

# MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2011 VOTER GUIDE



The Municipal League of King County  
**1910-2011**  
 carrying the torch for better government for over 100 years



The Municipal League of King County is a volunteer-driven, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that has been working toward better government in King County, Washington for over 100 years. The League's mission is to promote government that is open, effective and accountable, and to improve the caliber of public officials and the quality of public decisions.

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation ratings attempt to answer a fundamental question facing voters: How well could a candidate do the job?

The ratings are unique because they do not consider a candidate's political affiliations or standing on specific issues. Instead, the goal is to determine the candidate's potential to be effective in office.

The process is similar to a job interview – with a diverse group of citizens serving as hiring managers. The result has been called a "Better Business Bureau" for voters.

To determine ratings, volunteers throughout King County joined the Candidate Evaluation Committee to review candidate questionnaires, speak with references, study the public record and conduct in-person interviews with the candidates. They assessed each candidate according to four time-tested, nonpartisan criteria: Involvement, Effectiveness, Character and Knowledge. Volunteers are required to refrain from active involvement in campaigns or political parties during this election season. The volunteers and the Municipal League's Trustees – who approved the ratings – must step aside from the process whenever they have connections to any candidate in a particular race.

We want to give special thanks to the 88 volunteers who contributed their time, skills and insights. As a volunteer driven organization, their efforts allow the Municipal League to evaluate candidates and races throughout King County. The number of races evaluated as part of the Candidate Evaluation Program is based upon the number of volunteers we can mobilize to support the program. We regret that we cannot evaluate all candidates and races within King County for each election. We encourage volunteers interested in serving on future Committees to contact the Municipal League via email at [cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org).

For more information on the process and to read candidate questionnaires, or to get involved, please see:

[www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org)  
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**Candidate Evaluation Program Interns**

Lauren Byun	Amanda Gertz	Harry Howell	LaShay Jones	Bethany Kirk
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**Municipal League Board of Trustees**

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*A special thank you to our 2011 Committee hosts: Bellevue College, Downtown Seattle YMCA, John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence, and Renton Technical College.*

<sup>^</sup> Notes Board members who recused themselves from part or all of the Candidate Evaluation Program.

**Municipal League Staff**

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**About the ratings**

Each candidate is rated **Outstanding, Very Good, Good, Adequate, or Not Qualified**. All-volunteer Candidate Evaluation Committees studied the public record, reviewed candidate questionnaires, spoke with references and conducted in-person interviews to assess each candidate. The criteria used to reach these ratings are:

**Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?

**Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise to be productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?

**Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and consistent?

**Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?

Visit [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org) to see candidate questionnaires and details on the evaluation process.

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Candidate	Position	Note	Rating
<b>KING COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS</b>			
Clifford (Mark) Greene	Director		<b>Not Qualified</b>
Sherril Huff	Director	~	<b>Very Good</b>

<b>KING COUNTY COUNCIL</b>			
Larry Gossett	2	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Larry Phillips	4	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Jane Hague	6	~	<b>Good</b>
Richard Mitchell	6		<b>Outstanding</b>
Joe McDermott	8	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Diana Toledo	8		<b>Good</b>

<b>PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSIONER</b>			
Richard Pope	2	x *	<b>Not Qualified</b>
Gael Tarleton	2	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Bill Bryant	5	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Dean Willard	5		<b>Good</b>

<b>BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Aaron Laing	1		<b>Very Good</b>
John Stokes	1		<b>Very Good</b>
John Chelminiak	3	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Michelle Hilhorst	3		<b>Good</b>
Claudia Balducci	5	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Patricia Mann	5		<b>Outstanding</b>
Jennifer Robertson	7	~	<b>Very Good</b>

<b>FEDERAL WAY CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Jim Ferrell	1	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Roger Flygare	3		<b>Adequate</b>
Susan Honda	3		<b>Very Good</b>
Bob Celski	5		<b>Good</b>
Jack Dovey	5	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Dini Duclos	7	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Keith Tyler	7		<b>Adequate</b>

<b>REDMOND CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Henry (Hank) Myers	1	~	<b>Good</b>
Dayle (Hank) Margeson	3	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Tom Flynn	5		<b>Very Good</b>
Joel Wright	5	+ *	<b>Adequate</b>
David Carson	7	x +	<b>Good</b>
Sue Stewart	7		<b>Very Good</b>

<b>RENTON CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Marcie Palmer	3	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Greg Taylor	4	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Sarah Sanoy-Wright	4	+	<b>Not Qualified</b>
Robin Jones	5		<b>Very Good</b>
Ed Prince	5		<b>Very Good</b>
Phyllis Forister	7		<b>Good</b>
Donald Persson	7	~	<b>Good</b>

Candidate	Position	Note	Rating
<b>SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Bobby Forch	1		<b>Very Good</b>
Jean Godden	1	~	<b>Good</b>
Bruce Harrell	3	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Brad Meacham	3		<b>Good</b>
Dale Pusey	5		<b>Not Qualified</b>
Tom Rasmussen	5	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Tim Burgess	7	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
David Schraer	7		<b>Good</b>
Sally Clark	9	~	<b>Outstanding</b>
Dian Ferguson	9		<b>Good</b>

<b>SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL</b>			
Chris Eggen	2	x ~	<b>Outstanding</b>
William Hubbell	2		<b>Very Good</b>
Doris McConnell	4	~	<b>Good</b>
Janet Way	4		<b>Adequate</b>
Robin McClelland	6		<b>Outstanding</b>
Jesse Salomon	6		<b>Adequate</b>

<b>BELLEVUE SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Betsy Johnson	1	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Steve McConnell	1		<b>Very Good</b>
Christine Chew	2	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Michael Murphy	3	~	<b>Very Good</b>

<b>SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Peter Maier	1	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Sharon Peaslee	1		<b>Good</b>
Sherry Carr	2	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Kate Martin	2		<b>Good</b>
Michelle Buetow	3		<b>Very Good</b>
Harium Martin-Morris	3	~	<b>Very Good</b>
Martha McLaren	6		<b>Adequate</b>
Stephen Sundquist	6	~	<b>Outstanding</b>

**Key to Notes**

- x No Campaign Website
- % Declined to Participate
- + Unable to Interview
- \* Unable to Contact
- ~ Incumbent

