



Ballot Issue Recommendations

Below are the recommendations of the Municipal League on several measures that will appear on the November ballot. The League has produced a detailed report on each recommendation that outlines the pros and cons of the measures. They are available online at:

www.munileague.org/issues.

**Candidate ratings
on reverse**

Initiative 1033 Limiting Growth of State, County and City Revenues – NO

Initiative 1033 would impose spending limits on state, county, and city governments in Washington. The measure would set a cap on government spending that would adjust every year based on the annual growth in inflation and population, regardless of the cost of providing services. Now is the worst possible time to further hamper government's flexibility to meet public needs and to help with economic recovery. This initiative is filled with complex provisions that will make government's ability to govern much harder.

King County Charter 4 Open Space Amendment – YES

This proposed charter amendment would prohibit changes in the sale of 96 named properties (some 156,000 acres) of open space land that is either owned by or under a conservation easement with King County. Future population and development pressures will continue to create demands on elected officials to allow changes in use of protected lands. This amendment would create procedural steps and public scrutiny for future changes, ensuring public involvement in future decisions, rather than allowing private lawsuits and the courts to decide how open-space uses might be changed.

Prop. 1 Renewal of the Seattle Housing Levy - YES

The proposed Housing Levy would be a successor to the 2002 levy that expires this year. The new 7-year levy would raise \$145 million. Seattle property taxpayers would continue to pay up to \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value, at an estimated cost of \$65 per year for the typical Seattle homeowner. We determined that the documented effectiveness, sound administration, and demonstrated economic benefits of the expiring levy programs warrant the renewal.

Annexation of Panther Lake to the City of Kent – YES

The City of Kent is proposing to annex the unincorporated neighborhood of Panther Lake to the city. It is costly and inefficient for King County to continue to serve such areas, which do not generate sufficient tax revenues to pay for needed services at the urban levels that their residents expect. While not all citizens are happy to be joining a city, the encroaching urban growth impacts and service needs require management by municipal government. We believe that this annexation is the right thing to do, for the city, for the annexing area, and for the entire region.

Incorporation of a New City of Fairwood – NO

While the proposed new city of Fairwood might be financially viable, it would be so only in comparison to the limited current services it receives as an unincorporated area of King County. Annexation to Renton is preferable because the larger city's more diversified tax base can accommodate future service and infrastructure expenses more reliably. We believe the desire of residents of Fairwood to maintain their identity as a local community and to have a role in self-government could be accomplished as strong and vibrant neighborhoods within a growing regional city.

Annexation of Finn Hill, Kingsgate and North Juanita to the City of Kirkland – YES

Residents in the annexation areas are asked to approve three items: the annexation, the assumption of a share of the city's debt service payments on outstanding bonds, and the adoption of zoning regulations consistent with the city's. The current economic downturn and fiscal crisis facing local government have made the timing of this annexation proposal awkward for Kirkland. However, the state will provide Kirkland with sales tax support for 10 years to facilitate the transition, and we concluded that completing the annexation is appropriate.

Volunteers of the League's Ballot Issues Committee spent long hours studying these ballot issues in order to make reasoned recommendations to the Municipal League board of trustees. We thank all of our volunteers for their time and expertise. Anyone who is interested in serving on our Ballot Issues Committee may contact the League at admin@munileague.org or 206-622-8333.

Candidate	Position	Note	Rating
KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE			
Dow Constantine	Exec		Very Good
Susan Hutchison	Exec		Good
KING COUNTY COUNCIL			
Reagan Dunn	9	~	Outstanding
Beverly Tonda	9		Good
KING COUNTY ASSESSOR SPECIAL ELECTION - NO PRIMARY			
Graham Albertini	Assessor		Very Good
Bob Blanchard	Assessor	%	Insufficient Info
Lloyd Hara	Assessor		Good
Gene Lux	Assessor		Not Qualified
Bob Rosenberger	Assessor		Very Good
PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION			
David Doud	3		Good
Rob Holland	3		Very Good
Tom Albro	4		Outstanding
Max Vekich	4		Good
AUBURN CITY COUNCIL			
Eugene Cerino	2	~	Outstanding
John Partridge	2		Adequate
AUBURN MAYOR			
Virginia Haugen	Mayor	%	Adequate
Peter Lewis	Mayor	~	Very Good
BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL			
Conrad Lee	2	~	Very Good
Vicki Orrico	2		Very Good
Patsy Bonincontri	4	~	Very Good
Kevin Wallace	4		Very Good
Don Davidson	6	~	Very Good
Michael Marchand	6		Very Good
BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION - NO PRIMARY			
Mike Creighton	7	+	Outstanding
Betina Finley	7		Very Good
Jennifer Robertson	7		Outstanding
FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL			
Linda Kochmar	2	~	Very Good
Sonia Sciscente	2		Good
Jeanne Burbidge	4	~	Outstanding
Mike Peterson	4		Good
Roger Freeman	6		Very Good
Diana Noble-Gulliford	6		Very Good
KENT CITY COUNCIL			
Dennis Higgins	4		Very Good
Dana Ralph	4		Very Good
Elizabeth Albertson	6	~	Adequate
Geoff Koepp	6		Adequate
KENT MAYOR			
Jim Berrios	Mayor		Good
Suzette Cooke	Mayor	~	Outstanding

Candidate Evaluation Committees are made up of volunteers who research and interview candidates to determine ratings based on the following criteria: Knowledge, Involvement, Effectiveness, and Character. We thank all of our volunteers for their time and effort. Anyone who is interested in serving on a Candidate Evaluation Committee should contact the League at admin@munileague.org or 206-622-8333.

Candidate	Position	Note	Rating
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL			
Joan McBride	1	~	Very Good
Martin Morgan	1	x,*	Insufficient Info
Brad Larssen	3		Very Good
Penny Sweet	3		Outstanding
Karen Tennyson	5		Very Good
Amy Walen	5		Good
Tom Hodgson	7	~	Good
Doreen Marchione	7		Outstanding
SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL			
John James	1		Adequate
Erica Tiliacos	1		Very Good
John Curley	3		Good
Thomas Vance	3		Very Good
Don Gerend	5	~	Outstanding
Michael Rutt	5		Adequate
Jack Barry	7	~	Adequate
Tom Odell	7		Good
SEATAC CITY COUNCIL			
Rick Forschler	2		Good
Jonathan Standridge	2		Good
Michael Kovacs	4		Good
Tony Anderson	4	~	Very Good
Pam Fernald	6		Adequate
Barry Ladenburg	6	~	Adequate
SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY			
Thomas Carr	Atty	~	Outstanding
Peter Holmes	Atty		Very Good
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL			
Richard Conlin	2	~	Outstanding
David Ginsberg	2		Adequate
Sally Bagshaw	4		Outstanding
David Bloom	4		Good
Jessie Israel	6		Very Good
Nick Licata	6	~	Very Good
Michael O'Brien	8		Good
Robert Rosencrantz	8		Outstanding
SEATTLE MAYOR			
Joseph Mallahan	Mayor		Outstanding
Michael McGinn	Mayor		Good
SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD			
Mary Bass	5	~	Adequate
Kay Smith-Blum	5		Very Good
Wilson Chin	7		Very Good
Betty Patu	7		Very Good
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL			
Patricia Hale	3		Very Good
Will Hall	3		Outstanding
Cindy Ryu	5	~,+	Adequate
Shari Tracey	5		Good
Christopher Roberts	7		Not Qualified

Key to notes

- x No Active Campaign * Unable to contact
- % Declined to Participate ~ Incumbent
- + Unable to Interview