

**2007  
GENERAL  
ELECTION  
CANDIDATE  
RATINGS AND  
ENDORSEMENTS**

**VOTE**  
*NOVEMBER 6th*  
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the voting booth  
**More detailed explanations and updated  
ratings are available on the Web:**  
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		INTERVIEW GRADES			
	SEAMEC Ratings	Gender Equal Rights	ID/Expression Relationships	Awareness Health	
<b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b>					
4 ✓	<b>Daniel Satterberg (R)</b>	A	A	A	A
3	William Sherman (D)	A	A	A	B
<b>KING COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>					
4 ✓	<b>Scott Noble (D) i</b>	A	A	A	A
3	James Nobles (R)	U			
<b>KING COUNTY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 2</u>					
5	Larry Gossett (D) i	di			
<u>Position 4</u>					
5	Larry Phillips (D) i	A	A	A	A
<u>Position 6</u>					
2	Jane Hague (R) i	B	B	B	A
X	Richard Pope (N)	di			
<u>Position 8</u>					
5	Dow Constantine (D) i	A	A	A	A
X	John Potter (R)	DR			
<b>PORT OF SEATTLE</b>					
<u>Position 2</u>					
4	Gael Tarleton (N)	A	A	A	A
4	Robert Edwards (N) i	B	B	B	B
<u>Position 5</u>					
3	Alec Fiske (N) i	B	B	B	B
2	Bill Bryant (N)	B	B	C	B

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<b>BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 1</u>					
3	John Alberston (N)	B	B	C	B
2	Grant Degginger (N) i	B	C	C	B
<u>Position 3</u>					
3	Valentina Kiselev (N)	B	B	B	B
2	John Chelminiak (N)	B	C	C	C
<u>Position 7</u>					
3	Keri Andrews (N)	A	A	A	A
2	Phillip Noble (N) i	B	C	B	C
<b>BURIEN CITY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 2</u>					
3	Lucy Krakowiak (N)	A	A	A	A
<b>KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL</b>					
3	Jessica Greenway (N)	A	A	A	B
3	Penny Sweet (N)	B	B	B	B
<b>MERCER ISLAND CITY COUNCIL</b>					
3	Maureen Judge (N)	A	A	A	A
?	Micheal Cero (N)	di			
<b>RENTON CITY MAYOR</b>					
4	Kathy Koelker (N) i	A	A	A	A
?	Denis Law (N)	di			
<b>RENTON CITY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 3</u>					
3	Marcie Palmer (N) i	di			
2	Shirley Gaunt-Smith (N)	A	B	B	B

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<b>SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 1</u>					
4	Jean Godden (N) i	A	B	B	A
3	Joseph Szwaja (N)	A	B	B	B
<u>Position 3</u>					
3	Venus Velazquez (N)	A	A	A	B
3	Bruce Harrell (N)	A	B	A	B
<u>Position 5</u>					
5 ✓	<b>Tom Rasmussen (N) i</b>	A	A	A	A
<u>Position 7</u>					
4 ✓	<b>David Della (N) i</b>	B	B	B	B
3	Tim Burgess (N)	B	B	C	B
<u>Position 9</u>					
5 ✓	<b>Sally Clark (N) i</b>	A	A	A	A
?	Judith Fenton (N)	di			
<b>SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL</b>					
<u>Position 2</u>					
3	Christian Eggen (N)	A	A	A	A
3	Paul Grace (N) i	di			
<u>Position 4</u>					
3	Margaret Fimia (N) i	A	B	B	B
3	Doris McConnell (N)	B	C	C	B
<u>Position 6</u>					
3	Terry Scott (N)	A	A	B	B
2	Robert Ransom (N) i	di			

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**For School Board Candidates, we use a separate questionnaire and rate accordingly**

SEAMEC Ratings	Student Rights & Safety	Educator Issues	Families	Health	Curriculum
<b>SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #</b>					
<u>Director District 1</u>					
4	Sally Soriano (N)	B	B	B	B
3	Peter Maier (N)	C	B	B	C
<u>Director District 2</u>					
4	Darlene Flynn (N) i	B	A	A	B
3	Sherry Carr (N)	B	B	A	B
<u>Director District 3</u>					
4	✓ <b>Harium Martin-Morris (N)</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
X	David Blomstrom (N) di				
<u>Director District 6</u>					
3	Maria Ramirez (N)	A	B	B	B
3	Stephen Sundquist (N)	B	B	A	B

Ratings are listed in order from highest to lowest; identical ratings are listed in order of interview grades (if no interview, "U" beats "di"); further ties are listed alphabetically by candidate's last name.

**SEAMEC** is an independent non-partisan candidate rating organization that interviews, evaluates, and rates candidates running for political office in Seattle, King County and the State of Washington. **SEAMEC** rates candidates on their attitudes, knowledge, stance, record of proven activism, and past, present and potential commitment to issues specifically concerning the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities. Candidate interviews are conducted by panels of volunteers. **SEAMEC** has been serving the community since 1977. Membership and donations are welcomed and encouraged.

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**EXPLANATION OF RATINGS**

**SEAMEC endorsements** (marked in **BOLD CAPITAL** letters and by a ✓) are given by a 2/3 majority of the SEAMEC Steering Committee, in recognition of a clear choice of importance to the GLBT community, or in recognition of a distinguished history of activism on behalf of the GLBT community.

The numerical **SEAMEC (Overall) Rating**, in the left-hand column, uses the following scale:

- 5 - DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP**
- 4 - EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**
- 3 - MEETS EXPECTATIONS**
- 2 - NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**
- 1 - RESISTANT**
- 0 - HOSTILE**

Ratings are derived from all the information SEAMEC has at its disposal, including but not limited to: information from the face-to-face interview; interview panelists' recommendations; the candidate's voting and sponsorship record; the candidate's written questionnaire (addresses his/her history of activism); media clippings; other organizations' ratings; and information gathered from those in the know.

*Note:* The SEAMEC Rating does not necessarily correlate to an average of the interview (letter) grades, e.g. all A's do not necessarily yield an SEAMEC Rating of 5.

Two other ratings are possible:

- X - NO RATING GIVEN:** This means that SEAMEC has considered but declines to rate this candidate.
- ? - INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION:** SEAMEC did not have enough information to form a sound rating

SEAMEC Ratings	INTERVIEW GRADES	Gender ID/Expression	Relationships	Equal Rights	Awareness	Health
<b>STONEWALL City Council</b>						
<u>Position 7</u>						
5	✓ <b>SYLVIA RIVERA</b>	A	B	A	A	B
4	Jimmy Baldwin i	B	A	B	C	B
4	William Tipton	B	B	C	B	C

**PARTY AFFILIATIONS**  
 Party affiliation is not listed for non-partisan positions.

*i* Incumbent  
 (D) Democrat (L) Libertarian  
 (G) Green (R) Republican

**Other Letters:** If a candidate does not have a face-to-face interview with SEAMEC, the following ratings are used:

- U - UNABLE TO SCHEDULE** interview.
- di - DECLINED INTERVIEW.** Either declined to be interviewed outright or did not respond to written and verbal invitations.
- DR - DECLINED INTERVIEW RUDELY**
- NS - NO SHOW:** Candidate failed to ap-

**Letter Grades:** To the right of the candidate's name are the letter grades, which are the average of the grades given by the face-to-face interview panelists. (Panels consist of 3-10 volunteers, and these vary from interview to interview.) The scale used is:

- A - Excellent:** knowledgeable and takes favorable leadership on LGBT issues
- B - Good:** knowledgeable and favorable
- C - Fair:** little or no knowledge of LGBT issues
- D - Poor:** knowledgeable and unfavorable
- F - Failed:** knowledgeable and takes leadership against LGBT issues

The letter grades are given in the following five categories (NOTE: different categories apply for school board candidates):

- ▼ **Equal Rights and Governance:** includes questions on: employment non-discrimination; and the role of the courts and the legislature in civil rights issues
- ▼ **Legal Recognition of Relationships:** includes questions on: civil unions vs. marriage; and employer provided benefits
- ▼ **Gender ID & Expression:** includes questions on trans related issues: Medicaid; inmate treatment ;and homeless shelter assignment
- ▼ **Health & Safety Issues:** includes questions on: abortion; HIV transmission and prevention; and death with dignity
- ▼ **Awareness:** includes questions on: social privilege; faith community involvement; and LGBT community interaction

