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## Municipal League Releases Candidate Ratings

SEATTLE – The Municipal League of King County today announced its ratings of more than 85 candidates in 40 contested legislative and judicial races.

The nonpartisan ratings are based on four criteria: *Knowledge, Involvement, Effectiveness* and *Character*. The ratings assess each candidate's potential to be effective in office and ability to serve the community. They don't consider political affiliations or stands on specific issues. Candidates aren't rated against each other.

This year's ratings are the result of the work of 60 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 is a time-tested process that provides a useful tool for voters."

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.

The volunteers in the rating process are required to refrain from active involvement in campaigns or political parties during this election season. The Municipal League's trustees must step aside from the ratings process whenever they have connections to any candidate in any particular race.

To view candidate questionnaires and more detailed information about the rating process, see [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org). Printed copies of the *2008 Voter's Guide* will be available at Safeway stores and public libraries throughout King County.

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1

Rosemary McAuliffe, Senate: Good

Dennis Richter, Senate: Adequate

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5

Jay Rodne, Rep 1: Very Good

Jon Viebrock, Rep 1: Adequate

Glenn Anderson, Rep 2: Good

David Spring, Rep 2: Very Good

Phyllis Huster, Senate: Very Good

Cheryl Pflug, Senate: Very Good

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

Zack Hudgins, Rep 1: Very Good

David Morris, Rep 1: Insufficient Info

Bob Hasegawa, Rep 2: Very Good

John Potter, Rep 2: No Active Campaign

Juan Martinez, Senate: Very Good

Scott McKay, Senate: Adequate

Margarita Prentice, Senate: Very Good

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 30

Mark Miloscia, Rep 1: Very Good

Michael Thompson, Rep 1: Adequate

Carol Gregory, Rep 2: Very Good

Skip Priest, Rep 2: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 31

Dan Roach, Rep 1: Very Good

Ron Wiegelt, Rep 1: Very Good

Sharon Hanek, Rep 2: Good

Josh Hulbert, Rep 2: No Active Campaign

Christopher Hurst, Rep 2: Very Good

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 32

Maralyn Chase, Rep 1: Good

Alex Rion, Rep 1: Good

Margaret Wiggins, Rep 1: Not Qualified

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 33

Todd Gibson, Rep 1: Very Good

Tina Orwall, Rep 1: Outstanding

Tan Lam, Rep 2: Not Qualified

David Upthegrove, Rep 2: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 36

Leslie Bloss, Rep 1: Good

John Burbank, Rep 1: Good

Reuven Carlyle, Rep 1: Outstanding

Mary Lou Dickerson, Rep 2: Outstanding

Leslie Klein, Rep 2: Adequate

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 37

Ruth Bennett, Rep 2: Good

Eric Pettigrew, Rep 2: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 39

Val Stevens, Senate: Good

Fred Walser, Senate: Good

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 41

Stephen Litzow, Rep 1: Very Good

Marcie Maxwell, Rep 1: Good

Bob Baker, Senate: Good

Fred Jarrett, Senate: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 43

Frank Chopp, Rep 2: Outstanding

Kim Verde, Rep 2: Not Qualified

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 45

Roger Goodman, Rep 1: Good

Toby Nixon, Rep 1: Outstanding

Kevin Haistings, Rep 2: Good

Larry Springer , Rep 2: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 46

Keith Ljunghammar, Rep 1: Not Qualified

Gerald Pollet, Rep 1: Good

Scott White, Rep 1: Good

Phyllis Kenney, Rep 2 : Very Good

John Sweeney, Rep 2: Not Qualified

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 47

Leslie Hamada, Rep 1: Good

Mark Hargrove, Rep 1: Adequate

Geoff Simpson, Rep 1: Very Good

Tim Miller, Rep 2: Good

Pat Sullivan, Rep 2: Outstanding

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 48

Ross Hunter, Rep 1: Very Good

Charles Lapp, Rep 1: Insufficient Info

Deborah Eddy, Rep 2: Very Good

Ronald Fuller, Rep 2: Insufficient Info

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Susan Amini, POS 1: Good

Timothy Bradshaw, POS 1: Very Good

Suzanne Parisien, POS 1: Very Good

Jean Bouffard, POS 10: Good

Regina Cahan POS 10: Very Good

Les Ponomarchuk, POS 10: Very Good

Julia Garratt, POS 22: Outstanding  
Rebecca Graham, POS 22: Good  
Holly Hill, POS 22: Outstanding  
Matthew Hale, POS 26: Not Qualified  
Laura Middaugh, POS 26: Good  
Nic Corning, POS 37: Very Good  
Barbara Mack, POS 37: Very Good  
Jean Rietschel, POS 37: Outstanding  
Ann Danieli, POS 53: Very Good  
Mariane Spearman, POS 53: Outstanding

#### STATE SUPREME COURT

Michael Bond, POS 3: Very Good  
Mary Fairhurst, POS 3: Outstanding  
James Beecher , POS 4: Very Good  
Charles Johnson, POS 4: Outstanding  
C. F. (Frank) Vulliet, POS 4: 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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