

A union guide to Washington's November general election

It could be an interesting election year for Southwest Washington: Carolyn Long is running a strong campaign against incumbent Republican Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler. If a candidate is listed in bold below, they're backed by at least one labor organization. To keep the list as short as possible, union-endorsed candidates who are running unopposed or against only token opposition are not listed.

CONGRESS

Senate

Three-term Democratic incumbent **Maria Cantwell** has voted in accord with the national AFL-CIO's recommendation 91 percent of the time in her three six-year terms in office. She faces Republican Susan Hutchinson, a former Seattle TV news anchor and former state GOP chair. WSLC cantwell.com

Congressional District 3 (Vancouver)

Carolyn Long, a political science professor at Washington State University Vancouver, is challenging incumbent Republican Jaime Herrera Beutler. Beutler has voted in accord with the national AFL-CIO's recommendation just 17 percent of the time in her four two-year terms in office. WSLC, SWCLC, AFSCME, AFT, ATU 757, IAFF 452, IBEW, IBT 58, ILWU, IUPAT, IW, LIUNA, LIUNA 335, UA 290, 26, UBC 146, UFCW, WFSE electlong.com



BALLOT MEASURES

I-1631 (Clean Energy Jobs)

SUPPORT This measure would impose a fee on fossil-fuel emissions that are warming the planet, and use the proceeds to invest in solar and wind infrastructure, public transit, home efficiency

OTHER PARTS OF WASHINGTON

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upgrades, rural broadband, and in reducing river and lake pollution. Starting 2020, gas companies would pay \$15 per metric ton of carbon emissions (about 14 cents to a gallon of gasoline.) The amount would grow over time and would be capped once the state was on track to meet greenhouse gas-reduction targets. Opponents, led by Chevron, BP, and other oil companies, have contributed \$16 million to try and defeat it. AFSCME, AFT, IBT 117, OPEIU 8 SEIU 775NW, UAW 4121, 1199NW, UFCW 21, WPEA YesOn1631.org

I-940 (Police Deadly Force)

SUPPORT Measure I-940 requires that police be trained for violence de-escalation, mental health, and first aid. It also removes legal immunity, adopts a standard of an objectively reasonable response to a situation, and requires independent investigations of police use of deadly force. WSLC, AFSCME-WFSE, AFT, UBC 30, ILWU 4, 19, 21, SEIU 6, 49, 775, 925, 1199NW, UFCW 21, WEA DeescalateWA.org

STATE SUPREME COURT

Pos. 2 — **Susan Owens** WSLC
Pos. 8 — **Steve Gonzalez** WSLC
Pos. 9 — **Sheryl Gordon McCloud** WSLC

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

17th Legislative District (Eastside Vancouver)

House 1 — **Tanisha Harris** is a foster child advocate at YWCA Clark County, and co-chaired a successful campaign to fund Evergreen School District. She's challenging incumbent Republican Vicki Kraft, who used to work for the anti-union Freedom Foundation, a group that promotes "right-to-work" laws and says its mission is to "defund and discredit" unions. WSLC gave Kraft a 14 rating for her votes this year. She voted against paid family and medical leave, and against union prevailing wages in construction. WSLC, AFSCME-WFSE, AFT, ATU 757, IAFF 452, IBEW 48, 77, ILWU, LIUNA 335, SEIU 775, 49, 925, UBC, UFCW 21, WEA, WSNA ElectTanishaHarris.com

House 2 — **Damion Jiles**, an Army veteran, is a Democrat challenging Republican incumbent Paul Harris. Harris voted against raising the minimum wage and against paid sick leave, and had a 14 percent labor voting record in 2018. WSLC, ATU 757, IBEW 48, 77, LIUNA 335, UBC, WEA DamionEJiles.com

18th Legislative District (Clark County)

House 1 — **Chris Thobaben**, a major in the Marine Corps reserves, is challenging incumbent Republican Brandon Vick, and got 48 percent in the primary. WSLC ChrisForThe18th.com

House 2 — **Kathy Gillespie** won 52 percent of the vote in the top-two primary, so she's got a good chance of beating Republican Larry Hoff for the seat now held by Rep. Liz Pike, who's retiring. WSLC, AFSCME-WFSE, AFSCME-WSCCCE, AFT, ATU 757, BAC 1, IAM, IBEW 77, IBT, ILWU, IUOE 609, LIUNA 335, SEIU 775, 49, 925, 1948, SMART, UA 290, UBC, UBC 146, UFCW 555, 21, WEA, WPEA, WSNA KathyGillespieForHouse.org

CLARK COUNTY

Council Chair

Eric Holt is a safety manager for a limestone mining company, and a former shop steward in Teamsters Local 162. SWCLC, IBEW 48, UA 26, 290, WEA EricKHolt.com

Council, District 1

Temple Lentz is a community activist and local talk show host. SWCLC, ATU 757, IAFF 452, IBEW 48, LIUNA 335, UFCW 555 VoteTempleLentz.com

Public Utility District, Pos. 1

Incumbent **Jim Malinowski** is an electrical engineer and taught power utilities technology at Clark College. SWCLC, IBEW 48 jim-malinowski.com

Clerk

Barbara Melton has worked at the county clerk's office 17 years, and is president of her union, OPEIU Local 11. SWCLC, IBEW 48, LIUNA 335, OPEIU 11 ElectBarbaraMelton.com

Treasurer

Alishia Topper is tax service manager for the Clark County Treasurer's Office and a current member of the Vancouver City Council. SWCLC ElectTopper.com

Assessor

Two-term incumbent **Peter Van Nortwick** faces a challenge from fellow Republican Darren Wertz, a member of Ridgefield City Council. SWCLC

CITY OF VANCOUVER

City Council Position 1

Laurie Lebowksy, a planner for Clark County, was appointed to the Vancouver City Council in February. SWCLC, AFSCME-WSCCCE, ATU 757, IBEW 48, LIUNA 335, UBC ElectLebowksy.com

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U.S. HOUSE

3rd Congressional District
Carolyn Long

LEGISLATURE

17th District, SR Position 1
Tanisha Harris
17th District, SR Position 2
Damion Jiles

VANCOUVER

City Council, Position 1
Laurie Lebowksy

18th District, SR Position 1
Chris Thobaben
18th District, SR Position 2
Kathy Gillespie

CLARK COUNTY

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PUD
Jim Malinowski

Clerk
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Treasurer
Alishia Topper

Assessor
Peter Van Nortwick

STATEWIDE

Supreme Court
Susan Owens

Supreme Court
Sheryl McCloud

Supreme Court
Steven Gonzalez

October 6-13: State Voters' Pamphlets are mailed to every household in Washington State.

October 8: Deadline to register online; deadline for registering to vote by mail.
October 19: Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Deadline for ballots to be mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers. County Elections Departments may mail ballots before this date. *Expect delivery of your ballot no later than October 25th.*

October 29: Deadline to register to vote in person.
Tuesday, November 6: Election Day

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day; or returned to a designated ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day; or returned in person to your county elections department by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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LEGEND

The acronyms below refer to statewide or regional bodies unless a local number is listed.

WSLC the state AFL-CIO, which is the federation that most unions belong to

AAUP university professors

AFSCME state, county, and municipal employees

WFSE state

WSCCCE county and city

AFT AFT-Washington

ATU 757 transit

BAC 1 Bricklayers Local 1

IAFF fire fighters

452 Vancouver

1805 Clark County FD6

2444 East Clark County

3674 Clark County

IAM machinists

IBEW electrical workers

48 Portland

77 Seattle

IBT Teamsters

37 Joint Council 37

58 NW Oregon/SW Wash

117 Local 117, Tukwila

ILWU longshore/warehouse

IUOE 609 Operating Engineers Local 609

IUPAT Painters District Council 5

IW Ironworkers Pacific NW District Council

LIUNA Oregon/SW Washington District Council of Laborers

335 construction

OPEIU 11 office and professional employees

PTE 17 professional and technical employees

SEIU service employees

775 home care

925 school support

49 hospital and janitorial

1948 school employees

SMART Sheet Metal Local 16

SWCLC SW Washington Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

UA plumbers and fitters

290 OR/SW Washington

26 Western Washington

UAW 4121 UW grad student workers

UFCW 21 grocery

UBC Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters

146 exterior/interior

30 Renton

WEA teachers

WPEA Washington Public Employees Association (UFCW 365)

WSNA nurses