



SEATTLE METROPOLITAN ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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Candidate Ratings 2017 Primary Election

[For Immediate Release: Seattle, WA] In our 40th year, SEAMEC is pleased to publish the **SEAMEC Candidate Ratings: 2017 Primary Election**. Since 1977, SEAMEC has continued to operate on less than a \$10,000 annual budget - the most efficient and cost-effective organization in Seattle's LGBTQ community. SEAMEC counts on your continuing financial support and invites you to donate online at www.voteseamec.org. Thank you for your initial and continuing support!

The Ratings

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Candidates are given a letter grade for each of these categories: Equality, Relationships, Age & Gender, Health & Safety, and Awareness.

A - Excellent
B - Good
C - Fair
D - Poor
F - Failed

School Board candidates are given a letter grade for each of these categories: Students, Educator Issues, LGBTQ Families, Health, and Curriculum.

U - Unable to Schedule
NS - Did Not Show for Interview

Candidates are given numerical ratings for these categories: Knowledge of LGBTQ Issues; Sentiment on LGBTQ Issues; and History/Record on LGBTQ Issues.

5 - Demonstrates Leadership
4 - Exceeds Expectations
3 - Meets Expectations
2 - Needs Improvement
1 - Resistant
0 - Hostile

The Overall Rating for each candidate is determined by all information available including in-person interviews, responses to SEAMEC's written questionnaire, public statements, and other publicly available information.

SEAMEC Candidate Ratings Summary
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Seattle Mayor	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Jenny Durkan	A	A	A	A	A	5	5	5	5
Jessyn Farrell	A	A	A	A	A	5	5	5	5
Bob Hasegawa	B	B	B	B	B	4	4	4	4
Mike McGinn (U)									3
Cary Moon	A	B	B	B	B	3	4	3	3
Nikkita Oliver (NS)						5	5	5	3

Seattle City Council #8	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Hisam Goueli	A	A	A	A	A	5	5	5	5
John Grant	A-	B-	B+	B-	B+	4	4	4	4
Mac McGregor	A-	A-	A-	B	A	5	5	5	4
Teresa Mosqueda	A	A	A	A	A	5	5	5	5
Sara Nelson	B+	B+	B	B+	A-	3	3	3	3
Sheley Secrest	A	A	A	A	A	5	5	5	5
Charlene Strong	A-	A-	B+	B+	A-	5	5	5	5

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Seattle City Council #9	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Lorena Gonzalez	B+	B+	A	A	A	5	5	5	4
Pat Murakami	A-	A-	B+	A-	B-	4	4	4	4
Eric Smiley	D	C	D	D	D	2	2	2	2

Seattle School Board Pos #3	Students	Educators	Families	Health	Curriculum	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Eden Mack	B-	B-	B-	C+	C+	3	4	3	3
Jennifer Crow	C	C	C	C	C	2	3	2	2

Seattle School Board Pos #5	Students	Educators	Families	Health	Curriculum	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Zachary DeWolf (NS)						5	5	5	3
Andre Helmstetter (U)									3
Omar Vasquez	C+	B-	C+	B	B	3	4	3	3

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Port of Seattle Pos #1	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Ryan Calkins	B+	B	B	B	A-	4	4	4	4
John Creighton	B	B-	B	C	B	3	3	3	3
Claudia Kaufman	B	B	B-	B+	B	3	4	5	4
Bea Querido-Rico	C	B	C	C	C	2	4	2	2

Port of Seattle Pos #3	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Stephanie Bowman	B+	C+	B	C+	B	3	4	4	4

Port of Seattle Pos #4	Equality	Relationships	Age & Gender	Health & Safety	Awareness	Knowledge	Sentiment	History	Overall Rating
Fernando Martinez	C+	C	C+	B	B-	2	3	3	3
John Persak	A-	A-	A	A-	A	5	5	5	5
Ken Rogers	C+	B-	B-	C+	C	3	4	2	3
Peter Steinbrueck	B+	A-	B	B+	B+	4	4	4	4

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