

IE ELECTIONS

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Candidates

Immigrants and Refugees

Public Safety (Crime, Gangs)

Transportation

MAYOR

MIKE MCGINN



Sierra Club activist

McGinn opened a new campaign office in South Seattle on Sept. 19 and met with community leaders. "I plan to continue and expand immigrant and refugee services such as child care, citizenship assistance, senior centers, senior meal sites, food banks, community health centers, school programs, and domestic and sexual violence prevention services." Supports Mutual Assistance Associations; promises technical assistance for immigrant-owned businesses; hosting regular meetings with immigrant and refugee groups; and more interpretation services.

"As mayor, I will be committed to making our neighborhoods better places to live, work, and play by funding policies that work and importing ideas that have worked in places that have suffered from the same problems we are facing today." McGinn went on to explain that where the issue of youth and gang violence are concerned, community involvement will be instrumental in solving the problem, adding, "We have to provide an alternative pathway with education and employment."

This candidate is very interested in creating a pedestrian-friendly plaza in place of the Alaska Way Viaduct that he proposes tearing down. Based on what was done with The Embarcadero in San Francisco and a similar project in New York, showing that if you open up waterfront spaces, traffic will be diverted and public spaces will more available to the public. "We must dramatically improve local transit service by finishing light rail, adding bus service, creating traffic signal priority for transit, removing redundant bus stops, and adding bus-only lanes."

JOE MALLAHAN



T-Mobile executive

Mallahan calls himself a "Social Justice Democrat" and was trained as a community activist in Chicago. He says he'll back the Affordable Housing Levy, and supports the existing city policy of not having police ask about the immigration status of people they contact, unless appropriate.

"We need to increase the reach of public health interventions with at-risk new moms, school readiness and after-school programs for children, job training, substance abuse counseling, and housing placement for adults vulnerable to committing acts of violence." Gang members should be viewed as a person in need of support and outreach... We must find the funding necessary to get the number of law enforcement officers we need to achieve effective neighborhood patrolling...decisions must reflect the unique needs of each neighborhood...Information neighborhoods need on crime is shared.

Says his background in financing will help facilitate relationships between federal money and local transportation agencies. Will redouble efforts to obtain stimulus funding for roads and bridges. Will postpone the Mercer Street Project, then free up the \$70 million of transportation levy monies currently earmarked for that project, and return those dollars to street improvements and sidewalk expansion in North Seattle and South Seattle. Will protect the growing number of bike commuters, and ensure that the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement project comes in on time, under budget and with little impact to businesses and pedestrians.

KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DOW CONSTANTINE



King County Council Chair

Helped to fund \$10,000 to the appropriation for the Asian & Pacific Islander Women & Family Safety Center and expressed a need to disaggregate data on the APA community because issues are vastly different within the community itself. He says his office was able to represent not only diverse communities, but specifically the Chinatown/International District. "That is a wonderful opportunity overall to work with many leaders to work on programs that provide particular needs for both immigrant communities and long-time Asian American communities."

He says if he's elected, there won't be a need for a new city jail. He'll work with the cities on a long-term extension to the current jail services and call on local stakeholders to join him in expanding community corrections capacity, and to more efficiently provide for public safety. He believes expanding alternative corrections programs improves safety, reduces the need for new jail space, cuts recidivism and saves the taxpayers millions of dollars compared to the cost of operating a new jail.

This candidate wants to propel transportation in this city to a 21st century level. He says he has been a regional leader on transportation issues, helping lead the process that will build over 30 miles of light rail, expanded bus service and new commuter rail. He voted for billions in road and freeway investments.

SUSAN HUTCHISON



Former Kiro 7 news anchor

Nothing addressing this issue was found on the candidate.

Says her county budget priorities are to protect funding for safety, justice, public health and services in unincorporated areas and plans to impose a hiring freeze except for positions in law, justice and public safety. Hutchison was criticized for not attending a progressive public safety forum on Sept. 22., co-sponsored by the ACLU, along with 42 other organizations. Although Hutchison initially agreed to attend, a campaign representative said they had another engagement the same weeknight, a non-public event, and opted out.

"Reduce the King County ferry district tax and apply those savings to Metro by cutting the inefficient and wasteful exploration routes across Lake Washington and from the South King County mainland. The state legislature passed Senate Bill 5433, which allows King County to impose a property tax levy of up to 7.5 cents for transit purposes. By reducing one tax and imposing another, we can reprioritize the services people depend on without raising taxes, filling close to \$12 million of Metro's deficit for 2010."

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL: POSITIONS # 2, 4, 6, 8

- Position 2: Richard Conlin; David Ginsberg
- Position 4: Sally Bagshaw; David Bloom
- Position 6: Jessie Israel; Nick Licata
- Position 8: Mike O'Brien; Robert Rosencrantz

Conlin believes local governments should not be enforcing immigration laws. Conlin will encourage continuation of City's Race and Social Justice initiative and broaden its scope to reach out and address racial issues in communities. / Ginsberg does not address this issue. / Bagshaw does not address. / Bloom has made no visible statements about immigrants or refugees. / Israel does not specifically address. / Licata does not visibly address this issue. He is Chair for the Culture, Civil Rights, Health & Personnel. / O'Brien addresses population growth but does not specifically address the issue of immigrants and refugees. / Rosencrantz has created more than 1000 homes for low-income individuals and families but does not specifically address immigrant and refugee issues.

Conlin believes we must treat youth as 'at-strength' rather than 'at-risk'. / Ginsberg believes in building enough housing stock, creating safe, walkable communities, and protecting the character of neighborhoods. / Bagshaw promises funding for emergency services and police. Also neighborhood collaboration. / Bloom believes in police protection in neighborhoods, and coordinating disaster response efforts. / Israel advocates for alternatives to the new jail and using funding to increase police, reinstate SPD gang unit, and prevent youth violence. / Licata is a Member of the Public Safety, Human Services & Education committee. / O'Brien says the city should coordinate with the school district to make children safe. / Rosencrantz has not addressed issues about public safety.

Conlin made recommendations for improvement in projects like the viaduct. / Ginsberg says we need transportation options connecting our walkable communities to each other and to downtown. / Bagshaw supports all modes of transportation and says we need a comprehensive transportation system. / Bloom wants to develop a regional plan that connects neighborhoods with bus routes and provide lanes for bicycle commuters. / Israel wants to invest in a multi-modal approach that includes Light Rail, BRT, bus, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. / Licata is on the Pedestrian Safety committee. / O'Brien prioritizes transit and improving existing roads, and building an efficient infrastructure. / Rosencrantz has not addressed this issue.

The Examiner looks into the stances and API recognition of each candidate in major offices in Seattle. Decide for yourself.

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Economy (Small Business Development)	Environment	Asian Pacific Islander Communities / Support	Conclusion
<p>This candidate doesn't have much to say about developing businesses, small or not, except for how it relates to immigrants (see Immigrants category). He is very concerned, however, about the City budget and the way it has been mishandled.</p>	<p>Endorsed by the Sierra Club. "The policies that govern the way we use land should reflect our diverse and vibrant communities. Making our neighborhoods more affordable, easier places to walk and use transit, and better for the long-term health of our climate are all challenges that demand a collaborative approach – one that puts people at the center of the discussion. A truly collaborative approach isn't afraid to engage diverse organizations, interests and ideas; it gets its strength from them. And it succeeds where there is the leadership to carry those ideas back to City Hall and see them through."</p>	<p>Besides recently adding an office in South Seattle, this candidate hosted a town hall meeting at Jackson Street's Wrap N Rol1 on October 3.</p> <p>ENDORSERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Frank Irigon – Activist •Mark Okazaki - Executive Director, Neighborhood House •Al Sugiyama - Executive Director, Center for Career Alternatives •Linh Thai - National Director of Vovinam Viet Vo Dao USA, Executive Director of Vietnamese Community Activity Center (WA) 	<p>Focused on education and Internet technology. Proposing that if schools don't improve within two years, that the Mayor's Office take over and put all Seattle schools under City control. He thinks City Light should put in fiber optic/broadband utilities like they do electricity and water and that it should be under City control and not tied to private phone companies. Interested in environmental and transportation issues and says buses are not so great as a day to day infrastructure. Hosted a recent bicycle tour of South Park. Touting arts, culture and heritage, especially Seattle's music scene.</p>
<p>Because he has a background in business and finance, this candidate is seen as more likely to help develop small businesses. Says he will offer economic incentives, such as city funding for employee child-care services, to attract jobs to southeast Seattle.</p>	<p>He hopes to get ex-offenders working on green projects. Wants to make Seattle a premier city for environmental protection. "That means enacting creative, outcome-based strategies to protect Puget Sound, to create an open and accessible waterfront, to achieve and exceed the Kyoto climate goals, to improve transit options, to enlarge Seattle's forest canopy, and to generate family-wage, green-energy jobs."</p>	<p>This candidate has not addressed this community specifically.</p> <p>ENDORSERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bob Santos - Civil rights activist •Bernie Matsuno - Former Acting Director, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods •Fred Kiga - VP, State and Local Government Relations, Boeing & Former Chief of Staff, •Governor Gary Locke •Cheryl Chow - Seattle School Board member •David Della - Former Seattle City Councilmember •Lloyd Hara - Seattle Port Commissioner •Elaine Ko - Director, Office of Social Responsibility, Port of Seattle 	<p>This candidate seems to be focused on the environment, fiscal issues, crime, assistance for seniors, homelessness, and the cultural arts scene. He's an executive at T-Mobile, and seems to be endorsed by all the trade unions as his family worked as laborers. He has worked as a community activist, and is very business savvy. There's a high level of interest in his entrepreneurial skills. Has a special emphasis on public safety gun control, proposing more enforcement, engagement, prevention, increased prosecution, ban in public spaces, restoring the SPD gang unit, and supporting the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.</p>
<p>This candidate calls himself a 'proponent for a diverse economy'. The son of a schoolteacher and grandson of a union sawmill worker, he says he is a champion for middle class families, small business, and emerging technologies. He promises to make the county a partner in economic development— putting the focus on strengthening neighborhoods and suburban communities and on assisting small business.</p>	<p>This candidate is very pro-Green. He says he got his start in politics fighting to save vanishing green space in West Seattle. Has worked to protect sensitive shoreline habitat on the Puget Sound from multi-national mining operations, fixing land use regulations to protect salmon habitat and open space as well property owners, and authoring the state's first climate change legislation.</p>	<p>"We have a chance to build a good working relationship [with the API community] and this is going to be very helpful [in] governing King County."</p> <p>ENDORSERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hyeok Kim, Executive Director of InterImCDA •Cherry Cayabyab, Executive Director of the API Community Leadership Foundation •Elaine Ko, Director, Office of Social Responsibility, Port of Seattle 	<p>This candidate has a strong focus on creating better lives for middle-class families. He is a proponent for civil and animal rights, and has garnered lots of support from trade organizations.</p>
<p>This candidate is very pro-business and plans to vote against the Tim Eyman Spending Initiative. "This attitude, this disdain for business large and small that people feel in the county when they're trying to do business is unacceptable. That's going to change...we're going to be a county open for business."</p>	<p>She says she will forge partnerships between environmental, labor, and business groups to create a safe and sustainable community. Will work to ensure Puget Sound Partnership has the necessary resources to restore the Puget Sound and hold polluters and the federal government accountable.</p>	<p>This candidate does not address this community specifically.</p> <p>ENDORSERS:</p> <p>Chi Dooh "Skip" Li, Lawyer and Seattle P.I. Columnist</p>	<p>Basically, this candidate is a local news broadcaster with no prior political experience. She is running on name recognition and has several heavyweight endorsements from former governors. Her main focus is the budget and wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars.</p>
<p>Conlin believes the Office of Economic Development should support businesses by becoming a one-stop resource center. / Ginsberg proposes establishing a local currency to help keep our money invested in local businesses. / Bagshaw touts 'Good Stewardship for Public Service' and connects economic growth with more green jobs. / Bloom commits to a living wage ordinance, supports small businesses through technical assistance, city contract preferences, and a commitment to minority-owned businesses. / Israel is for a competitive regulatory climate for businesses. / Licata is on the Labor Policy Committee. / O'Brien wants an environment where companies and innovation can thrive by making smart investments in education, transportation, and housing. / Rosencrantz promises to use underutilized industrial lands as a magnet for research and development of eco-energies.</p>	<p>Conlin has been a supporter of pedestrian issues, water quality and parks. / Ginsberg addresses this issue within the parameters of transportation. / Bagshaw says the key is to provide housing in appropriate locations and support transit-oriented developments. / Bloom encourages policies that honor the character of neighborhoods and engage neighbors in planning for proposals to increase density. / Israel believes in improving transit, greenspace, walkability and other community oriented infrastructure to areas accepting growth. Leverage stimulus dollars to create a revolving loan fund for renewable energy infrastructure investments. / Licata, unknown. / O'Brien says the city should lead in adopting policies that make Seattle a model for environmental stewardship and sustainability. / Rosencrantz helped protect the source of Seattle's drinking water and promotes edible landscaping.</p>	<p>Conlin is a strong supporter of Seattle Historic Preservation, but does not mention the International District or other API neighborhoods. / Ginsberg does not address issues within API communities. / Bagshaw does not address issues within API communities. / Bloom does not address issues within API communities. / Israel does not address issues within API communities. / Licata does not address issues within API communities. / O'Brien does not address issues within API communities. / Rosencrantz does not address issues within API communities.</p>	<p>Conlin is supported by Ron Chew, Elaine Ko, Tomio Moriguchi, Al Sugiyama, Beth Takekawa. / Ginsberg has no visible API endorsers. / Bagshaw is supported by Martha Choe, Hon. Gary Locke, Paul Ishii, Paul Tanaka, Ruth Woo. / Bloom supported by Dolores Sibonga, Bob Hasegawa, Sharon Tomiko-Santos, Velma Veloria, Alan Sugiyama, Bob Santos. / Israel does not have any obvious support specifically from the API community. / Licata, unknown. / O'Brien does not have any specific visible support from any API's. / Rosencrantz is supported by Velma Veloria, Sharon Tomiko Santos, Bob Hasegawa, Ruth Woo, Tomio Moriguchi, David Della, and Lloyd Hara.</p>