Why Does the Association of REALTORS® Review Voting Records of Elected Officials and Interview Candidates Running for Office?

REALTORS® don't just sell homes. We sell Neighborhoods and Quality of Life. REALTORS® know that Quality of Life begins with a good job in a company that has a great future. Homes are where those jobs go at night. That’s why it’s so important to have elected officials who understand the key contribution that jobs and housing make to healthy, vibrant communities.

We need elected officials who share our REALTORS® values and appreciate the hard work you do as a real estate professional. So, members of the Association look at the voting records of elected officials and interview candidates who are running for office. This REALTOR® Voting Guide lets you know who stood up to stand with us, and who will walk-the-talk by working with us to build strong communities where the American Dream is within reach for families.

To help identify these current and future elected officials, we look at the voting record of incumbents who have demonstrated consistent support for the community and neighborhood values we all share. In addition, to get a better sense of how other elected officials and candidates might respond to future challenges, we interviewed them and asked them about the kinds of issues embodied in the interview questions on pages 10-11 of this REALTOR® Voting Guide. Their answers to the questions were scored by REALTOR® Association members participating in the interviews. Further, the interviewers also provide an endorsement recommendation for each race that was formally considered by the Association’s governmental affairs committee.

Every candidate who has been endorsed received a super-majority, 2/3 vote from the government affairs committee because of their commitment to economic vitality, housing opportunity, housing choices, an efficient real estate market, responsible tax policy, healthy neighborhoods and vibrant communities.
Summary of Endorsements

**UNITED STATES SENATE & CONGRESS**

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(D) = Democrat

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U.S. CONGRESS

1st District
*Suzan DelBene (D) Endorsed

7th District
*Pramila Jayapal (D) Supported

8th District
*Kim Schrier (D) Supported

9th District
*Adam Smith (D) Supported

WASHINGTON STATE

Secretary of State
*Kim Wyman (R) Endorsed

Commissioner of Public Lands
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WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

District 5 - Senate
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Pro-REALTOR® candidates who share our REALTOR® values and support legislation to encourage housing affordability, availability, and ownership, stimulate housing options for first-time buyers and empty nesters, economic vitality, quality of life issues, and support issues that make your business more successful and profitable. Endorsements were awarded after reviewing legislative voting records and/or conducting interviews with candidates and who received a supermajority vote of approval by the SKCR governmental & public affairs committee.

*Candidate Ratings

Numeric ratings represent an average of interview panelists’ scores based on responses to the questionnaire seen on pages 10-11. Ratings are based on 100 points maximum. The candidate rating system is used only in King County legislative districts by SKCR. REALTORS® who have invested in RPAC and serve on SKCR’s governmental affairs committee conduct interviews with candidates. Candidate ratings from one election race should not be compared with candidate ratings in different election races because the composition of interview team members varied by district and election races.

Candidate Rating Guide

100: Highest score/rating.

90-point range: Represents excellent candidates on real estate issues.

80-point range: Represents very good candidates who demonstrate support on most real estate issues.

70-point range: Represents candidates that could be rated as “good” but do not demonstrate the level of support as candidates who score higher.

60-point range: Candidates demonstrating an average level of knowledge and philosophy on real estate issues and land use issues.

*Unavailable: Candidate prevented from attending interview due to conflicting schedule.

*No Show: Scheduled an interview but did not call to cancel and did not attend.

*Declined: Candidate did not accept an invitation for a candidate interview.

*No Response: Candidate was contacted but did not respond to our calls (may have been out of town or may not have been interested in interviewing).

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NOTE: REALTOR® endorsed candidates were invited to submit a photo and statement. All interviewed candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement.

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U.S. CONGRESS

DISTRICT 1
Includes parts of King, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties

*Suzan DelBene (D)
Endorsed
425.483.1500 delbeneforcongress.com

I appreciate the partnership with the National Association of REALTORS® to ensure we have a strong and stable real estate market. As we respond to the painful impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been working with Congressional leadership to include provisions in relief legislation that will support housing production and help renters avoid eviction, and I continue to lead the effort to expand the low-income housing tax credit, which would create jobs during the economic recovery and help families find stable, affordable housing.

DISTRICT 7
Most of Seattle, North King County and part of Snohomish County

*Pramila Jayapal (D)
Supported
pramilaforcongress.com

DISTRICT 8
Includes most of eastern King County, Pierce County, Kittitas County and Chelan County

*Kim Schrier (D)
Supported
425.395.4775 drkimschrier.com

I am honored to serve the 8th District as the only female doctor in Congress - a critical voice that is otherwise missing as Congress debates healthcare reform, women's health, and children's health, especially during a public health crisis. I am committed to ensuring affordable, accessible care for all Americans, and building an economy that works for everyone, including through policies that encourage homeownership, given the research that shows its role in long-term financial security.

DISTRICT 9
Includes parts of King and Pierce Counties

*Adam Smith (D)
Supported
253.572.6125 electadamsmith.com

WASHINGTON STATE

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Kim Wyman (R)
Endorsed
360.763.4992 kimwyman.com

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

*Hillary Franz (D)
Endorsed
206.682.7328 hillaryfranz.com

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

DISTRICT 5
Issaquah, East King County including Snoqualmie, North Bend and Snoqualmie Pass

*Mark Mullet (D)
Endorsed
425.306.9554 electmarkmullet.com

I am grateful to have been endorsed by the REALTORS® in both 2016 and 2020 re-election efforts. Your members play a key role in helping Washington residents achieve their life-long dream of owning their home, and I look forward to working with you for another four years as we make those dreams a reality.

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DISTRICT 11
Includes areas such as Renton, Tukwila and south Seattle

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Zack Hudgins (D)  
Endorsed; Rating: 86  
206.898.9981  
zackhudgins.com

Investing in housing affordability, workforce mobility and home ownership, should mean investing in entire communities - and we need good parks, safe streets, and vibrant schools. We need diverse housing that fits the needs of our communities, from single family units, to condos and apartments - I am committed to working with Washington REALTORS® for solutions to our housing challenges.

David Hackney (D)  
Rating: 73  
hackneyforthe11th.com

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Steve Bergquist (D)  
Endorsed; Rating: 84  
425.306.7569  
steve4house.com

Regulations imposed by such laws as the Growth Management Act may have served their initial purpose but are now only a stumbling block in the way of both developers and prospective homeowners seeking to move into their first condominium or house. As your 30th district state representative, it will be one of my top priorities to review and reduce excessive/outdated regulations which dramatically increase the cost of both developing and purchasing homes.

Martin Moore (Ind. R)  
Rating: 81  
253.642.6019  
votemoore.org

As a resident of the 30th legislative district for 28 years and a city councilmember there for the last seven, I’ve seen firsthand the impact of safe and affordable housing has had on our community. As state representative, I will work to curtail the unstable housing plaguing communities like the 30th, support local small businesses so they can keep their doors open and continue employing local residents, and help individuals obtain the tools they need to achieve their long-term goals as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Jamila Taylor (D)  
Rating: 68  
206.486.5493  
electjamilataylor.com

HOUSE, POSITION 1

DISTRICT 30
Includes areas in Federal Way, Des Moines, Milton, Auburn, Algona and Pacific

HOUSE, POSITION 2

Jack Walsh (R)  
Rating: 85  
253.335.8113  
electwalsh.com

*Jesse Johnson (D)  
Rating: 79  
253.678.2658  
votejessejohnson.com

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DISTRICT 31
Includes areas in Auburn, Edgewood, Enumclaw, and eastern King and Pierce Counties

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Drew Stokesbary (R)
*Endorsed
253.501.1756 drewstokesbary.com
I am running for reelection to continue prioritizing what matters to our community; a strong economy, world-class education opportunities, and safe and healthy neighborhoods. As we rebound from this unprecedented public health crisis, I’ll fight to safely restore jobs, stimulate our economy and maintain crucial services for struggling families, all while continuing my efforts to make childcare, college and medicine more accessible and affordable for all Washingtonians.

DISTRICT 32
Includes areas in Northwest Seattle, Shoreline, Edmonds and Lynnwood

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Cindy Ryu (D)
*Endorsed
206.605.1588 cindyryu.com
Having lived in NW King and SW Snohomish Counties since 1976, I am honored to serve as State Representative of the 32nd legislative district the past 10 years, currently chairing the Housing, Community Development and Veterans Committee and sitting on Appropriations and Consumer Protection & Business Committees. Our legislature has much work ahead of us as we recover economically to support our workers and local businesses and my priorities for the Special and 2021 Sessions will focus on rental assistance, protecting education funding, ensuring the safety of our communities, safeguarding the environment and pushing for more affordable housing and homeownership, advocating for local businesses and jobs, investments in our infrastructure, and making Washington State a better place for us to live, work, and raise our families.

DISTRICT 33
Includes areas in south Seattle, Burien, SeaTac, Renton, Des Moines and Kent

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Tina Orwall (D)
*Endorsed
206.409.3038 electtinaorwall.com
Thank you for your endorsement - it is such an honor. As REALTORS®, you provide an essential service to our communities, and I am very grateful for our partnership over the years on foreclosure prevention; we have some tough roads ahead and I look forward to navigating them together.

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Tina Orwall (D)
Endorsed
206.409.3038 electtinaorwall.com

DISTRICT 34
West Seattle/Burien/Vashon

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Mia Gregerson (D)
*Endorsed
miagregerson.com

*Joe Fitzgibbon (D)
Endorsed
joefitzgibbon.com
DISTRICT 36
Magnolia/Queen Anne/Ballard

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Noel Frame (D)
Endorsed; Rating: 80
206.701.0344  noelframe.com

I focus much of my policy work on the state’s most vulnerable children and youth – those in our child welfare and juvenile justice systems and those experiencing behavioral health challenges. I have an open-door approach to working with stakeholders and welcome your partnership on a range of issues, particularly on reforming our state’s outdated and inequitable tax code.

HOUSE, POSITION 2

Liz Berry (D)
Endorsed; Rating: 80
206.923.9296  lizberry.com

I’ve spent my entire career fighting for people, promoting equality, and driving bold change. From crafting legislation that protects workers to balancing multi-million dollar budgets, I have the experience and proven leadership needed to fight for affordable housing and to make our economy work for everyone—this includes fixing our B&O tax structure to place less of a burden on our small businesses.

Sarah Reyneveld (D)
Rating: No Response

DISTRICT 37
Includes areas in southeast Seattle and Renton

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Sharon Tomiko Santos (D)
Endorsed; Rating: 84
206.326.9042  friendsforsantos.nationbuilder.com

The work of creating equity, providing opportunity and establishing justice continues and I hope to advance together toward a Washington that is more inclusive of the ideas and dreams of our diverse communities. I will continue to fight for affordable housing, and I hope you recognize me as someone who will listen to you, who will engage with you, and who will support your continued and full participation in our democracy.

John Stafford (D)
Rating: 76
206.722.6338  staffordforstaterepresentative.org

I have four policy priorities: avoid an austerity approach in the upcoming budget negotiations in Olympia, institute new progressive taxation to address the fact that Washington State has the most regressive tax structure in the state, address the imminent challenge of climate change, and deal with the demands for racial justice by addressing the underlying inequities in our society. The concurrent crises of our times demand bold, structural change – not just incremental reform.

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DISTRICT 37 (cont.)
Includes areas in southeast Seattle and Renton

HOUSE, POSITION 2

Chukundi Salisbury (D)
Endorsed; Rating: 80
206.551.5568  chukundi.com

I am running to give people of our district the true representation it deserves: I am from the Central District and have owned my home in Rainier Valley for 23 years, and I am a 20 year union member, a business owner, and have been serving the community my entire life. The 37th needs a candidate who has a pulse on our youth, working families, and our elders with the ability to bring their voices to Olympia and results back to our neighborhoods; I am endorsed by the Washington State Progressive Caucus, Larry Gossett, and more - thank you for your vote.

Kirsten Harris-Talley (D)
Rating: 60
206.403.0448  electkht.com

I am a mother, educator, and activist working shoulder to shoulder with community in Seattle and throughout Washington State for over 20 years for racial, gender, and economic justice. I currently serve as interim Executive Director for NARAL Pro-choice Washington and previously served an appointment on Seattle City Council.

DISTRICT 41
Includes areas in Bellevue, Mercer Island, Sammamish, Newcastle and Renton

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Tana Senn (D)
Endorsed
206.369.1253  electtanasenn.org

East King County is a special place to live, but it requires constant work to ensure everyone experiences a high quality of life in our area. That is why I have championed issues that make life easier for busy families from equal pay and high-quality education and childcare to condominium liability reform and transportation projects.

DISTRICT 43
Includes areas of Green Lake and Seattle

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Nicole Macri (D)
Endorsed
206.313.3751  votenicole.org

First elected to the State House in 2016, I have been a leader in the legislature in protecting and expanding state investments in affordable housing, homelessness response, behavioral healthcare, and in enacting laws that protect LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, renters and low-income homeowners from discrimination and displacement. We have made great strides in recent years in the legislature and as millions of Washingtonians are suddenly faced with housing instability, I look forward to continuing to partner with community and industry stakeholders to fight for adequate resources and sound policies that ensure secure housing for all.

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Frank Chopp (D)
Endorsed
206.612.7071

DISTRICT 45
Includes areas of Woodinville, Duvall, Kirkland and Sammamish

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Roger Goodman (D)
Endorsed
425.979.8584  rogergoodman.org

As a legislator, I’ve always relied on the REALTORS® credibility to guide me on important matters related to economic growth on the Eastside and I look forward to continuing working closely with the REALTORS® again in the coming session, especially on further condo liability reform and other housing affordability issues. I’ve worked with the REALTORS® to pass important bills in the past, including banning private transfer fees and protecting REALTORS® who were dealing with “distressed property” conveyances, and I’m continuing to work on the difficult problem of vesting of land use rights linked to permits obtained by real estate developers; thanks for your continued support!
DISTRICT 45 (cont.)
Includes areas of Woodinville, Duvall, Kirkland and Sammamish

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Larry Springer (D)
Endorsed
425.761.9025    larryspringer.org

Housing has always been a cornerstone of our economy and home ownership the aspiration of nearly every Washingtonian. Amid the pain and uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus providing stable housing throughout Washington is even more imperative if we are to overcome this crisis and emerge the better for it.

DISTRICT 47
Includes areas of Covington and Auburn

HOUSE, POSITION 1

Kyle Lyebyedyev (R)
Endorsed; Rating: 91
206.349.7851    peopleforkyle.org

While maintaining a successful business and family, Kyle has decided public service in this capacity is the best way to serve his community, benefitting, not only immigrant communities, but all his neighbors in the 47th legislative district throughout the state of Washington. One of Kyle’s main priorities is to put parents back in charge to make educational decisions about their children’s education.

*Debra Entenman (D)
Rating: No Response

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Pat Sullivan (D)
Endorsed
253.740.6772    votepatsullivan.com

Pat Sullivan is running for State Representative because he has a sincere commitment to making government more efficient, effective and accountable. With enormous economic and health challenges facing families, businesses and government, Pat’s experienced leadership and steady hand is needed now more than ever.

DISTRICT 48
Includes areas of Redmond, Bellevue, Hunts Point, Yarrow Bay, Clyde Hill and Medina

HOUSE, POSITION 1

*Vandana Slatter (D)
Endorsed
360.790.3496

In my first legislative term I proudly supported critical investments in affordable housing, behavioral health and homeless services, transportation spending that serves Eastside communities, and funding for our schools and educators; I am a champion for responsible gun laws, helping victims of domestic violence, and protecting the rights of women and LGBTQ neighbors. I’m deeply concerned about the impacts of COVID-19 on families and businesses; I am addressing gaps in healthcare, emergency preparedness—and our budget—responsibly and with the same dedication I’ve always brought to public service.

HOUSE, POSITION 2

*Amy Walen (D)
Endorsed
425.381.1909    amywalen.com

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1. Would you please take a very brief moment to summarize for us the top highlights of:
   • Your education and training
   • Your professional background, and
   • Why you are running for elected office or re-election

2. What are the “Top Two” Legislative Issues that you want to support or oppose next session?

What do you hope to accomplish on your “Top Two” issues, and why?

3. The Growth Management Act is now more than 25 years old.

It hasn’t been changed very much since it was first adopted, despite failing to ensure housing is affordable to everyone who needs a place to live.

What types of GMA reforms would you support to increase housing opportunities?

4. Recently, the State Legislature has considered legislation that would establish a new state capital gains income tax that would apply to capital gains from the sale of some types of real estate.

What is your position on creating a state capital gains tax, and do you think that such a tax should apply to the sale of real estate?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unwilling to Say

5. In the 2020 state legislative session, there was a rent control bill introduced in the House.

What is your position on rent control? Do you believe that current tenant protections are:
   • Just about right...
   • Overly favorable for tenants..., or
   • Overly favorable to landlords... and why?

6. The Washington Legislature recently reduced the state Real Estate Excise Tax on sales under $500,000, in part to help first-time homebuyers.

It also increased the tax rate on sales over $1.5 million.

Will you commit to oppose any and all efforts to further increase the Real Estate Excise Tax?

In addition to the state Real Estate Excise Tax, Washington law also allows local governments to charge an additional Real Estate Excise Tax.

Would you oppose any further REET authority being granted to local governments?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unwilling to Say

7. Many local governments are struggling with how to address homelessness.

Does state government have a role in solving the problem, and what actions would you Support, or Oppose?

8. Some of our local cities have considered ordinances that would prohibit an owner from selling their property unless the property owners first take one or more actions demanded by the city council, such as:
   • Removing all gas appliances, and all gas heating systems, from the home;
   • Replacing all windows with energy efficient windows;
   • Removing all woodstoves and fireplace inserts

Otherwise, it would be illegal to sell the home.

These requirements are known as “Point of Sale” mandates.

What is your position on “Point of Sale” mandates?
9. In 2019, the state legislature passed HB 1923 and in 2020 passed HB 2343. These bills provide incentives to local governments to increase housing opportunities and density through a menu of housing options.

Are you aware of these laws, and what additional actions are needed to help solve our housing crisis?

10. Briefly tell us about your campaign, including:

• How much money have you raised, and how much is still in the bank?

• What’s your campaign budget?

• Do you have a campaign consultant?

• Which elected officials, if any, have endorsed you?

• What organizational endorsements, if any, have you received?

• What one thing will give you the winning edge?

If offered to you, would you accept the REALTORS’ endorsement and funding from our PAC (RPAC)? Why or why not?

☐ Yes  ☐ No
Reason:_________________________
Seattle King County REALTORS® is always looking for new resources and opportunities to help keep you profitable. We’re looking out for you behind the scenes, too, with our unrivaled advocacy program that keeps a close eye on the issues affecting your business – and takes action when it’s needed. 

REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

REALTOR® PAC is one of the largest PAC’s in Washington State and provides financial support to REALTOR®-endorsed candidates on local, state and national levels. Legislative and regulatory successes for the real estate industry are largely due to RPAC’s efforts.

LEGAL SERVICES

The Legal Affairs Hotline provides legal advice on over 75 real estate related topics and is no charge for individual calls.

Hotline 800.562.6027 | legalhotline@warealtor.org or visit the Legal Hotline Library www.warealtor.org

FREE TECH HELPLINE

When technology trips you up, our tech team will get you back to business quickly, saving you time and money. Get help with software, hardware, devices and more.

1-866-610-8939 or support@technologyhelpline.com

REALTORS® advocacy will save brokers $50 MILLION in B&O taxes over the next two years.

Applying retail sales tax to real estate commissions could increase your tax burden FIVEFOLD.

EDUCATION

Over 100 engaging classes that help you earn designations, ensure competency, nationwide recognition and increased profitability!

CODE OF ETHICS

NAR’s Code of Ethics is a key factor that distinguishes REALTORS® from other real estate agents. The Code of Ethics is universally recognized by practitioners, lawyers and laymen alike as the measure of professionalism in real estate.

PUBLICATIONS

Exclusive access to regional and national news and publications filled with articles, housing statistics, tools, and tips to help improve your business.

The REALTOR Benefits® Program saved 800,000 members $63 million in one year! nar.realtor/realtor-benefits-program