running for reelection. As the only Native American currently serving in the Washington State Legislature, she brings her cultural upbringing into everything she does. For twenty years she has been building relationships with tribal, local, state, federal and international governments on the common ground of policy, laws and science.

**On the issues:** As a Native American, her intent to retain her seat is to continue to fight for a clean environment, abundant natural resources, and a safe place we all call home. As a State Representative, she wants to continue to advocate for the rights of young people and invite them to the decision-making table on discussions about job creation and access to housing, education, and healthcare across the state. She supports policies that support basic human rights like universal healthcare and access to affordable housing near jobs as well as policies that grant worker protections like paid family medical leave and a living wage. On gun reform, she supports comprehensive legislation that raises the age to purchase an assault rifle from 18 to 21 and supports policies that promote law enforcement training.

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## Alex Ramel | State Representative LD 40 Pos. 2

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### Endorsed By:

Sierra Club

Washington Conservation Voters

Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

**Bio:** Alex Ramel was appointed as State Representative in January 2020 and is running for his first re-election. He lives with his son in Bellingham and has lived there for 20 years. He is a Climate Policy Advisor at Stand.Earth, and serves as a climate advocate and community leader with a variety of organizations.

**On the Issues:** Alex is a progressive Democrat who wants to make meaningful change in our fight against climate change. He recognizes the “moral clarity” that young people bring to policy discussions and wants Washington to lead the way as we transition to a clean energy economy. He believes healthcare is a human right, and he is proud of his recent work championing transitional housing, rental assistance and gun reform legislation.

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## Sharon Shewmake | State Representative LD 42 Pos. 2

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### **Endorsed By:**

Washington Bikes  
Children's Campaign Fund  
Alliance for Gun Responsibility  
Washington Conservation Votes  
Washington State Nurses Association

**Bio:** Sharon completed her Bachelor's degrees in Economics and in Environmental Science and Policy at Duke University and earned her Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from UC-Davis. From there, she taught at UC-Davis, Vanderbilt University, Botswana, and Western Washington University. A representative since 2019, she has already passed numerous bills that have benefitted the lives of her constituents and their descendants. She is also a children's book author, spouse, and mother of two young boys.

**On the Issues:** As an agricultural and natural resource economist and member of the Washington Economic Recovery Task Force, Sharon is focused on creating opportunity and rebuilding the economy for the people with a long-term and environmental focus. As part of this initiative, she pledges to increase access to high-speed internet, improve direct access from farmers to consumers, invest in medical supply manufacturing, and reduce the cost of medical needs. In 2020, she also helped pass bipartisan bills that helped protect rural childcare providers and improved natural gas safety and reporting.

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## Frank Chopp | State Representative LD 43 Pos.2

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### Endorsed By:

The Seattle Times  
Equal Rights Washington  
Seattle Education Association

**Bio:** Growing up in Bremerton to parents who met in a picket line, activism and advocacy has always been a part of Frank's life. After graduating from the University of Washington, with honors, he worked as a community organizer fighting for increased services, health care programs, and affordable housing. Soon, he became the Executive Director of the Fremont Public Association (now known as Solid Ground), and a few years later joined the legislature where he has been successfully advancing the progressive agenda for the last twenty years.

**On the Issues:** A dedicated community member, Frank committed himself to advocating for a strong public education system, health care for every child, good-paying jobs, and protecting the social safety net. In fact, he stepped down as the Speaker of the House in 2019 to focus on those issues--affordable housing, economic and social justice, and health care for all. With a voting record twenty-years long supporting him and multiple comprehensive plans for engagement, policy, and action, Frank is prepared for another few years championing progressive causes while in office.



**Endorsed By:**

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii  
Washington Education Association  
Washington State Labor Council

**Bio:** John is the current incumbent for the 44th legislative district and spent 31 years working for Washington State Patrol. He is a first-generation college graduate who also served in the United States Coast Guard for 13 years.

**On the Issues:** John was a prime sponsor of HB 2519, which was a significant step towards reducing gun violence. He is currently on the Policing Policy Leadership Team subcommittee which works with law enforcement agencies and community leaders throughout the state to make recommendations on how to reform our criminal justice system. In regards to climate change, John believes we need renewable energy--and soon.

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## April Berg | State Representative LD 44 Pos. 2



**Endorsed By:**

Sierra Club

Washington Conservation Voters

Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund

**Bio:** April is currently the Everett School Board Director and a Planning Commissioner for the city of Mill Creek. She has resided in Snohomish County for the past 20 years with her family.

**On the Issues:** April is a firm believer in fighting for affordable housing and striving for quality and affordable education for all students. Along with providing affordable housing, she believes people should be able to earn more livable wages. April also believes that we need to invest in our communities, especially those with low socioeconomic status rather than making additional cuts to already under resourced programs.