

I have not been afraid to stick my neck out on the issues important to our region, like preserving and protecting our environment. I was the first leader in the region to demand a public vote on light rail expansion and helped craft the package passed overwhelmingly last November. I've been steadfast in protecting Puget Sound, leading the fight to stop an international mining company from destroying critical shoreline habitat in the Maury Island Aquatic Reserve.

That mining company is now fighting hard to keep me out of office, including big donations from their lobbyist to one of my opponents! This is one of the reasons I must ask for your support and endorsement today.

Please don't hesitate, visit my web site www.dowconstantine.com today.

Even when others have said that it is hopeless, I have fought the fights that are important for our communities. And I have a track record of winning those fights.

In 2007 I led the effort to preserve downtown Seattle's century-old First United Methodist Church from the wrecking ball, and I succeeded. I have worked regionally to make the county a partner in economic development, public safety and transportation.

With your support my top priority will be to get the County's finances in order while protecting critical services. Reforming a \$5 billion regional government with more than 13,000 employees – one that faces serious structural and budgetary problems – will not be easy.

I am already hard at work on this needed reform. In the past two weeks, I passed legislation to maximize federal stimulus dollars entering King County—focusing those resources on immediate job growth, transportation and other investments. I also introduced legislation that will save tax payers over \$1.1 million by asking the highest paid county employees to pay a small portion of their health care premiums. When elected, my door will be open to creativity and innovation, no matter the source.

With your help and support, we will solve the pressing problems we face as a region.

Please do not hesitate. Every day is critical. Please make a donation today.

Sincerely,



Dow Constantine

P.S: I mentioned the fight to save the historic First United Methodist Church, and I want to share this victory with you! I am holding my official campaign kickoff at the church – now being expertly restored as *Daniels Recital Hall* - on Thursday, June 4th at 5:00pm. Sign up today at www.dowconstantine.com.