



## - Progressive Donors' Guide -

### 2010 Primary Election

This guide is designed to help you invest your campaign donations as effectively as possible. Our assumption is that you have limited resources and your top priority is to support good progressives in close races where your contribution can make a difference. Our Guide ranks all the candidates on how progressive they are, and how competitive their races are.

Our assessments are based on working and consulting with a wide range of progressive interests. We hope it can help you sort through the contribution decisions that lie before you this summer and fall.

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This is a guide for the primary. The dynamics in many of these races will change as we approach and clear the primary, and in many cases, the competitiveness of the race or viability of the candidates will change based on those races and victories. We will update this guide after the primary.

#### **Political Donor Hotline!**

If you have questions about the track record or viability of a candidate, call us! If we don't have the answers at hand, we will get you a quick assessment in short order. Call Kristin @ 848-228-1846 (email: [Kristin@fusewashington.org](mailto:Kristin@fusewashington.org)).

# I – Campaign Giving

## Why give/Who to support

We believe there are four basic reasons to make campaign contributions:

1. *Help good people win* - We believe the top priority is to support good progressives in close races who need your contribution to win.
2. *Reward progressive leadership* - Good people who provide strong leadership and take political risks deserve our support. They generate enemies and opposition with good votes, and if we don't support them it sends a powerful negative message to other legislators.
3. *Build relationships* - Contributions can build personal political capital with your elected officials, making you a more effective lobbyist for progressive causes.
4. *Defeat conservative leaders* - Take out incumbents or challengers who are real obstacles to progress.

## Who to think twice about when writing big checks

- > **Non-Competitive or safe races:** We don't recommend contributing more than a nominal amount to a non-competitive race unless you are working to strengthen or maintain a relationship with the candidate. Contributing to a candidate in a safe seat just allows them to surplus their funds to the caucus. This allows them to build their political capital, but doesn't do much for yours.
- > **Underperforming Democrats and/or the Caucuses:** We don't recommend contributing to underperforming Democrats or the caucuses (e.g. national and state Senate and House Campaign Committees, DNC). It's pretty clear at this point that Democratic majorities are not sufficient for progress, and we believe that contributions should be more directed. Caucus money goes to electing Democrats, not to electing progressives, and most caucus contributions don't score particularly well toward any of the four reasons to make campaign contributions listed above. *Please note that we are not advising against supporting the State Democratic Party - we believe that a strong state party is an important contributor to a progressive political landscape.*

## How and when to give

- > **In-Person:** We recommend making contributions at events or in person where you can make a personal connection with the candidate. This way, you can communicate your concerns and priorities to a candidate when you make a contribution. If you can't contribute in person, make sure to include a note with the check.
- > **"Max-out" first:** If you care deeply about a close race, we generally recommend that you contribute the maximum amount to the candidate before supporting independent expenditures. Washington State contribution limits for state legislators are \$800 per person for the primary and the general (so a couple may contribute \$3,200 during an election cycle) and \$1,600 per person for judicial candidates for the primary and the general. Federal contribution limits are \$2,400 per person per election.

- > **Independent Expenditures:** After maxing out, you might be interested in investing in independent expenditures to help a particular candidate. We are happy to consult on independent expenditure options. Our PAC, Fuse Votes, will be participating in many of them for the top priority races.

## **Landscape of races**

The electoral landscape this fall is extremely crowded and competitive. The climate is generally hostile to incumbents and Democrats. As it stands right now, there are:

- 21 open seats in the state legislature and one in our Congressional delegation.
- A number of high priority races to defend progressive incumbents in tight races.
- Several opportunities to challenge conservative Democrats or Republicans.
- An unprecedented crowd of important ballot measures.

## **II – Recommendations**

We give candidates one of four recommendations:

- 1) Must Give
- 2) Strongly Recommended
- 3) Support
- 4) Not Recommended

Our recommendations are based on their track record on progressive issues (represented by a letter grade), how competitive their race is, and their opponent. Our progressive score for incumbents is based on consulting with a broad range of lobbyists and factoring in existing legislative scorecards.<sup>1</sup> Our competitiveness rating is drawn from the input of a team of experts who based their judgments on electoral trends in the district, the strength and profile of opposing candidates, and polling when available.

The competitiveness ratings are self-explanatory. The progress ratings represent the following general performance:

- A = Leader/strong supporter
- B = Votes the right way
- C = Unreliable
- D = Consistently votes the wrong way
- F = Strong opponent

The score for first-time candidates is definitely more speculative and based on consultation rather than interviews. Because we can't really know how non-incumbents will perform until they are in office, we don't rank any non-incumbents higher than an A-.

These rankings can also serve as guidance for how much to contribute, depending on your budget. As mentioned previously, these recommendations do not account for the fact that you might be working to build a relationship with a candidate.

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<sup>1</sup> Two good scorecards: Washington Conservation Voters (<http://wcvoters.org/scorecard/2010>) and the Washington State Labor Council (<http://www.wslc.org/reports/2010/May/15.htm>)

The write-ups below feature our four *Must Give* and ten *Strongly Recommended* candidates. All the races are covered in a chart at the end of this section. We have included a sample political budget at the end of this section that shows how we would allocate \$10,000 across these races, in case you would find that helpful.

### **How to Give to These Candidates**

If you can't make it to an event or speak with a candidate in person, their mailing addresses and websites are provided below. We recommend that you mail them a check with a note, telling them you are supporting them because they were recommended in the Fuse Progressive Donor guide based on their track record of progressive leadership. Sending them a check eliminates the credit card companies' 3 percent cut (which adds up) and allows you to deliver a message along with your contribution.

### **MUST GIVE**



#### **U.S. Senator: Defend Patty Murray vs. Dino Rossi**

Progress score: A-    Competitiveness: Too close to call

Senator Patty Murray is the fourth-ranking member of the Senate Leadership and is an important progressive vote on a broad range of issues. She is a champion of veterans' concerns and has provided invaluable support for local transportation and infrastructure projects. She faces a serious threat from two-time gubernatorial loser Dino Rossi, a conservative real estate "dealer" with a long history of opposing virtually anything progressive. He is broadly anti-choice, opposing even access to Plan B. A global warming denier for many years, he has a long track record of opposing environmental protection, transportation choices and growth management. If Rossi wins this race, Democrats will not maintain control of the Senate.

- [www.pattymurray.com](http://www.pattymurray.com)
- People for Patty Murray, P.O. Box 3662, Seattle, WA 98124



#### **State Supreme Court: Stan Rumbaugh vs. Incumbent Justice James Johnson**

Progress score (Rumbaugh): Fair & Impartial  
Competitiveness: Too close to call



Justice James Johnson is running for his second term on the Washington State Supreme Court. Johnson has built his career by aggressively opposing progress in Washington. Before joining the Court, he represented Tim Eyman and Permanent Offense, the Evergreen Freedom Foundation (the activist right wing think tank), and the Building Industry Association of Washington (the ultra-conservative statewide trade association for developers). As a Justice, Johnson has continued to serve his former employers by consistently ruling in favor of big business, land developers and anti-environmental advocates. The BIAW has filed 17 amicus briefs in Johnson's time on the court, and he has sided with them 16 times (94%).

Challenging Justice Johnson is **Stan Rumbaugh**, an experienced Pierce County attorney with a long history of community engagement. He serves on the boards of Bates Technical College, the Tacoma Housing Authority, several health care and social service organizations, and other local groups. In stark contrast to his opponent, Rumbaugh will bring a record of balance and independence, as well as long-overdue change to the Washington State Supreme Court.

*Because there are only 2 candidates in this race, under judicial election rules the winner will be decided in the August primary. Don't wait to make a contribution! And needless to say, the whole "building relationships and influence" thing doesn't apply to judicial elections.*

Washington's Supreme Court is very conservative on environmental and social issues, and consistently hands down painful decisions. Examples include the 5-4 decision upholding the state's Defense of Marriage Act and regularly overturning lower court decisions to weaken the requirements of the Growth Management Act. Two of the court's most conservative justices are up for election this year, and replacing them is a top priority.

- [www.rumbaughforjustice.com](http://www.rumbaughforjustice.com)
- Rumbaugh for Justice, 603 Stewart St. #819, Seattle, WA 98101



**State House 28<sup>th</sup> District: Defend Rep. Tami Green**  
Progress score: A    Competitiveness: Too close to call

Rep. Tami Green is one of the strongest progressive leaders in the House and a critical ally. She is a true champion and an exceptionally effective legislator, organizing her peers to make sure they work together to protect and improve our quality of life. She represents a swing district and has a tough race. Her opponent, Brian Wurts, is a long time police officer currently serving with the Lakewood Police Department. Keeping her in the legislature is a top priority for almost every organization in the progressive community.

- [www.tamigreen.com](http://www.tamigreen.com)
- Committee to Re-Elect Tami Green, 10316 93<sup>rd</sup> St. SW, Lynnwood, WA 98489



**State House 38<sup>th</sup> District: Nick Harper, Primary Challenge vs. Sen. Jean Berkey**  
Progress score: A-  
Competitiveness: Too close to call

This is a great opportunity to replace a tired, conservative, and out-of-touch incumbent with an energetic progressive. Senator Berkey is the consensus target of progressive advocates seeking to challenge the conservative Democrats who block progress. She has time and again disappointed on environmental and social justice issues while siding with conservative business interests. Berkey is a conservative Democrat in a generally progressive district. Her challenger is **Nick Harper**, a motivated, effective candidate who is currently the Snohomish County Conservation Director for Cascade Land Conservancy.

- [www.nickharper.org](http://www.nickharper.org)
- Friends of Nick Harper, P.O. Box 5341, Everett, WA 98206

**STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**



**State Supreme Court: Charles Wiggins vs. Incumbent Justice Richard Sanders**  
 Progress score (Wiggins): Fair & Impartial  
 Competitiveness: Too close to call

Justice Richard Sanders is a social conservative with libertarian leanings. His time on the court has been marked by political and ethical controversies. He was first elected to the Supreme Court in a special election in 1995 and was re-elected in 1998 and again in 2004. Sanders was the first Washington State Supreme Court Justice to face ethics charges in the history of the Commission on Judicial Ethics, reprimanded for addressing anti-abortion protesters at a rally at the state capitol in 1996. Notable decisions include voting with the majority to uphold the state’s Defense of Marriage Act.

**Charles Wiggins** has worked in Washington as both an attorney and judge for more than 30 years. A former judge with Division II of the Court of Appeals, Wiggins frequently sits as a pro-tem judge in Jefferson County. Committed to preserving judicial independence, he supported bills to impose contribution limits in Washington judicial elections, and advocated for stronger impartiality protections.

As mentioned previously, Washington’s Supreme Court is very conservative on environmental and social issues, and consistently hands down painful 5-4 decisions. Replacing Sanders would have major impact on the court.

- [www.charliewigginsforjustice.com](http://www.charliewigginsforjustice.com)
- Charlie Wiggins for Justice, 241 Madison Ave., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110



**US House 8<sup>th</sup> District: Suzan DelBene vs. Incumbent Dave Reichert**  
 Progress score: A- Competitiveness: Too close to call



Suzan DelBene is the Democratic challenger against Republican incumbent Dave Reichert. Reichert is generally a conservative follower-type and is a reliable “no” vote on most progressive policies, including health insurance reform, financial reform, and the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell. His one exception - a late-breaking vote to support the global warming bill in the House

- has been exposed as cynical political ploy. The non-partisan civic group Congress.org ranked Reichert as one of the least effective members of Congress. The study found Reichert to be less effective than even the non-voting delegates from Guam and American Samoa.

A technology entrepreneur and former Microsoft executive, DelBene is one of the few challengers nationwide that has earned the backing of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, based on her viability and Reichert's vulnerability. She has run a strong progressive campaign focused on creating jobs and fostering economic innovation in the district. In addition to her work at Microsoft, DelBene has been active in the local YMCA and at Global Partnerships, a local program supporting international development and microfinance efforts in Latin America.

Although the 8<sup>th</sup> District now consistently votes Democratic for President, Senators, and Governor, previous elections have demonstrated that running against Reichert is a real challenge. In a district that is trending Democratic but has stayed true to Reichert, this race is likely to be tight. With a political climate that favors Republicans and challengers, this race is a rare opportunity to help offset expected losses with a win.

- [www.delbeneforcongress.com](http://www.delbeneforcongress.com)
- DelBene for Congress, P.O. Box 1406, Bellevue, WA 98009



**US House 3<sup>rd</sup> District: Denny Heck, Open Seat**

Progress score: B+    Competitiveness: Too close to call

The race to replace Brian Baird in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district features Denny Heck as the Democratic nominee. The 3<sup>rd</sup> is a swing district, and this race will be a national priority for both parties in the general election.



Denny Heck is a moderate Democrat who should end up voting correctly on important issues. He has had a long career in both the private and public sector, most notably as a five-term state representative, House majority leader, chief of staff to former Gov. Booth Gardner, and TVW co-founder. He championed education funding and fought for a state income tax as majority leader. He has quickly become the lead fundraiser in this race, pushing past the GOP front-runner Jamie Herrera and recently secured the help of a very competitive Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee support program.

- [www.dennyheckforcongress.com](http://www.dennyheckforcongress.com)
- Denny Heck for Congress, 2921 Cloverfield Dr. SE, Olympia, WA 98501



**State Senate 41<sup>st</sup> District: Defend Sen. Randy Gordon**

Progress score: A-    Competitiveness: Too close to call

Appointed last year to fill Fred Jarrett's Senate seat, Senator Gordon quickly established himself as a much-needed strong, smart progressive within the

Senate Democratic caucus. Prior to joining the legislature, Gordon was a staunch advocate for election integrity and workers' rights in his legal practice and served as an adjunct professor at Seattle University. He will face voters for the first time this November with a tough race. His opponent, Stephen Litzow, is a two-term Mercer Island City Council member and a former Procter & Gamble executive. Litzow is off to a strong start on fundraising. This will be a tight race.

- [www.friendsofrandygordon.org](http://www.friendsofrandygordon.org)
- Friends of Randy Gordon, P.O. Box 2025, Bellevue, WA 98009-2025



**State Senate 47<sup>th</sup> District: Defend Rep. Pat Sullivan**

Progress score: A      Competitiveness: Too close to call

Pat Sullivan is seeking his fourth term in the House of Representatives where he serves as the Vice Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. A strong progressive leader, especially on education, Pat has the ability to bring the caucus with him in an effort to pass quality legislation. Prior to being elected, he was the first mayor of Covington and currently serves on the Economic Development Council.

Sullivan's leadership in the House is much needed and his difficult race makes him a candidate to support.

- [www.votepatsullivan.com](http://www.votepatsullivan.com)
- 26513 168<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE, Covington, WA 98042



**State Senate 47<sup>th</sup> District: Defend Sen. Claudia Kauffman**

Progress score: B      Competitiveness: Too close to call

As a freshman senator in a seat previously held for 12 years by Republicans, Senator Kauffman has been a courageous leader on progressive issues. She stepped up and made tough votes on budget issues when safe senators wouldn't. She has successfully led the development of a statewide early learning program as the vice chair of the Senate's Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee. As one of the most vulnerable senators in the state, she has a tough race in front of her. Her opponent, Joe Fain, recently moved to the district and is the former chief of staff for King County Council member Pete von Reichbauer. Conservatives are expected to heavily fund his challenge.

- [www.claudiaforsenate.com](http://www.claudiaforsenate.com)
- Friends of Claudia Kauffman, P.O. Box 845, Kent, WA 98035



**State Senate 45<sup>th</sup> District: Defend Senator Eric Oemig**  
Progress score: B      Competitiveness: Too close to call



Eric Oemig is a first term Senator in the Washington Legislature where he serves as the Vice Chair of both the Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee and the Government Operations and Elections Committee. He has been a leader in the effort to get rid of the tax subsidy given to the biggest polluter in the state, the coal plant owned by TransAlta. Oemig is a fairly reliable progressive vote in the relatively conservative Senate Democratic caucus.

Oemig is in a very close race against Republican Andy Hill, an ex-Microsoftie with a well-funded campaign.

- [www.voteeric.com](http://www.voteeric.com)
- Citizens for Eric Oemig, P.O. Box 2852, Kirkland, WA 98083



**State Senate 44<sup>th</sup> District: Lillian Kaufer, Primary Challenge vs. Sen. Steve Hobbs**

Progress score (Kaufer) : A-  
Competitiveness: Too close to call



Senator Hobbs earned the enmity of most (but not all) progressive interests in his first term. He was the ringleader of the "Roadkill Caucus," an effort this past session to organize conservative Democratic legislators against strong revenue options. He led the caucus to oppose a number of legislative priorities for environmental groups and labor unions, and opposed ending a tax exemption on mortgage interests for large national banks. He opposed efforts to increase revenues. In 2008, Steve Hobbs earned a "Green Dud" award for attempting to gut the Children's Safe Product Act, a bill to ban toxic toys.

**Lillian Kaufer** is challenging Senator Hobbs in the Democratic Primary. Kaufer and her husband Patrick have operated a small business in Snohomish County for more than 15 years. While working with her husband on their family business, Lillian also works as a paralegal defending injured workers and volunteering as a guardian for children in foster care. She ran for State Senate in 2006, narrowly losing to Steve Hobbs. She is a former NARAL Pro-Choice Washington PAC Board Member.

- <http://lilliankaufer.net/>
- Committee to Elect Lillian Kaufer, 15206 67<sup>th</sup> Dr. SE, Snohomish, WA98296



**State House 34<sup>th</sup> District: Joe Fitzgibbon, Open Seat**  
Progress score: A- Competitiveness: Too close to call



The Democratic Primary race for the 34<sup>th</sup> District is a crowded and tight race, but Joe stands out as the strongest progressive candidate. As the legislative assistant for Rep. Sharon Nelson, a leader of the House's Blue/Green Alliance, Joe played a valuable role in promoting progressive policies in the House Democratic Caucus over the last three years. He is also the chair of the Burien Planning Commission and has been an outspoken advocate on local environmental issues. His policymaking background, leadership qualities, political experience, and demonstrated commitment to progressive values make him the best choice.

Seattle's legislative delegation is too often a wasted opportunity for progressives. While Seattle legislators should be leaders who are the foundation of progressive causes in Olympia, they usually aren't. Seattle's delegation is known for its business-oriented social liberals (who defer to the business lobby on regulatory issues) and for its passive or ineffective legislators. This is a typical Seattle primary with no true conservative, but we believe that Joe gives us the best chance for an effective progressive leader in this race.

- [www.joefitzgibbon.com](http://www.joefitzgibbon.com)
- Friends of Joe Fitzgibbon, P.O. Box 66110, Burien, WA 98166

## **Other Races**

### **Other Federal Races**

U.S. Representative Jay Inslee is a progressive champion who always deserves your support. U.S. Representatives Rick Larsen, Adam Smith and Norm Dicks are generally reliable votes on the most important issues. We believe they are all favored to win at this point. That could definitely change, given the current political climate. Larsen has the strongest opponent, Snohomish County Councilmember John Koster, and his race in particular merits watching.

U.S. Representatives Cathy McMorris and Doc Hastings are very conservative. Their challengers – Clyde Cordero and Jay Clough, respectively – are good people and generally progressive.

Although McMorris and Hastings are expected to win handily, Cordero and Clough deserve our appreciation for making sure they don't get a free ride.

### **Other State Races**

All of the races are covered in the table below. There are many progressive legislators that we encourage you to support, but who are not in our Must Give and Strongly Recommended categories because their race isn't a targeted priority.

## TABLE OF RACES

As a reminder, the letter grades represent the following general performance:

A = Leader/strong supporter

B = Votes the right way

C = Unreliable

D = Consistently votes the wrong way

F = Strong opponent

*Disclaimer: Our ratings are based on our political philosophy and our assessment of the races as they now stand – neither of which are infallible, but which are based on working and consulting with a wide range of progressive interests.*

### Summary of Top Races

Dist.	Position	Status	Prty	First	Last	Score	Competition	Recommend
WA	U.S. Senate	Incumbent	D	Patty	Murray	A-	Too close to call	Must give
WA	Supreme Court	Challenger		Stan	Rumbaugh	Fair*	Too close to call	Must give
28th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Tami	Green	A	Too close to call	Must give
38th	State Sen.	Challenger	D	Nick	Harper	A-	Too close to call	Must give
WA	Supreme Court	Challenger		Charles	Wiggins	Fair*	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
3rd	U.S. Congress	Open Seat	D	Denny	Heck	B+	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
8th	U.S. Congress	Challenger	D	Suzan	DelBene	A-	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
34th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Joe	Fitzgibbon	A-	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
41st	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Randy	Gordon	A-	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
44th	State Sen.	Challenger	D	Lillian	Kaufer	A-	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
45th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Eric	Oemig	B	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
47th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Claudia	Kauffman	B	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd
47th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Pat	Sullivan	A	Too close to call	Strongly Rec'd

*This chart continues with the rest of the races on the next page.*

Dist.	Position	Status	Prty	First	Last	Score	Competition	Recommend
1st	U.S. Congress	Incumbent	D	Jay	Inslee	A	Favored	Support
2nd	U.S. Congress	Incumbent	D	Rick	Larsen	B+	Favored	Support
4th	U.S. Congress	Challenger	D	Jay	Clough	B	Super long shot	Depends**
5th	U.S. Congress	Challenger	D	Clyde	Cordero	B	Super long shot	Depends**
6th	U.S. Congress	Incumbent	D	Norm	Dicks	B+	Favored	Support
9th	U.S. Congress	Incumbent	D	Adam	Smith	B+	Favored	Support
1st	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Derek	Stanford	B+	Too close to call	Support
1st	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Luis	Moscoso	A-	Too close to call	Support
2nd	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Tom	Campbell	D-	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
2nd	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Marilyn	Rasmussen	C	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
3rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Timm	Ormsby	A	Easy win	Support
3rd	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Andrew	Billig	B+	Too close to call	Support
4th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Larry	Crouse	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
4th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Matt	Shea	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
5th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Gregory	Hoover	?	Uphill battle	Not Rec'd
5th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Dean	Willard	B+	Uphill battle	Support
6th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Kevin	Parker	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
6th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	John	Driscoll	D+	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
6th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Chris	Marr	D+	Favored	Not Rec'd
7th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Shelly	Short	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
7th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Joel	Kretz	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
7th	State Sen.	Challenger	D	Barbara	Mawrey	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
8th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Carol	Moser	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
8th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Larry	Haler	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
8th	State Sen.	Incumbent	R	Jerome	Delvin	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
9th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Susan	Fagan	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
9th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Joe	Schmick	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
10th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Tom	Riggs	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
10th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Norma	Smith	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
11th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Zach	Hudgins	B+	Easy win	Support
11th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Bob	Hasegawa	A-	Easy win	Support
12th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Cary	Condotta	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
12th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Mike	Armstrong	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
13th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Judy	Warnick	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
13th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Bill	Hinkle	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
13th	State Sen.	Incumbent	R	Janéa	Holmquist	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
14th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Scott	Bromback	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
14th	State Rep.	Challenger	R	Charles	Ross	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
15th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Paul	Spencer	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd

Dist.	Position	Status	Prty	First	Last	Score	Competition	Recommend
15th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Tom	Silva	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
15th	State Sen.	Incumbent	R	Jim	Honeyford	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
16th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Maureen	Walsh	F	?	Not Rec'd
16th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Terry	Nealey	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
17th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Tim	Probst	D+	Slightly favored	Not Rec'd
17th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Monica	Stonier	B-	Uphill battle	Support
18th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Ed	Orcutt	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
18th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Dennis	Kampe	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
19th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Dean	Takko	D	Easy win	Not Rec'd
19th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Brian	Blake	D	Easy win	Not Rec'd
20th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Connie	Tobek	?	Super long shot	Not Rec'd
20th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Gary	Alexander	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
21st	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Paull	Shin	D	Favored	Not Rec'd
21st	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Mary Helen	Roberts	A	Favored	Support
21st	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Marko	Liias	B+	Favored	Support
22nd	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Chris	Reykdal	A-	Too close to call	Mixed***
22nd	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Stew	Henderson	A-	Too close to call	Mixed***
22nd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Sam	Hunt	B+	Easy win	Support
23rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Sherry	Appleton	A	Favored	Support
23rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Christine	Rolfes	B	Favored	Support
24th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Steve	Tharinger	B-	Too close to call	Support
24th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Kevin	Van De Wege	B+	Favored	Support
25th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Bruce	Dammeier	F	Favored	Not Rec'd
25th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	John	Thompson	A-	Uphill battle	Support
25th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Dawn	Morrell	B	Too close to call	Support
26th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Larry	Seaquist	D+	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
26th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Derek	Kilmer	C	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
26th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Sumner	Schoenike	A-	Uphill battle	Support
27th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Laurie	Jinkins	A-	Too close to call	Mixed***
27th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Jake	Fey	A-	Too close to call	Mixed***
27th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Jeannie	Darneille	B	Easy win	Support
28th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Troy	Kelley	F	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
29th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Steve	Kirby	C+	Easy win	Not Rec'd
29th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Connie	Ladenburg	B+	Easy win	Support
29th	State Sen.	Open Seat	D	Steve	Conway	A	Easy win	Support
30th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Mark	Miloscia	C	Easy win	Not Rec'd
30th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Tracy	Eide	C+	Slightly favored	Not Rec'd
30th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Carol	Gregory	A-	Too close to call	Support
31st	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Christopher	Hurst	F	Favored	Not Rec'd
31st	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Ron	Weigelt	?	Uphill battle	Not Rec'd

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31st	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Ray	Bunk	B	Uphill battle	Support
31st	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Peggy	Levesque	A -	Depends on prmry	Support
32nd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Ruth	Kagi	B-	Easy win	Not Rec'd
32nd	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Cindy	Ryu	A-	Favored	Support
32nd	State Sen.	Open Seat	D	Maralyn	Chase	A	Favored	Support
33rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Tina	Orwall	B	Easy win	Support
33rd	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Karen	Keiser	A-	Favored	Support
33rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Dave	Upthegrove	A	Easy win	Support
34th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Marcee	Stone	A-	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
34th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Mike	Heavey	B	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
34th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Eileen	Cody	B+	Favored	Support
34th	State Sen.	Open Seat	D	Sharon	Nelson	A+	Easy win	Support
35th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Kathy	Haigh	C+	Favored	Not Rec'd
35th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Fred	Finn	C-	Favored	Not Rec'd
35th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Tim	Sheldon	F	Favored	Not Rec'd
36th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Mary Lou	Dickerson	B+	Easy win	Support
36th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Jeanne	Kohl-Welles	A-	Easy win	Support
36th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Reuven	Carlyle	C+	Easy win	Not Rec'd
37th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Sharon Tomiko	Santos	C+	Easy win	Not Rec'd
37th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Eric	Pettigrew	A-	Easy win	Support
37th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Adam	Kline	A-	Easy win	Support
38th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Jean	Berkey	F	Too close to call	Not Rec'd
38th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	John	McCoy	A-	Favored	Support
38th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Mike	Sells	A	Favored	Support
39th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Dan	Kristiansen	F	Favored	Not Rec'd
39th	State Rep.	Incumbent	R	Kirk	Pearson	F	Easy win	Not Rec'd
39th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	Eleanor	Walters	?	Uphill battle	Not Rec'd
40th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Jeff	Morris	D	Favored	Not Rec'd
40th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Kristine	Lytton	B+	Too close to call	Mixed***
40th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Tom	Pasma	B+	Too close to call	Mixed***
41st	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Judy	Clibborn	C-	Strongly favored	Not Rec'd
41st	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Marcie	Maxwell	B-	Slightly favored	Support
42nd	State Sen.	Challenger	D	Pat	Jerns	?	Uphill battle	Not Rec'd
42nd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Kelli	Linville	C-	Favored	Not Rec'd
42nd	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	Al	Jensen	A-	Uphill battle	Support
43rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Jamie	Pedersen	B	Easy win	Support
43rd	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Frank	Chopp	B+	Easy win	Support
43rd	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Ed	Murray	B+	Easy win	Support
44th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Steve	Hobbs	F	Too close to call	Not Rec'd

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44th	State Rep.	Challenger	D	John	Boerger	?	Uphill battle	Not Rec'd
44th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Hans	Dunshee	A+	Favored	Support
45th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Larry	Springer	D+	Favored	Not Rec'd
45th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Roger	Goodman	A	Favored	Support
46th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Phyllis	Gutierrez Kenney	B+	Easy win	Support
46th	State Sen.	Open Seat	D	Scott	White	A+	Easy win	Support
46th	State Rep.	Open Seat	D	David	Frockt	A-	Easy win	Support
47th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Geoff	Simpson	A+	Too close to call	Support
48th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Deb	Eddy	D+	Favored	Not Rec'd
48th	State Sen.	Incumbent	D	Rodney	Tom	D	Too close to call/leaning favored	Not Rec'd
48th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Ross	Hunter	B	Favored	Support
49th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Jim	Jacks	B	Easy win	Support
49th	State Rep.	Incumbent	D	Jim	Moeller	B	Easy win	Support
Dist 8	King Co. Cncl	Open Seat	D	Joe	McDermott	A-	Favored	Support
Dist 7	Pierce County Pierce Co. Cncl	Open Seat	D	Todd	Iverson	A-	Too close to call	Support

\*Supreme Court ratings: we did not rank Supreme Court candidates on the same scale as legislative candidates. Both recommended candidates have progressive values and would bring a fair and impartial mindset to the bench.

\*\* There is a good case to be made that it's important to challenge conservative Congressional incumbents in safe districts: 1) it builds the base for long-term changes; 2) it provides infrastructure and an energy boost for other races that may be winnable lower on the ballot; 3) it forces the conservative incumbents to spend money and not surplus all their funds to support conservatives in competitive districts; and 4) it's good for democracy. If this reasoning appeals to you, you might want to support Clough and Cordero. But if your top priority is investing in races in which progressives have a real chance to win, these races are not for you.

\*\*\* Competitive Progressive Primaries: these open seat primary races are too close to call. The progressive endorsements are split, but the good news is that we should win either way. They are safe Democratic districts and the primary winner should carry the general handily. Our recommendation is allocate your funds elsewhere or support the candidate who aligns best with your issues. Here's how endorsements are trending:

22nd: Chris Reykdal is a Tumwater School Board member who has the endorsements of the State Labor Council and many labor unions, education advocates, and other progressive interests. Stew Henderson is a management consultant who has been endorsed by the environmental community, the District Democrats, and also has some dual endorsements from unions.

27th: Laurie Jenkins is the Deputy Director of the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department. If elected, she would be the first openly lesbian representative to serve in the state legislature. She has the backing of the GLBT community, human service interests, and some local labor unions. Jake Fey is a Tacoma City Council member who has the support of the environmental community, some local labor unions, and the District Democrats.

40th: Kris Lytton is a school board member who has received some education and labor endorsements. Tom Pasma is a farmer and auctioneer who has substantial progressive support including some labor groups and the District Democrats.

## IV – SAMPLE BUDGET

We have drawn up a sample political budget of how we would recommend contributing \$10,000 to campaigns this year. However, this relative scale could apply to any budget.

<u>Must Give</u>	
Patty Murray	\$2,000
Stan Rumbaugh	\$800
Tami Green	\$500
Nick Harper	\$500
 <u>Strongly Recommended</u>	
Charlie Wiggins	\$400
Suzan DelBene	\$400
Denny Heck	\$400
Randy Gordon	\$400
Pat Sullivan	\$400
Claudia Kauffman	\$350
Eric Oemig	\$350
Joe Fitzgibbon	\$200
Lillian Kaufer	\$200
 <u>Support</u>	
Everyone else	\$1,800
 <u>Ballot Measures</u>	
Reserve	\$3,300 *
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Total	\$12,000 **

\* We are recommending that you set aside at least one third of your budget for political ballot measures, although we haven't made recommendations on the specific measures yet. Signatures don't have to be turned in until July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it will take a little while longer to determine how competitive each ballot measure is.

\*\* We realize we exceeded the budget with our total. But it's a very full, very competitive, high stakes year, and we believe it makes sense to spend a little more on politics than you budgeted this year. ☺

## V - Ballot Measures

There will be a large number of statewide ballot measures this fall, many of which focus on revenue issues passed by the state legislature. Nearly all of them are important.

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**The following summary of the ballot measures has been provided by the Ballot Initiative Network:**

### **Threats:**

**1053:** Reinstates the two-thirds majority vote by the legislature to raise revenue and create new sources of revenue

- *Tim Eyman initiative.*
- Repeat of I-960, which was suspended by the state legislature this past session
- Cripples legislature's ability to respond to economic realities and raise revenue to protect core services like education and health care. Next session's expected \$3 billion budget deficit would have to be closed with another brutal all-cuts budget.
- Backed by big oil companies like Conoco Philips and the Washington Bankers Association
- Opposed by American Federation of Teachers, Children's Alliance, Community Health Network, and many other groups who believe in responsible management and protection of our future.

**1082:** Allows private insurers to compete with our public workers' compensation system

- Backed by Building Industry Association of WA, who will be granted exclusive rights to administer the system, thus guaranteeing to itself a permanent funding source for continued support of right-wing candidates.
- Our current system is regarded as a national model of efficiency. Privatization of the system would harm small businesses by creating an uneven playing field. Small employers with little market power will pay sky-high rates.
- Private insurances will prioritize profits over ensuring workers are recovered before returning to their jobs.
- Funded by multinational insurance companies AIG and Liberty Mutual who stand to profit
- Opposed by the WA State Nurses Association, WA State Building and Construction Trades, and many others.

**1107:** Ends tax increases on candy, soda, and bottled water.

- Will strip critical state funding for basic healthcare, education, and lead to deep cuts to critical services for seniors and kids.
- The state passed temporary taxes on large soda bottles (equating to 2 cents per bottle) to help us climb out of the recession. Repealing this revenue would lead to an unbalanced budget and a loss of \$204 million the next biennium (2011-13).

- Funded by out-of-state interests and big businesses.
- Opposed by WA State Public Health Association, Minority Executive Directors Coalition, American/WA Cancer Society and many others.

**1100/1105:** Ends our state's liquor control system. Privatizes sales of hard liquor

- **(1105)** Hurts small businesses that can't compete with big box stores.
- Closing state liquor stores would eliminate 1,000 union jobs.
- Moves money into the pockets of big business and away from supporting core public services. With 1100, core public services and cities and counties would lose over \$600 million a biennium from the net revenue brought in from markup on liquor sales. 1105 asks the Liquor Control Board to recommend a new tax structure to make up for the lost revenue. If 1053 passes, the legislature would need 2/3 approval for new taxes, a losing bet.
- In states where liquor is privatized there is a correlation to increased alcohol consumption. Privatization's cuts to public services would mean less money available to deal with problems associated with higher consumption.
- Makes it more difficult to hold stores accountable for selling alcohol to minors.
- Funded by out-of-state liquor distributors and big businesses like Walmart.
- Opposed by WA State Council of Fire Fighters, Lutheran Public Policy Office, WA Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention, and many others.

### **Opportunities:**

**1098:** Reforms our imbalanced and unfair tax system

- Reduces small business B&O taxes. By increasing the small business tax credit to \$4800, 80 percent of businesses will be exempt from the B&O tax.
- Reduces the state portion of property taxes by 20 percent.
- Establishes a limited income tax on the wealthiest 3 percent of Washingtonians.
- Generates \$1 billion in dedicated funding to education and health care.
- Backed by a large coalition of non-profits, business, labor, and community leaders including Bill Gates, Sr.
- Opposed by Association of WA Business and Tim Eyman.

**R52** (referred by the legislature): Allows state to sell bonds to fund energy savings retrofit to schools across the state.

- With mold and asbestos problems removed, kids can have safe, healthy learning environments.
- Energy retrofits allows schools to use less energy and save money.
- Creates 30,000 new jobs construction jobs across the state.
- Supported by a broad coalition of parents, teachers, environmentalists, labor unions, and the business community.