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As an entirely volunteer organization since 1977, SEAMEC needs your help!

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- Research candidates
- Serve on committee(s)
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SEATTLE METROPOLITAN
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



CANDIDATE RATINGS

GENERAL ELECTION

Candidate Ratings and Endorsements

BALLOTS DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Feel free to copy and distribute these ratings!

Additional information, detailed explanations for most candidates, written questionnaires, and member feedback available on our website at

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Explanation of Ratings

ENDORSEMENT

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

CANDIDATE RATING SCALE

The numerical **SEAMEC Fairness Rating** 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 information available to the SEAMEC Steering Committee, including but not limited to:

- Information from the in-person 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
- Information gathered from "political insiders"

See our website for a more detailed explanation of each rating.

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

Two other ratings are possible:
? UNKNOWN: SEAMEC has insufficient information to determine a rating.

X NO RATING GIVEN: This means that SEAMEC has considered but has declined to rate the candidate.

✓Candidate **CR E R G H A**

STONEWALL CITY COUNCIL

Position 7						
✓SYLVIA RIVERA	5	A	B	A	A	B
Jimmy Baldwin, <i>i</i> ▼	4	B	A	B	C	B
William Tipton	4	U				
Alexander T. Great	3	A	A	A	A	A
A. Bryant	0	F	D	F	D	F

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.

JUDICIAL RATING SCALE

Judicial candidates are restricted in what they can discuss by "judicial canons," so SEAMEC administers a different questionnaire to judicial candidates in the in-person interview. In addition, the subject matter may differ slightly, but the same categories (at right) are used unless noted.

Furthermore, the scale used for the numerical SEAMEC Fairness Rating for judicial candidates is different:

- HR (5) - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- RC (4) - RECOMMENDED**
- AD (3) - ADEQUATE**
- IN (2) - INADEQUATE**
- RS (1) - RESISTANT**
- HO (0) - HOSTILE**

INTERVIEW GRADES

To the right of the SEAMEC Fairness Rating are the interview letter grades, which are the median grades given by the in-person interview panelists. (Panels typically consist of 3-8 volunteers, the total number of which varies from interview to interview.) The scale used by the interview panelists is as follows:

A **B** **C** **D** **F**
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Failed

CANDIDATE INDICATORS

* **INTERVIEW WAMER.** Candidates marked with an asterisk have interviewed in previous elections. Based on the candidate's longstanding history and record of open and strong support for LGBT issues, they were granted the option to waive a SEAMEC interview for this election cycle (**NEW 2011**)

After the candidate's name there may be one or two symbols.

/ INCUMBENT CANDIDATE. The candidate currently holds the position and is running for re-election.

▼ **OPENLY LGBT CANDIDATE.** In 2006, at the request of SEAMEC members, we added this symbol to indicate openly LGBT candidates.

2011 GENERAL AND JUDICIAL INTERVIEW CATEGORIES

Questions are asked in five categories. They are:

- **Equality (E)**
- **Relationships (R)**
- **Age and Gender (G)**
- **Health and Safety (H)**
- **Awareness (A)**

2011 SCHOOL BOARD INTERVIEW CATEGORIES

Questions are asked in five categories. They are:

- **Students (S)**
- **Educators (E)**
- **Families (F)**
- **Health (H)**
- **Curriculum (C)**

OTHER INTERVIEW INDICATORS

If a candidate did not complete an in-person interview with SEAMEC, the following indicators 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 RUDELY.**
- NS NO SHOW.** Failed to appear for a scheduled interview.

SEAMEC Candidate Ratings

2011 General Election

✓Candidate **CR E R G H A**

CITY & COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Assessor

✓ **LLOYD HARA, *i*** 5 *

Director of Elections

Sherril Huff, *i* 3 B B B B B
 Mark Greene 2 NS

King County Council

Councilmember, District Number 2

✓ **LARRY GOSSETT, *i*** 5 *

Councilmember, District Number 4

✓ **LARRY PHILLIPS, *i*** 5 *

Councilmember, District Number 6

Richard E. Mitchell 3 B B C C B
 Jane Hague, *i* 2 U

Councilmember, District Number 8

✓ **JOE MCDERMOTT, *i*** ▼ 5 *
 Diana Toledo ? DI

Port of Seattle

Commissioner, Position Number 2

✓ **GAEL TARLETON, *i*** 5 B B B B A
 Richard Pope X DI

Commissioner, Position Number 5

Dean Willard 3 C B C C C
 Bill Bryant, *i* 2 B B C C C

Seattle City Council

Council, Position 1

✓ **JEAN GODDEN, *i*** 5 *
 Bobby Forch 3 U

Council, Position 3

✓ **BRUCE HARRELL, *i*** 5 A A A A A
 Brad Meacham 3 C C C C C

✓Candidate **CR E R G H A**

Council, Position 5

✓ **TOM RASMUSSEN, *i*** ▼ 5 A A A A A
 Dale L. Pusey 2 B B B B B

Council, Position 7

David Schraer ▼ 5 B B B B A
 Tim Burgess, *i* 5 B B B B B

Council, Position 9

✓ **SALLY J. CLARK, *i*** ▼ 5 *
 Dian Ferguson 4 U

✓ School Bd Candidate **CR S E F H C**

SCHOOL BOARD

Seattle School District Number 1

Director, District 1

Sharon Peaslee 3 B B A B B
 Peter Maier, *i* 3 C B B D B

Director, District 2

Kate Martin 3 B B B A B
 Sherry Carr, *i* 3 B B B C B

Director, District 3

Harium Martin-Morris, *i* 4 A A A B B
 Michelle Buetow 4 B B B B B

Director, District 6

Marty McLaren 3 C C C C C
 Steve Sundquist, *i* 2 B B B C B

✓ Judicial Candidate **CR E R G H A**

JUDICIAL

Washington State Court of Appeals

Div 1, District 1, Judge Position 2

Michael Spearman, *i* HR *

All elections listed in this election cycle are for non-partisan positions.

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