

A union guide to Washington's November general election

LEGEND

WSLC the state AFL-CIO, which is the federation most unions belong to
AFSCME state, county, and municipal employees
WFSE state
WSSCCE county and city
AFT AFT-Washington
ATU 757 transit
BAC 1 Bricklayers Local 1
IAFF fire fighters
IAM machinists
IBEW electrical workers
IBT Teamsters
ILWU Longshore/Warehouse
IUOE 609 Operating Engineers Local 609
IUPAT Painters Council 5
IW Ironworkers
LiUNA Laborers
OPEIU 11 office employees
PTE 17 technical employees
SEIU service employees
SMART Sheet Metal Local 16
SWCLC SW Wash. Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
UA plumbers and fitters
UAW 4121 UW grad students
UFCW 21 grocery
UBC Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters
WEA teachers
WPEA Wash. Public Employees Assn. (UFCW 365)
WSNA nurses

Candidates in bold are backed by at least one labor organization. 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](http://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](http://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)

STATE SUPREME COURT

Pos. 8 — **Steve Gonzalez** WSLC

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 upgrades, rural broadband, and in reducing river and lake pollution. 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](http://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](http://WSLC.AFSCME-WFSE.AFT.UBC.30.ILWU.4.19.21.SEIU.6.49.775.925.1199NW.UFCW.21.WEA.DeescalateWA.org)

STATE 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](http://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](http://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-WSSCCE, AFT, [ATU 757](http://ATU.757), [BAC 1](http://BAC.1), IAM, [IBEW 77](http://IBEW.77), IBT, ILWU, [IUOE 609](http://IUOE.609), [LiUNA 335](http://LiUNA.335), [SEIU 775](http://SEIU.775), [49, 925, 1948](http://49.925), SMART, [UA 290](http://UA.290), UBC, [UBC 146](http://146), [UFCW 555](http://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](http://IBEW.48), [UA 26, 290](http://UA.26), WEA EricKHolt.com

Council, District 1

Temple Lentz is a community activist and local talk show host. SWCLC, [ATU 757](http://ATU.757), [IAFF 452](http://IAFF.452), [IBEW 48](http://IBEW.48), [LiUNA 335](http://LiUNA.335), [UFCW 555](http://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](http://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](http://OPEIU.Local.11) SWCLC, [IBEW 48](http://IBEW.48), [LiUNA 335](http://LiUNA.335), [OPEIU 11](http://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 Lebowsky, a planner for Clark County, was appointed to the Vancouver City Council in February. SWCLC, AFSCME-WSSCCE, [ATU 757](http://ATU.757), [IBEW 48](http://IBEW.48), [LiUNA 335](http://LiUNA.335), UBC ElectLebowsky.com

TANISHA HARRIS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 17TH LD, POS 1 (D)

Workers, families, and seniors deserve a voice and a champion in Olympia!

Vote Tanisha Harris by November 6th!

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