

Explanation of Ratings

ENDORSEMENT

SEAMEC endorsements (marked in **BOLD CAPITAL** letters and by a ✓) are granted by a 2/3 majority of the SEAMEC Steering Committee, in recognition of a clear choice of importance to the LGBT community, or in recognition of a distinguished history of activism on behalf of the LGBT community.

FAIRNESS RATING SCALE

The numerical **SEAMEC Fairness Rating** uses the following scale:

- 5 - DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP**
- 4 - EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**
- 3 - MEETS EXPECTATIONS**
- 2 - NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**
- 1 - RESISTANT**
- 0 - HOSTILE**

Ratings are derived from all information available to the SEAMEC Steering Committee, including but not limited to:

- Information from written questionnaires submitted by the candidate
- Questionnaire review panelists recommendations
- Information from previous SEAMEC interviews
- The candidate's history and record of activism
- The candidate's voting and sponsorship record
- The candidate's written questionnaire (addresses his/her history of activism)
- Media clippings
- Other organizations' ratings
- Information gathered from "political insiders"

See our website for a more detailed explanation of each rating.

Please Note: The numerical SEAMEC Candidate Rating does not necessarily correlate to the questionnaire letter grades, e.g. all A's do not necessarily yield a SEAMEC Candidate Rating of 5.

✓Candidate	C	E	R	M	G	H	A
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STONEWALL CITY COUNCIL

Position 7							
✓SYLVIA RIVERA	5	A	B	A	A	A	B
Jimmy Baldwin, i	4	B	A	B	C	A	B
William Tipton	4	U					
Alexander T. Great	3	A	A	A	A	A	A
A. Bryant	0	F	D	F	D	D	F

Ratings are listed in order from highest rated/ranked candidates to the lowest; identical ratings are listed in order of the candidate's issue category grades; further ties are listed alphabetically by candidate's last name.

Two other ratings are possible:

- ?** **UNKNOWN:** SEAMEC has insufficient information to determine a rating.
- X** **NO RATING GIVEN:** This means that SEAMEC has considered but has declined to rate the candidate.

JUDICIAL RATING SCALE

Judicial candidates are restricted in what they can discuss by "judicial canons," so SEAMEC administers a different questionnaire to judicial candidates in the in-person interview. In addition, the subject matter may differ slightly, but the same categories (at right) are used unless noted.

Furthermore, the scale used for the numerical SEAMEC Candidate Rating for judicial candidates is different:

- 5 - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- 4 - RECOMMENDED**
- 3 - ADEQUATE**
- 2 - INADEQUATE**
- 1 - RESISTANT**
- 0 - HOSTILE**

QUESTIONNAIRE GRADES

To the right of the SEAMEC Candidate Rating are the interview letter grades, which are the median grades given by the questionnaire review panelists. (Panels typically consist of 3-8 volunteers, the total number of which varies.) The scale used by the questionnaire review panelists is as follows:

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

CANDIDATE INDICATORS

After the candidate's name there may be one or two symbols.

- /** **INCUMBENT CANDIDATE.** The candidate currently holds the position and is running for re-election.
- ▼** **OPENLY LGBTQ CANDIDATE.** In 2006, at the request of the community and SEAMEC members, we added this symbol to indicate openly LGBTQ candidates.

2019 INTERVIEW CATEGORIES

The questions are asked in six categories. The categories and the question topics are:

- **Equality (E)**
- **Relationships (R)**
- **Sexual Misconduct (M)** *New 2018
- **Age and Gender (G)**
- **Health and Safety (H)**
- **Awareness (A)**

OTHER EVALUATION INDICATORS

If a candidate did not complete or submit a SEAMEC Questionnaire, the following indicator is used:

- di** **DECLINED EVALUATION.** Either declined to submit a questionnaire outright, or did not respond to multiple invitations to participate in the SEAMEC evaluation process.



SEATTLE METROPOLITAN ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

CANDIDATE RATINGS

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2019 GENERAL ELECTION

Candidate Ratings and Endorsements

BALLOTS DUE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Feel free to copy and distribute these ratings!

Additional information, detailed explanations for most candidates, written questionnaires, and member feedback available on our website at

<http://www.voteseamec.org>

or contact us by phone at (206) 428-7597.

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KING COUNTY

Assessor

John Wilson, <i>i</i>	3	DI
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Director of Elections

Julie Wise, <i>i</i>	3	DI
Mark Greene	?	DI

County Council

Council District 2

Larry Gossett, <i>i</i>	5	*
Girmay Zahilay	3	A A B A B A

Council District 4

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, <i>i</i>	5	DI
Abigail Doerr	3	DI

Council District 6

Claudia Bladucci, <i>i</i>	3	DI
Bill Hirt	?	DI

Council District 8

✓ JOE MCDERMOTT, <i>i</i>	5	A A A A A A
Michael Robert Neher	?	DI

PORT OF SEATTLE

Commissioner, Position 2

Sam Cho	4	A B A A A A
Grant Degginger	3	B B C B B B

Commissioner, Position 5

Fred Felleman, <i>i</i>	3	DI
Garth Jacobson	?	DI

CITY OF SEATTLE

Council District 1

✓ LISA HERBOLD, <i>i</i>	5	A A A A A A
Phil Tavel	3	DI

Council District 2

Mark Solomon	4	DI
Tammy Morales	3	DI

Council District 3

✓ EGAN ORION	5	A A A A A A
Kshama Sawant, <i>i</i>	4	DI

Council District 4 (short and full-term)

Alex Pedersen	3	DI
Shaun Scott	3	DI

Council District 5

Debora Juarez, <i>i</i>	4	DI
Ann Davison Sattler	?	DI

Council District 6

Heidi Wills	4	A A A A A A
Dan Strauss	3	DI

Council District 7

✓ ANDREW J. LEWIS	4	A A A A A A
Jim Pugel	3	A B B A B B

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director District 1

Eric Blumhagen	4	A A A A A A
Liz Rankin	3	DI

Director District 2

Lisa Rivera Smith	3	C C C C C C
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Director District 3

✓ CHANDRA HAMPSON	4	A A A A A A
Rebeca Muniz	3	DI

Director District 6

Leslie S. Harris, <i>i</i>	3	DI
Molly E. Mitchell	?	DI

* Candidate's completed questionnaire not received due to technical issues.

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THANK YOU!

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CRITICAL NOTICE FROM SEAMEC

SEAMEC has served the LGBTQ Community of Seattle and King County since 1977 by expanding the level of political awareness of voters with the mission of increasing the influence and impact of our community on elections.

To continue this vital political work, community members who care about LGBTQ Equality are needed now to join the SEAMEC Steering Committee to reinvigorate this organization as we prepare for the critical upcoming 2020 elections.

With the current political turmoil in our nation, our hard-fought gains for LGBTQ equality are in great jeopardy, making SEAMEC's mission as urgent and vital as ever. In the upcoming 2020 election cycle, we must raise \$10,000 to protect and retain the rights we have secured in our ongoing quest for equality!

Volunteer opportunities are also available to interview, evaluate, and recommend candidates running for office as well as other politically-related activities

To find out more about SEAMEC or to step up to the plate, please attend:

SEAMEC'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING
Saturday, December 14th at 3:00pm
Capitol Hill Library Meeting Room
425 Harvard Ave E
Seattle, WA 98102

After the conclusion of the meeting, an informal, no-host happy hour gathering will follow at Queer Bar, 1518 11th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TODAY! Contributions are welcome, needed, and greatly appreciated! Please see the contribution information on the facing page.

With Equality for All,
The SEAMEC Steering Committee
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