

Dear Neighbor,

Here are the **2008 General Election Endorsements** from the 36th District Democrats. We provide these to you to help you with your citizenly task of voting in the critically important General Election on November 4th.

We need to elect Barack Obama and re-elect Governor Gregoire!

Our progressive organization considers every race and every ballot measure. Our Executive Board interviews candidates and representatives of initiative campaigns and makes recommendations; our membership then votes on endorsements. We make these endorsements after great thought and respect for the electoral process. I hope you will give our recommendations due consideration, and that you will find them helpful. Onward!

Peter House, Chair, 36th District Democrats - chair@36th.org

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Endorsements for the November 4th Election

Below you will find the ballot measure title, Democrats plus other endorsed candidates' names, AND A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF OUR ENDORSEMENT.

👉 YOU MAY TAKE THIS WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE 👈

State Proposed by Initiative Petition	King County	Federal
<p>Initiative Measure No. 985 <i>Concerns transportation</i></p> <p>I-985 is a phony solution to congestion from Tim Eyman. It will siphon state money from schools, health care and law enforcement and may even make traffic worse!</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>Charter Amendment No. 4 <i>Additional Qualifications for Elected Officials</i></p> <p>Allows the County to define what qualifications elected officials who head executive departments should have in order to be a candidate.</p> <p>NO RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>President and Vice President of the United States</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barack Obama and Joe Biden <i>Democratic Party Nominees</i></p>
<p>Initiative Measure No. 1000 <i>Concerns Death with Dignity</i></p> <p>I-1000 would permit terminally ill competent adults to decide if and when they end their own lives.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>Charter Amendment No. 5 <i>Establishing Forecast Council & Office of Economics and Financial Analysis</i></p> <p>Establishes an independent agency to support long range planning for the County budget.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>United States Representative Congressional District No. 7</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim McDermott <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
<p>Initiative Measure No. 1029 <i>Concerns training for long-term care providers</i></p> <p>I-1029 requires that home care aides be certified based on examination, training, and background checks.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>Charter Amendment No. 6 <i>Budget Deadlines</i></p> <p>Moves budget deadlines 20 days earlier to allow more time for thorough review.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>State</p> <p>Governor</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Gregoire <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
<p>King County</p> <p>Charter Amendment No. 1 <i>Elected Elections Director</i></p> <p>Currently, the Elections Director is a qualified professional who is appointed. There is no guarantee of qualifications in an election, only popularity.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>Charter Amendment No. 7 <i>Charter Amendment by Citizen Initiative</i></p> <p>Streamlines process to amend the Charter by initiative by holding one vote, and raising signature threshold to 20%.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>Lieutenant Governor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brad Owen <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
<p>Charter Amendment No. 2 <i>Prohibiting Discrimination</i></p> <p>This amendment expands the definition of prohibited discrimination to include disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>Charter Amendment No. 8 <i>Nonpartisan Elections</i></p> <p>King County makes complex policy decisions about the environment, land use, transportation, criminal justice, water quality, and much more. Citizens should know the values and priorities of the people they choose to represent them.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>Secretary of State</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Osgood <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
<p>Charter Amendment No. 3 <i>Regional Committees</i></p> <p>Streamlines the size and functionality of regional committees that serve the County.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>OBAMA</p> <p>GREGOIRE</p> <p><i>Endorsements continued on other side.</i></p>	<p>State Treasurer</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim McIntire <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
		<p>State Auditor</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Sonntag <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
		<p>Attorney General</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Ladenburg <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
		<p>Commissioner of Public Lands</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter J. Goldmark <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>


State
<p>Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Dorn</p>
<p>Insurance Commissioner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Kreidler <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
Legislative District No. 36
<p>Representative Position 1</p> <p>This is our first election under the Top Two Primary system: Two Democrats face off in the General. Democrat Reuven Carlyle won the August Primary by over 1200 votes. In September, 134 members of our District organization voted to endorse John Burbank.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reuven Carlyle <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Burbank <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
<p>Representative Position 2</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Lou Dickerson <i>(Prefers Democratic Party)</i></p>
State Supreme Court
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justice Position 3 Mary Fairhurst</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justice Position 4 Charles W. Johnson</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justice Position 7 Debra L. Stephens</p>
Court of Appeals Division 1, District 1
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Judge Position 5 Linda Lau (unopposed)</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Judge Position 6 Ann Schindler (unopposed)</p>
Superior Court
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Position No. 1 Suzanne (Sue) Parisien</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Position No. 22 Holly Hill</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Position No. 37 Barbara Mack</p>

City of Seattle
<p>Proposition No. 1 Pike Place Market Levy</p> <p><i>Seismic and infrastructure repairs are needed to maintain this local treasure.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>
<p>Proposition No. 2 Parks Levy</p> <p><i>Green space, open space, recreation and community facilities are essential to our City.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p>
Special Purpose District
<p>Sound Transit Proposition 1 Mass Transit Expansion</p> <p><i>Proposition 1 will build 36 miles of light rail, immediately adds 100,000 new bus hours, and expands Sounder service. Mass transit is necessary to the region to move people, reduce congestion and decrease carbon emissions.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE</p>

If you care about electing Barack Obama to the White House, You MUST re-elect CHRISTINE GREGOIRE as Governor

Dino Rossi is no moderate. He has said he would consider lowering the minimum wage, he believes a pharmacist should be able to refuse to provide any prescriptions based solely on personal beliefs, and he's backed by right wing developers BIAW who do not share our environmental values. Despite 8 years of national economic irresponsibility from the Bush Administration, Governor Gregoire has made this state the 5th best in the nation for businesses, and the 3rd best managed state in the country. More than that, Governor Gregoire shares our Democratic values; providing health care to all kids in Washington, investing in education, and supporting public policy for the public good—not the good of big business and special interests. As President, Barack Obama is going to need all the help he can get to really change this country. He needs us all to work hard to re-elect Governor Christine Gregoire.

YOUR PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICER



VOTE

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**36th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS:
THINK GLOBALLY
& POLITIC LOCALLY**

The 36th District Democrats, (www.36th.org) is your local Democratic Party organization representing over 63,000 Democratic voters in the neighborhoods of North Ballard, Ballard, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Belltown, Fremont, Phinney Ridge and Greenlake.

Ever heard the saying: "Change begins at home"? *We are your neighbors, working together, to change this country, this state, and our community for the better.*

The 36th District is the largest Democratic voting bloc in the State. If we GET OUT THE VOTE for Democratic candidates and initiatives (and some very important non partisan races as well), Democrats win elections statewide... it's just that simple.

Your Democratic Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) is the grassroots elected official in your own precinct. This sample ballot is one way your PCO will encourage you to be an informed voter. Our goal is to register and turn out 100% of the Democratic voters in the district in 2008.

The 36th District Democrats meet at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 7002 23rd Ave NW. Our website, www.36th.org will keep you up to date on our activities.

For membership, newsletter, volunteer opportunities, and grassroots political action that you can be involved in right in your own backyard, contact:

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