

SEAMEC

SEATTLE METROPOLITAN
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



CANDIDATE RATINGS

2009 PRIMARY ELECTION

Candidate Ratings and Endorsements

Ballots must be postmarked by

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18!

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, detailed explanations for most candidates,
written questionnaires, and member feedback available on our website at*

<http://www.seamec.org>

✓General Races CREGRGHA

KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Short- and Full-Term						
✓Dow Constantine	5	A	A	A	A	A
✓Larry Phillips	5	U				
Fred Jarrett	4	A	A	B	B	A
Ross Hunter	3	A	A	A	A	A
Susan Hutchison	?	U				
Alan Lobdell	1	F	F	D	F	F
Stan Lippmann	X					
Goodspaceguy	X					

KING COUNTY COUNCIL

Council District No. 9						
Beverly Harison Tonda	3	B	B	C	B	C
Reagan Dunn, i	2	di				
Mark Greene	?	di				

CITY OF SEATTLE

Mayor						
Joe Mallahan	3	A	A	A	A	A
Mike McGinn	3	A	A	B	B	B
Jan Drago	3	B	B	B	B	B
Greg Nickels, i	3	U				
Norman Zadok Sigler ▼	3	U				
Elizabeth Campbell	?	di				
James Donaldson	?	U				
Kwame Wyking Garrett	X					

City Council, Position No. 4

✓David Bloom	5	A	A	A	A	A
Sally Bagshaw	4	A	A	A	A	A
Dorsol Plants	3	B	A	B	B	A
Brian Carver	?	di				
Thomas Tobin	?	di				

City Council, Position No. 6

✓Nick Licata, i	5	U				
Jessie Israel	3	U				
Marty Kaplan	?					

City Council, Position No. 8

David Miller	4	A	A	A	A	A
Robert Rosencrantz	3	B	B	A	C	B
Bobby Forch	3	U				
Mike O'Brien	3	U				
Rusty Williams	3	U				
Jordan Royer	3	di				

SYMBOLS
 ✓ Endorsed
 ▼ Openly LGBT Candidate
 More ratings explanations on next page

✓General Races CREGRGHA

PORT OF SEATTLE

Commissioner Position No. 3						
✓Rob Holland ▼	4	B	A	A	B	A
Al Yuen	3	C	C	C	C	C
David Doud	2	A	B	B	C	C

Commissioner Position No. 4

Max Vekich	4	A	A	A	B	A
Robert Walker ▼	3	B	A	B	B	A
Tom Albro	?	* U				
Juan Paraiso	?	U				

* The candidate appeared for his scheduled interview; however, due to a SEAMEC scheduling mishap, we were not able to complete the interview. The interview will be rescheduled, and SEAMEC regrets the error.

CITY OF DES MOINES

Council Position No. 7						
✓Dave Kaplan ▼	5	U				
Susan White	3	U				
Chris Alexander	?	U				

✓School Board Races CRSEdFHCU

SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Director District No. 5						
Mary E. Bass, i	4	B	A	A	A	A
Joanna Cullen	4	U				
Kay Smith-Blum	3	U				
Andre Helmstetter	?	U				

Director District No. 7

Charlie Mas	3	U				
Betty Patu	2	U				
Wilson Chin	?	U				

✓Judicial Races CRCRGRGHA

STATE COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION No. 1, DISTRICT No. 1

Judge Position No. 3						
Anne L. Ellington	5	U				
Robert D. Kelly	1	U				

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

Join SEAMEC!

We need you!

- Interviews will be conducted soon for the general election. Join us and meet the candidates.
- The SEAMEC board is recruiting new members.
- Donations are welcomed and encouraged!

For more information, please contact us at: seamec.sc@gmail.com
 Or use our website form 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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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 CREGRHA

STONEWALL CITY COUNCIL

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

Ratings are listed in order from highest to lowest; identical ratings are listed in order of interview grades (if no interview, "U" beats "d"); 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.

/ 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 <http://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.
- d 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.

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

YES!

Protect Domestic Partnerships

November 3, 2009 General Election

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.**

Public Polling Locations and hours of operation for the 2009 Primary Election:

RENTON

[King County Elections](#)

919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

- ****Weekdays, Jul 29-Aug 17:**
8:30am-4:30pm
- Sat, Aug 15: 10am-5pm
- Tue, Aug 18: 7am-8pm

SEATTLE

[Union Station](#)

401 S. Jackson St
Seattle, WA 98104

- Fri, Aug 14: 10am-5pm
- Sat, Aug 15: 10am-5pm
- Mon, Aug 17: 10am-5pm
- Tue, Aug 18: 7am-8pm

BELLEVUE

[City Hall](#)

450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

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- Sat, Aug 15: 10am-5pm
- Mon, Aug 17: 10am-5pm
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