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**Municipal League Announces Candidate Ratings**

SEATTLE - The Municipal League of King County today released its nonpartisan evaluations of 113 candidates running for dozens of local offices. The ratings are available online at [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).

The ratings are based on four criteria: *Knowledge, Involvement, Effectiveness* and *Character*. They assess each candidate's potential to be effective in office and ability to serve the community. Political affiliations or stands on specific issues are not considered and candidates are not rated against each other.

This year's ratings are the result of the work of 65 citizens from throughout King County who volunteered for the Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Committee. They studied the public record, reviewed candidate questionnaires, checked references and conducted live interviews with the candidates. Each rating was carefully reviewed by the Municipal League's trustees.

"The League's rating process is similar to a job interview for candidates, with a diverse group of citizens serving as hiring managers," said Brad Meacham, Municipal League Chair. "This result is a useful tool to help voters make decisions."

Candidates received one of six ratings: Outstanding, Very Good, Good, Adequate, Not Qualified, or No Active Campaign. The Municipal League attempted to contact every candidate. Candidates were rated even if they declined to participate in the process.

This year's Candidate Evaluation Committee conducted interviews in Seattle, Bellevue and Renton, and was led by Gabe Meyer, Chair of the Candidate Evaluation Program.

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## **2009 Municipal League Candidate Ratings**

### **KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dow Constantine: Very Good  
Ross Hunter: Very Good  
Susan Hutchison: Good  
Fred Jarrett: Very Good  
Goodspaceguy Nelson: Not Qualified  
Larry Phillips: Very Good  
Alan Lobdell: Good  
Stan Lippmann: Not Qualified

### **KING COUNTY COUNCIL Pos. 9**

Reagan Dunn: Outstanding  
Mark Greene: Adequate  
Beverly Tonda: Good

### **COURT OF APPEALS Pos. 3**

Anne Ellington: Outstanding  
Robert Kelly: Adequate

### **PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION Pos. 3**

David Doud: Good  
Rob Holland: Very Good  
Al Yuen: Good

### **PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION Pos. 4**

Tom Albro: Outstanding  
Juan Paraiso: Insufficient Info  
Robert Walker: Adequate  
Max Vekich: Good

### **AUBURN CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2**

Eugene Cerino: Outstanding  
John Partridge: Adequate

### **AUBURN MAYOR**

Shelly Erickson: Adequate  
Virginia Haugen: Adequate  
Peter Lewis: Very Good  
Frank Lonergan: Adequate

BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2  
Conrad Lee: Very Good  
Vicki Orrico: Very Good

BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 4  
Patsy Bonincontri: Very Good  
Kevin Wallace: Very Good

BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 6  
Don Davidson: Very Good  
Michael Marchand: Very Good

FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2  
Linda Kochmar: Very Good  
Sonia Sciscente: Good

FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL Pos. 4  
Jeanne Burbidge: Outstanding  
Mike Peterson: Good

FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL Pos. 6  
Roger Freeman: Very Good  
Diana Noble-Gulliford: Very Good  
Troy Smith: Not Qualified  
David St. John: Insufficient Info  
Lorie Wood: Good

KENT CITY COUNCIL Pos. 4  
Dennis Higgins: Very Good  
Dana Ralph: Very Good

KENT CITY COUNCIL Pos. 6  
Elizabeth Albertson: Adequate  
Geoff Koepp: Adequate  
Barbara Phillips: Insufficient Info

KENT MAYOR  
Jim Berrios: Good  
Suzette Cooke: Outstanding

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL Pos. 1  
Joan McBride: Very Good  
Martin Morgan: Insufficient Info

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL Pos. 3  
Brad Larssen: Very Good  
Penny Sweet: Outstanding

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL Pos. 5

Matt Gregory: Very Good

Karen Tennyson: Very Good

Amy Walen: Good

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL Pos. 7

Tom Hodgson: Good

Doreen Marchione: Outstanding

RENTON CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2

James Flynn: Good

Rich Zwicker: Outstanding

SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL Pos. 1

John James: Adequate

Erica Tiliacos: Very Good

SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL Pos. 3

John Curley: Good

Thomas Vance: Very Good

SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL Pos. 5

Don Gerend: Outstanding

Michael Rutt: Adequate

SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL Pos. 7

Jack Barry: Adequate

Tom Odell: Good

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2

Rick Forschler: Good

Jonathan Standridge: Good

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL Pos. 4

Tony Anderson: Very Good

Michael Kovacs: Good

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL Pos. 6

Pam Fernald: Adequate

Barry Ladenburg: Adequate

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY

Thomas Carr: Outstanding

Peter Holmes: Very Good

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 2

Richard Conlin: Outstanding

David Ginsberg: Adequate

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 4

Sally Bagshaw: Outstanding

David Bloom: Good

Brian Carver: Not Qualified

Dorsol Plants: Good

Thomas Tobin: Not Qualified

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 6

Jessie Israel: Very Good

Martin Kaplan: Very Good

Nick Licata: Very Good

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 8

Bobby Forch: Good

David Miller: Very Good

Michael O'Brien: Good

Robert Rosencrantz: Outstanding

Jordan Royer: Very Good

Rusty Williams: Not Qualified

SEATTLE MAYOR

Elizabeth Campbell: Not Qualified

James Donaldson: Adequate

Jan Drago: Good

Kwame Wyking Garrett: Insufficient Info

Joseph Mallahan: Outstanding

Michael McGinn: Good

Greg Nickels: Very Good

Norman Sigler: Adequate

SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD Pos. 5

Mary Bass: Adequate

Joanna Cullen: Adequate

Andre Helmstetter: Good

Kay Smith-Blum: Very Good

SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD Pos. 7

Wilson Chin: Very Good

Charlie Mas: Very Good

Betty Patu: Very Good

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 3

Patricia Hale: Very Good

Will Hall: Outstanding

Janet Way: Adequate

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 5

Cindy Ryu: Adequate

Shari Tracey: Good

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL Pos. 7

Ronald Hansen: Very Good

Christopher Roberts: Not Qualified

***About the Municipal League ratings***

Complete definitions of the ratings are available at [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org). Here are abbreviated descriptions of each rating:

Outstanding – Has made numerous outstanding contributions requiring skills related to the office, is a path-finding and respected leader, brings knowledge and creativity to issues facing the office.

Very Good – Makes significant contributions, is a skilled builder of consensus, inspires confidence in the way he/she would serve, is thorough and attentive to issues.

Good – Has been active and effective in many roles, is capable of moving people to productive action, has strong record of participation in problem solving, shows satisfactory commitment to tackling issues.

Adequate – Has a record of participation and interest, is effective on specific issues, has provoked questions about suitability as an office holder, will need significant time/energy to fill gaps in knowledge.

Not Qualified – Doesn't appear engaged, has a record that casts doubt on ability to be productive, hasn't demonstrated ability to deal with responsibilities of office, has narrow focus, inflexible attitude or is otherwise troubling.

***About the Municipal League***

The Municipal League of King County is a nonpartisan volunteer organization that has worked to ensure good government that is open, effective and accountable since 1910. The Municipal League is dedicated to improving the caliber of public officials and the quality of public decisions. For more information see [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).

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