

The 2018 Trans Justice VOTER GUIDE

Be Sure to Vote by November 6th!

Your secret ballot means it's all yours to decide. But hopefully this independent and local nonprofit-prepared guide by and for transgender, gender nonconforming and gender diverse communities helps.

About us:

Founded in 1977, Ingersoll Gender Center is one of the oldest trans run organizations in the country. We provide resources and support with:



Weekly peer support groups, every Wednesday at 7pm



Support with resources and referrals across the state of Washington.



Support with housing and employment barriers.



Support in accessing the gender affirming healthcare you need.



Community Financial Assistance for things like amending your identity documents and accessing gender affirming clothes.



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CANDIDATES:

U.S. Representative, District 9

ADAM SMITH

Briefly; what is a US Representative responsible for?

A U.S. Representative's main responsibility is representing and advocating for their district's interests when crafting Federal legislation and policy. It is their responsibility to consider all voices within their district.

What is your number one policy priority to improve the lives of transgender and gender nonconforming folks living in your district?

My priority remains the elimination of discrimination and unequal treatment of LGBTQ+ people. We are now in a position to continue our fight to ensure that all LGBTQ+ individuals, and particularly transgender individuals, non-gender-binary individuals, and all others receive deserved equal treatment.

SARAH SMITH

All revenue bills start in the U.S. House of Representatives. They decide what we spend our money on federally. Specialized committees in the house decide what bill gets to the floor to be voted on. They also act as a check on the executive branch.

Cosponsor and whip votes for The Equality Act which would amend the Civil Rights Act to include protections that ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit and jury system.

U.S. Representative, District 9

ADAM SMITH

I believe that healthcare should be a right for every American, no matter how they identify. That's why I'm a very staunch supporter of HR 676, Medicare for All. In addition to co-sponsoring the bill, I am a founding member of the Medicare for All Caucus in the House.

It is critical that we work to find solutions to poverty, including paying particular attention to the unique challenges that homeless youth who identify as transgender, and more broadly LGBTQ+, face. I strongly support the federal Opening Doors program, which combats poverty and homelessness.

SARAH SMITH

Our plan of attack needs to be comprehensive. One, defend the current protections. Two, expand healthcare by passing single payer medicare for all.

Fight to pass the equality act to end discrimination in employment and housing. Pass federal jobs guarantee, medicare for all, and build 10 million homes over the next 10 years.

As Federal protections for equal access to healthcare for LGBTQ communities are under attack what will you do to ensure that our communities can access the care they need?

28% of transgender Washingtonians live in poverty (as opposed to 5% of the general population); what can you do to address this?

CANDIDATES:

State Senate, Legislative District 34

Briefly; what is a State Senator responsible for?

JOE NGUYEN

State Senators are responsible for making and voting on laws in addition to confirming or rejecting gubernatorial appointments to the state cabinet, commissions and boards.

SHANNON BRADDOCK

State Senators are responsible for advocating on behalf of their constituents through legislative action, case work (advocating for individual constituents who are having issues with government agencies), and by being role models in our communities.

What is your number one policy priority to improve the lives of transgender and gender nonconforming folks living in your district?

Expanding access to healthcare and banning insurance companies from discriminating against individuals seeking to transition are my number one priorities for improving the lives of transgender and gender nonconforming folks in the 34th.

Accessible healthcare for ALL, but particularly our trans and nonbinary folk that are too often marginalized by the medical community or don't have clinics/hospitals willing to provide, or insurance that covers, hormonal treatment and sex operations.

State Senate, Legislative District 34

JOE NGUYEN

Job discrimination against transgender people is prohibited by existing laws against sex discrimination, and what the legislature can do is further expand that to make it easier for transgender individuals to sue for discrimination and increase penalties for employers that discriminate.

Seeing as a disproportionate number of transgender individuals in Washington are unemployed, we can significantly decrease the cost of amending their documents. Additionally, I believe the process should be streamlined in order to make it easier for individuals to navigate.

SHANNON BRADDOCK

Our State and our country is far behind in enacting legal protections for trans folk in the workplace and in eliminating bias in the hiring process. We should also be promoting nontraditional educations and careers by providing free vocational and trades school to lead to union-wage jobs.

Having a dead name of the wrong gender on your ID can be traumatizing. I'd like to look into ways we can help youth who don't have supportive parents make these changes without guardian approval.

Transgender folks are twice as likely to have a college degree but three times more likely to be unemployed; if elected, what will you do to address this?

62% of transgender Washingtonians report having none of their ID documents amended to reflect their name or gender marker; if elected what will you do to make these processes easier for our community?

CANDIDATES:

King County Prosecutor

Briefly; what is a King County Prosecutor responsible for?

What is your number one policy priority to improve the lives of transgender and gender nonconforming folks living in your district?

DARON MORRIS

The role of the King County Prosecutor is to find justice for the community and hold the county accountable. This goes for both citizens, elected officials, and law enforcement in the county.

Homelessness disproportionately affects transgender people and in this region we criminalize poverty in all kinds of ways. We need to stop punishing people that don't have homes or facilities to do essential human acts like eating, sleeping, or existing.

DAN SATTERBERG

The Office works to make King County a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. We prosecute those who commit violent crimes, and we obtain sentences that ensure public safety while respecting constitutional rights.

We are fighting discrimination and hate crimes against gender nonconforming people with programs such as SPD's Safe Places Program, but we have more to do. With the Anti-Defamation League, my office is hosting a summit at Seattle U for law enforcement on investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.

King County Prosecutor

DARON MORRIS

Transgender and gender nonconforming folks regularly report being misgendered and harassed when interacting with King County Courts and Jail. What will you do to address this?

There is much work to be done on this, but first I would direct my staff to always consider preferred gender pronouns for victims, plaintiffs, and defendants. I would also advise our county jails to take necessary steps make sure all facilities are properly outfitted to accommodate all genders.

DAN SATTERBERG

Such harassment should never happen. As their attorney, we are committed to working with the jail to ensure they follow the law and their policy for classifying and placing inmates who are transitioning, which calls for treating transgender and gender nonconforming people with dignity.

In Washington approximately 28% of transgender folks live in poverty. As a result, the money bail system often keeps members of our communities in jail for longer periods of time. If elected, what would you do to address the disparities the money bail system has created?

The money bail system needs to be abolished. As the county prosecutor, I can't completely get rid of it immediately since it is a state law, but I will advocate for it on the state level. What I can do starting on day 1 in office is adjust bail according to a person's ability to pay.

I plan to: support a plan from the Minority & Justice Commission to guide judges and and require unconditional release except in specific conditions; propose joint trainings and workshops for prosecutors and public defenders; and personally audit positions taken by my office in 50 cases.

Statewide Measure No. 1631

What It Does:

This measure would charge pollution fees on sources of greenhouse gas pollutants and use the revenue to reduce pollution, promote clean energy, and address climate impacts, under oversight of a public board.



A **Yes** Vote Means...

A new fee would be placed on greenhouse gas pollutants with fees going to programs to address climate impacts.

Who Says Yes....

- Got Green
- UFCW 21



A **No** Vote Means...

There will be no new fees placed on greenhouse gas pollutants.

Who Says No....

- Association of Washington Business
- Western States Petroleum Association

What It Does:

This measure concerns firearms. This measure would require increased background checks, training, age limitations, and waiting periods for sales or delivery of semiautomatic assault rifles; criminalize noncompliant storage upon unauthorized use; allow fees; and enact other provisions.



A **Yes** Vote Means...

New rules concerning semiautomatic assault rifles and the storage of guns would go in to effect.

Who Says Yes....

- Greater Seattle Business Association
- Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle



A **No** Vote Means...

No new rules concerning semiautomatic assault rifles and the storage of guns will go in to effect.

Who Says No....

- National Rifle Association
- Brad Klippert, Deputy Sheriff, State Representative, 8th LD

What It Does:

This measure would require law enforcement to receive violence de-escalation, mental-health, and first-aid training, and provide first-aid; and change standards for use of deadly force, adding a "good faith" standard and independent investigation.



A **Yes** Vote Means...

Law enforcement will receive new training, standards for use of deadly force will be changed and how officer involved shootings are investigated will be changed.

Who Says Yes....

- Disability Rights Washington
- El Centro de la Raza
- OneAmerica



A **No** Vote Means...

No new training required for law enforcement and no changes to use of deadly force standards or investigations of officer involved shootings.

Who Says No....

- Seattle Police Officers Guild
- Council of Metropolitan Police and Sheriffs
- Washington State Patrol Troopers Association

HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT:

Once you receive your ballot in the mail, fill it out, sign it and either put a stamp on it and stick in the mail or take it to a ballot drop box near you. Not sure where the nearest dropbox to you is? Go to kingcounty.gov/elections to the ballot dropbox nearest you.

I CHANGED MY NAME SINCE I LAST VOTED AND I'M WORRIED THAT MY BALLOT WON'T BE COUNTED.

No need to worry! Ballots are verified using your signature. If you've changed your name and updated your driver's license and reregistered to vote you should be fine. But, for extra security you could add your phone number and/or email to your ballot envelope making it easier for King County Elections to contact you if they have any troubles with your signature.

I NEVER GOT MY BALLOT OR I TOTALLY GOT MY BALLOT BUT NOW I'VE LOST IT - WHAT DO I DO?

No need to worry! In both cases you can go online to kingcounty.gov/elections to print a replacement ballot. Don't have access to a printer? Stop by the Ingersoll office at 517 E Pike and we're happy to print a replacement ballot for you.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

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