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## LEAGUE ACTIVISTS NEEDED

*League Chairman, Tom Albro*

Dear Members and Friends,

As you will see in this issue, the Municipal League is in full swing. As a matter of fact, so much is going on that we want and need you to get involved. One current project is the re-establishing of three member based standing committees, which will focus on governmental affairs for Seattle, Bellevue and suburban cities, and King County. Historically, this has been one of the most vibrant and influential activities of the League. We are fortunate to have outstanding Chairs for each of these committees. All we need is you. If you are interested in participating, contact the League by phone at (206) 622-8333, by email at [chairperson@munileague.org](mailto:chairperson@munileague.org), or simply attend one of the meetings (see the website for updated meeting times and dates).

The Board Nominations Committee is proud to present its slate of nominees for Board terms beginning in January of 2001. Nominees are listed on page 8. Members of the League will have the opportunity to vote next month.

November 7<sup>th</sup> is one of the most important dates in the new millennium. To assist you on Election Day, we have provided a recap of League ratings in this issue. Casting your vote will make a difference, so be sure to vote early. Then join us for election night festivities at Town Hall. For political junkies like me, this is a must do!

See you election night! Tom

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Contributors to this issue: Tom Albro, Deryl Brown-Archie, Jocelyn Marchisio, Sarah Larson, George Scott, Tom Page, Lucy Steers

## JOIN A REAL POLITICAL PARTY!

**The Municipal League of King County and  
Town Hall**

invite you to

## Election Watch 2000!

Nov. 7, 2000

7:00pm to 11:30pm

Town Hall

1119 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Seneca

Cost \$10.00 general public  
\$5.00 students and seniors

Join the only political party in town that offers food, a no-host bar, and immediate posting of results – direct from the Internet! Come at 7pm and watch the early returns in the presidential race from across the country on TV.

Presented with the support of City Club, The League of Women Voters, and The Northwest Forum at the Evans School of Public Affairs.

**Call the Municipal League at 206-622-8333 for  
more information.**

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Municipal League needs a few good volunteers. Over the few months you can help with data entry, phone banks to support our new membership drive, mailing parties and much more.

Anyone who is able to help out, please call Tom Page at the League office (206) 622-8333. You can also check out specific volunteer opportunities on the League website at [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org) or contact us by E-mail at [muni@munileague.org](mailto:muni@munileague.org) and tell us what types of assistance you are willing and able to provide. The League Office is located at 810 Third Avenue, Suite 224, Seattle, WA 98104.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ELECTION DAY**  
NOVEMBER 7, 2000

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
TOWN HALL 1119 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AT SENECA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2000 4:30 P.M.

**MUNI LEAGUE ELECTION WATCH PARTY**  
TOWN HALL 1119 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AT SENECA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2000 7-10:00 P.M.

**CITY CLUB BROWN BAG FORUM**  
TOPIC: ELECTION RECAP  
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
1217 SIXTH AVENUE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2000 12-1:30 P.M.

**POST-ELECTION PROPHECIES:**  
**EDUCATION & TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES**  
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY'S WYCOFF AUDITORIUM  
NOVEMBER 14, 2000 5:30 RECEPTION 6:00PM PROGRAM

**SEATTLE LIBRARY LIVING HISTORY SERIES**  
CLAY JENKINSON AS THOMAS JEFFERSON ELECTION  
TOWN HALL 1119 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AT SENECA  
NOVEMBER 14, 2000 7:30

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
PRESTON, GATES & ELLIS, LLP  
50<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM 9  
NOVEMBER 20, 2000 6 P.M.

**LEAGUE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
CALL THE LEAGUE OFFICE AT 206-622-833 OR SEE THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATED MEETING DATES AND TIMES. FOR A FULL LIST OF COMMITTEES, SEE PAGE 3.

### Feature Highlighting Our Partners in King County

## THE ALKI FOUNDATION: BRIDGING LOCAL BUSINESS WITH MUNICIPAL ACTIVISM

*By Sarah Larson*

How business friendly is the Seattle City Council candidate you elected? Which of the current King County Executive candidates is most in touch with Seattle's economic needs? For answers to questions like these, look into the Alki Foundation, affiliate of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Known to many as "Alki," this organization has a wealth of information on what our elected officials are doing to support the Seattle, Bellevue, and King County business community.

Recognizing the importance of a healthy economy to the livability of any city, Alki was founded in 1983 to ensure that needs of the business community are met in municipal government. Alki's diverse, non-partisan membership base falls just over 80, and is comprised of businesses ranging from multi-national corporations—such as Microsoft and Boeing—to the single person owned and operated start-up. Their common goal is simple: to identify, encourage, and promote the participation of civic leaders who demonstrate a balanced business perspective on social and economic issues in the Seattle, Bellevue, and King County area.

Alki is a not-for-profit organization funded entirely by membership dues and private contributions. The foundation achieves its mission through

**Candidate Evaluations.** By interviewing and surveying local candidates, Alki gains valuable insight to a contender's commitment to the local business community.

**Voting Records.** Voting records hold elected officials accountable to their campaign promises, and are available to members in on-line reports and printed newsletters.

**Special Events.** Alki also offers its members valuable access to local government through its numerous special events. From its Annual Report from the Mayor to informal, intimate luncheon policy forums, Alki keeps its members in touch with local politicians and fosters the exchange of ideas on policy affecting the business community concern, like housing and transportation.

Alki membership is open to both individuals and organizations. For more information on the Alki Foundation, contact Executive Director Bill McSherry at 206/389-7295 or visit their website at <http://www.alkifoundation.com>.

## TYPES OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS: WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

*By Jocelyn Marchisio, Trustee*

When the U.S. Supreme Court found California's blanket primary to be unconstitutional, it became apparent that the State of Washington would also eventually have to find an alternative system of nominating candidates for public office. This is cause for much consternation: Washington State's voters are very independent and have enjoyed use of the blanket primary system for years. Still, there are many alternatives to choose from. Consider these choices:

**Blanket Primary** = Voters may nominate any candidate in any given office regardless of their party affiliation. Now unconstitutional.

**Closed Primary** = A candidate may only be nominated for office by voters who have registered with the contender's party. Unaffiliated voters may not vote.

**Closed Primary, with Independent** = Same as the closed ballot system, except that unaffiliated voters are permitted to vote. Sometimes, only *one* of the major parties (Republican or Democrat) allows Independents to vote in their primary, and that party is noted on the ballot in brackets.

**Open Primary, Public Declaration** = Voters must publicly declare their choice of party before receiving a ballot at the polling place on Election Day.

**Open Primary, Private Choice** = Voters receive ballots for each political party and make their choice of which primary to participate in within the privacy of the voting booth.

In the presidential primary, Democratic and Republican voters receive color-coded ballots; only ballots from party voters are counted for delegate selection.

The cutoff for changing party registration in a presidential year is the first Monday immediately after the presidential primary.

Unaffiliated voters may cast their vote for any candidate regardless of party affiliation. The political parties are not obligated to use the votes of unaffiliated voters for the purposes of delegate selection.

The state legislature will have the difficult job of choosing between these choices for Washington's next primary election. Make sure your legislators know which choice you prefer.

## League Committees at Work:

The League has recently restructured its working committees, who have already begun developing work plans for the coming year. This is a great way to get involved and play an active role in *your* Municipal League. To participate, contact the League office at (206) 622-8333, or e-mail [muni@munileague.org](mailto:muni@munileague.org) for meeting times and locations.

**Communications:** Do you like to write? Have an eye for detail? You can help publish the Muni News, lend a hand with the League's website or help publicize the League's work in the community. *Chair: Lonnie Lusardo*

**Seattle Operations & Issues:** Keep an eye on Seattle government and help hold it accountable to the community. *Chair: Lucy Steers*

**King County Operations & Issues:** The watchdog of Metro King County. Join this committee and keep county government answerable to the people. *Chair: Deb Dollard*

**Bellevue/Suburban Cities Operations & Issues:** What is going on in cities and towns around the county? What issues are important to them? What's their relationship with county government? Joining this committee is a great way to find out more about often ignored issues effecting cities just outside of Seattle. *Chair: Dave Russell*

**Resource Development:** Help the League grow by recruiting new members and working with a great team to make certain the League has the funding it needs to succeed. *Chair: George Scott*

**Taking the Pulse:** What's working in local government? What isn't? Who cares? Taking the Pulse is the League's major project for 2001. Represent the League and go out to meet with community groups; lead discussion to find answers to these questions. *Chair: Gary McLean*

**Regional & Ballot Issues:** I-745, I-722, charter schools, raising taxes for transit and the Seattle Monorail were among the initiatives studied by the committee this election cycle. Meet with the sponsors and opponents of ballot measures, research the issues and help develop the League's public position on ballot initiatives. *Chair: Jocelyn Marchisio*

**Candidate Evaluation Steering Committee:** This committee is evaluating the rating process and formulating recommendations for improvements. *Chair: Putnam Barber*

**Civic Awards:** This committee plans the annual awards luncheon, next scheduled for June 8, 2001. Committee begins meeting in January. *Chair: Ruth Schroeder*

## What's Wrong with I-722?

*Elizabeth Pierini, Pres., League of Women Voters of WA  
Tom Albro, Chair, Municipal League of King County,  
Gene Lux, Pres., People for Fair Taxes*

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No one likes to pay taxes, and most of us agree that our system could use some reform. However, simplistic attempts at reform just make the system worse, and I-722 is no exception. What's wrong?

### The Repeal and Repay Provision:

- I-722 requires governments to repeal tax and fee increases enacted between July 2 (when I-695 petition signatures were submitted) and Dec. 31, 1999 (when I-695 became effective as law), and return the fees to taxpayers. Initiative proponents argue this will “teach them (our elected officials) a lesson.” Proponents say officials should have treated I-695 as law when the signatures were submitted to the State in July 1999. But no initiative petition has the force of law just because signatures are submitted. It is arrogant and foolish to try to punish elected officials for continuing to perform their functions under existing law until an initiative has been approved by the voters and become effective in accordance with its terms and the Constitution.
- Repayment is costly, unconstitutional, and unworkable. In the case of many taxes and fees, it's impossible to know who made the increased payments. If we don't know who paid the tax or fee, how can it be refunded? Even if possible, the costs of returning small fee increases would almost certainly exceed the amount of money returned. The State Supreme Court has ruled that our constitution prohibits refund of a lawfully collected tax. I-722 will generate needless litigation, wasting more taxpayer money.
- Initiative proponents state erroneously in the Voters Pamphlet that increasing taxes and fees during late 1999 was “an obvious attempt to get around I-695's voter-approval-for-tax increases requirement (which started January 2000).” In reality, local governments always adopt budgets in the fall of each year or biennium. Numerous fee and tax increases were considered before I-695 was submitted, many products of long-term financial planning. Seattle, for instance, had been gradually increasing its water rates for years to fund capital improvements to its aged water system. It is false to assert that this was “getting around” I-695.
- Financial impacts of Repeal and Repay would seriously hurt capital projects. I-722 is likely to bring lowered bond ratings, higher interest rates and possible default, thus increasing taxpayers' costs for capital improvements

### Property Tax “Limitations”

I-722's provisions limiting increases in property taxes are deeply flawed, especially sections, which provide windfalls for new construction and “exempt” annual increases in taxable valuation, which exceed the lesser of 2% or inflation.

- Like a backwards Robin Hood, I-722 takes from the poor and gives to the rich. I-722's valuation limits would destroy the historic uniformity and equity of the property tax reliance on fair market value. Why? Tax cuts for some shift the burden to others. Property taxes in Washington are collected in a “closed” system, like toothpaste in a lidded tube. When you squeeze one end, the toothpaste moves elsewhere but doesn't go away--regardless of the tube's size. I-722 reduces the taxes for properties with rapidly increasing value by increasing the taxes for properties with stable or decreasing value. I-722 gives major tax breaks to new skyscrapers in Seattle and Bellevue and homes in affluent Puget Sound neighborhoods, forcing properties with slow-growing value to make up the difference. I-722's inequity is particularly harmful for rural areas. Proponents may deny these impacts but I-722 simply cannot override basic mathematics and our State Constitution!
- I-722's treatment of new construction creates glaring inequity. Assessor data shows a new skyscraper built in 2009 at a cost of \$300 million, under I-722 “may be valued at a cost of 10 years prior, possibly at \$150 million or less.” That's a huge windfall for expensive new development. This provision won't reduce the total property tax but will shift the burden to less affluent property owners. I-722's windfall for new construction will attract added commercial development to growth hotspots, further depriving slow-growth areas.
- I-722 could actually result in higher taxes for senior and handicapped citizens of modest means enrolled in state tax relief programs. Don't believe us? Ask your financial advisor or County Assessor.
- I-722 reduces tax revenue in years when inflation tops 2 percent. Results: fire districts, public health providers and others must cut critical services, due to I-722's inflexible levy lid and repeal of existing legislation protecting future levy capacity.

**I-722 is Bad for Taxpayers.** Its Repeal and Repay provision is administratively complex and therefore expensive. It increases costs of capital improvements through lowered bond ratings. It is Constitutionally suspect, and will only add to the costs of lawsuits that taxpayers already have to pay. I-722's tax “limitations” are patently unfair, giving major tax breaks to high-end properties while increasing taxes on others by undercutting fair, market-based valuations. Those using the initiative process to “send a message” should find a cheaper way to express themselves.

# Municipal League Board Action on Statewide Initiatives

## I-713: No Position

This initiative, known as the *Animal Trappings measure*, prohibits the use of animal leg, neck, or body gripping traps. The Board did not address it because its subject is outside the organization's mission.

## I-722: Oppose

This measure limits property tax increases to 2% annually, repeals all new taxes or tax increases not voted by the people (which were enacted after the date I-695 qualified for the ballot), and exempts all vehicles from the property tax. The Board opposed it on the grounds that

- ✓ It is a tax shift, not a tax cut. The initiative shifts the burden from high appreciation property owners to average home-owners;
- ✓ Low income seniors will pay even more when assessed rates are frozen because levy rates will be higher
- ✓ The 106% lid will be reduced to 102%;
- ✓ The Legislature has already exempted vehicles from property tax;
- ✓ The 2% value limitation is likely unconstitutional; and
- ✓ The permanent 1999+2% lid on new construction and manufactured property creates a windfall for new construction.

## I-728: No Position

This measure directs a portion of state property tax to a new Student Achievement Fund for class size reduction, extended learning opportunities, and professional development; transfers money in excess of the minimum required for the I-601 "Rainy Day Fund" to the Student Achievement Fund to be used for the same purposes; and dedicates state lottery revenues (which currently go to the General Fund) to the Student Achievement Fund and to school construction. The Board was not able to reach the 2/3-majority vote necessary to take a position on this issue.

## I-729: No Position

This measure allows public schools to establish charter schools, and then turn them over to nonprofit organizations for operation. It also prescribes a number of conditions and limitations

governing Charter Schools' development and operation. The Board was not able to reach the 2/3-majority vote necessary to take a position on this issue.

## I-732: Oppose

This measure requires funding of automatic, across-the-board, annual salary increases at rates equal to the prior year rate of inflation for all K-12 employees and community and technical college staff. Beginning the academic year of 2001-2002, school districts and community and technical college districts would be required to spend their cost of living allocations on salary adjustments. The Board opposed it because

- ✓ Its goal of "keeping well-qualified teachers" does not match the strategy of assuring raises for ALL school employees;
- ✓ For salaries so far below industry standards, a COLA increase will be insufficient to meet needs;
- ✓ It lacks directive to the legislature to come up with the necessary money;
- ✓ It could provide the Legislature with an excuse for continued under funding of teachers' wages;
- ✓ We question the fairness of separating out one group of state employees for yearly COLA increases.

## I-745 Oppose

This measure requires 90% of transportation funds to go to roads. The Board opposed this on the grounds that

- ✓ It would increase gridlock and congestion on our roads,
- ✓ It robs voter-approved local and regional transit funds to build highways,
- ✓ It weakens state and regional policies and plans that allow transportation choices to fit local needs,
- ✓ The initiative eliminates the local/regional match needed to receive federal transit funds, and
- ✓ It violates both the State Constitution and state law, which require voter-approved funds to be spent for stated ballot purpose.

# Municipal League Board Action On Local Ballot Measures

## Seattle Proposition No. 1: Support

This measure, known as the *Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails and Zoo Levy*, would raise \$198.2 million dollars for parks purposes by increasing the levy lid for 8 years. It would cost the average Seattle homeowner about \$91 annually initially, rising to approximately \$112 in 2008. The Board supported it because

- ✓ It enables us to save green and open spaces in the face of rapid urban growth and development;
- ✓ The project list is based on review and prioritization of projects already identified in parks and open space studies and adopted land use plans;
- ✓ Parks budgets are historically vulnerable during budget crunches;
- ✓ Maintenance is addressed through a mandate for city appropriations for that purpose;
- ✓ Levy funds cannot be used to supplant regular parks funding;
- ✓ Unanticipated needs are provided for through an Opportunity Fund;
- ✓ Accountability will be provided by a Citizens Oversight Committee.

## Seattle Proposition No. 2: No Position

The **Monorail Initiative**, if passed, would authorize the Elevated Transit Company to become an independent private development authority (PDA), called the Seattle Popular Transit Authority, which would succeed the ETC. It authorizes \$6,000,000 from the Seattle General Fund to develop a citywide monorail plan and prepare any "necessary" EIS on the proposed "Seattle Popular Transit Plan" which must be approved by the voters within 24 months. The city would be required to reserve up to \$200 million of council manic bonding capacity to be used for construction if the voters approve the plan.

The Plan will propose a method of appointing members to the SPTA to succeed the ETC. Until

there is a Plan a quorum of 60 % of the existing ETC members will appoint new members by a majority vote of the remaining ETC members, with the City Council allowed to affirm or reject only ETC approved candidates. An alternative method of selection by election is suggested but not required in the Initiative. The Board was not able to reach the 2/3-majority vote necessary to take a position on this issue.

## King County Proposition No. 1: Support

The Municipal League of King County recommends a "yes" vote on King County Proposition No. 1 (County 0.2% Sales Tax for Transit). If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to impose an additional sales and use tax of not more than two-tenths of one percent to support transit and alleviate traffic congestion. The proposed tax would be used for purposes of funding the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of King County Metro public transportation. These purposes include but are not limited to bus service, accessible services, vanpool programs, passenger facilities, park and ride facilities, and other congestion relief projects to preserve and enhance Metro Transit services.

Metro Transit has one of the highest rider-ships per capita in the nation (100 million boardings per year for a population of 1.6 million), and demand is increasing. This is the county's principal alternative to the automobile and hope for containing congestion. While use of the sales tax is regressive, voters should take this opportunity to continue Metro Transit's growth, not curtail it.

**To view the Ballot Measure Position Papers, prepared by the Ballot Issues Committee and used by the Board in making its decisions, see our Website: [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org). To request paper copies, please call the Municipal League office at (206) 622-8333.**

## Recap of Municipal League 2000 Candidate Ratings

(Contested Races Only. For more information about the candidates check out the autobiographical information posted on the League website at [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).)

### 1st District

#### Position #1

Eric Marrs (R)	Insufficient Information
Al O'Brien (D)	Very Good

### Position #2

Jeanne Edwards (D)	Very Good
Andy Vanderhoff (R)	Adequate

### Senate

Rosemary McAuliffe (D)	Very Good
Leo Van Hollebeke (R)	Very Good

# Recap of Municipal League 2000 Candidate Ratings (continued)

## 5th District

### **Position #1**

Glenn Anderson (R) Good  
 Di Irons (D) Adequate  
 Steve Otto (L) Insufficient Information

### **Position #2**

Lori Bechtold (D) Very Good  
 Cheryl Pflug (R) Very Good

### **Senate**

Dino Rossi (R) Good  
 Azziem Underwood (D) Good

## 11th District

### **Position #1**

Eileen Cody (D) Very Good  
 Brian Van Beek (R) Good

### **Position #2**

Velma Veloria (D) Very Good  
 Richard Zwicker (R) Adequate

## 25th District

### **Position #1**

Sarah Casada (R) Insufficient Information  
 Richard Hildreth (D) Good

### **Position #2**

David Morell (R) Insufficient Information  
 Adrienne Thompson (D) Very Good

### **Senate**

Jerry Christensen (L) Good  
 Jim Kastama (D) Good  
 Joyce McDonald (R) Good

## 30th District

### **Position #1**

Mark Miloscia (D) Very Good  
 Tom Pierson (R) Good

### **Position #2**

Michael Maine (D) Adequate  
 Maryann Mitchell (R) Very Good

## 31st District

### **Position #1**

Don Bingham (L) Not Qualified  
 Dan Roach (R) Adequate  
 Mike Stensen (D) Good

### **Position #2**

Steve Hammond (R) Very Good  
 Christopher Hurst (D) Outstanding

## 32nd District

### **Position #2**

Bill Healy (L) Adequate  
 Ruth Kagi (D) Outstanding

## 33rd District

### **Position #1**

Joseph Coomer (R) Insufficient Information  
 Shay Schual-Berke (D) Very Good

### **Position #2**

Karen Keiser (D) Very Good  
 Robert Ross (R) Good

## 34th District

### **Position #1**

Gary Knutson (L) Adequate

Erik Poulsen (D) Very Good

### **Position #2**

Joe McDermott (D) Very Good  
 Les Ungerleider (R) Very Good

## 34th District

### **Senate**

Frank Bradley (R) Good  
 Dow Constantine (D) Very Good

## 36th District

### **Position #1**

Jeanne Black-Ferguson (NL) Adequate  
 Leslie Klein (R) Adequate  
 Andrew Rogers (L) Insufficient Information  
 Helen Sommers (D) Outstanding

### **Position #2**

Mary Lou Dickerson (D) Very Good  
 Micheal Lewis (R) Adequate  
 Donald Zeek (L) Insufficient Information

## 37th District

### **Position #1**

Calvin Brown (R) Insufficient Information  
 Sharon Tomiko Santos (D) Good

## 41st District

### **Position #2**

Ida Ballasiotes (R) Outstanding  
 Carol Miller (L) Insufficient Information

## 45th District

### **Position #1**

Jim Gordon (D) Insufficient Information  
 Kathy Lambert (R) Very Good

### **Position #2**

Toby Nixon (R) Good  
 Laura Ruderman (D) Very Good

## 46th District

### **Position #1**

Jim McIntire (D) Very Good  
 Pennie O'Grady (NL) Insufficient Information  
 John Sample (L) Adequate

### **Position #2**

Tim Grove (R) Adequate  
 Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney (D) Very Good

## 47th District

### **Position #1**

Phil Fortunato (R) Very Good  
 Geoff Simpson (D) Very Good

### **Position #2**

Jack Cairnes (R) Good  
 Deborah Jacobson (D) Good

## 48th District

### **Position #1**

Luke Esser (R) Good  
 Randy Johnson (D) Good

### **Position #2**

Rick Gallegos (L) Adequate  
 Karen Marchioro (D) Very Good  
 Steve Van Luven (R) Good

# JUDICIAL CANDIDATE RATINGS

(Contested Races Only)

The King County legal community regularly rates judges and judicial candidates. Not all candidates submit to this rating process and the rating organizations have slightly different criteria for the rating categories. For more information you should contact the organization directly. Contact information can be found on the Washington State Bar Association website at [www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org). Below you will find available ratings for candidates prepared by the following organizations:

King County Bar Association:	Lawyers who practice primarily in King County
Asian Bar Association:	Asian lawyers in Washington State
Loren Miller Bar Association:	African American lawyers in Washington State
Washington Women Lawyers:	Women lawyers in Washington State

WASHINGTON STATE SUPREME COURT	King County Bar	Asian Bar Assoc	Loren Miller Bar	WA. Women Lawyers
Pos. 2 Susan Owens	Adequate			
Jeffrey Sullivan	Well Qualified			
Pos. 9 Tom Chambers	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified
James Foley	Not Qualified			
<b>KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT</b>				
Pos. 11 Robert S. Bryan	Well Qualified	Qualified	Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified
Catherine D. Shaffer	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	

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## NEW MUNI LEAGUE BOARD NOMINEES

League Members will have the opportunity to vote for Trustees on the League Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2001. Ballots showing the following slate of nominees will be mailed in November.

The Nominations Committee recommends the following individuals to the membership:

**Putnam Barber**  
**Deryl Brown-Archie (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**  
**Doreen Cato**  
**Debra Dollard**  
**Ron Jenkins**  
**Lonnie Lusardo**  
**C. Richard (Rick) Meyer**  
**Tom Tierney**

# Marching to a Different Drummer: The Renaissance of the Municipal League

*By George Scott, Trustee*

David Broder's 1973 book, "The Party's Over" spoke to the decay of civic participation. Since then, ever-narrower competing groups and lobbies have proliferated. "Scandals" and negative campaigning by ten second sound bites have turned others off. Government has grown more complex, and many feel more remote. In Washington—as in other states—competition has dropped as incumbents are fueled by unprecedented amounts of money. Initiatives are radically changing tax and other systems built over decades as drastically as I-695 did car license fees—and the future of transportation. It is a trying time in the life of the Republic, a turning point. Will you be one of the multitudes who watch, and accept their fate at the hands of others, or one of the few engaged in making sure we take the right turns?

In the past year the League has had a remarkable resurgence, and we are looking to add 300 new members, as well as double our corporate sponsors. Nine committees are studying issues like the initiative process. We've linked with the Evans Graduate School of Public Affairs at the U of W to undertake the "Take the Pulse" project, a project designed to find out why people drop out of the political process, and how to bring them back.

The Municipal League of King County, a 90 year old "watch dog" and "civic institution" is still the only nonpartisan civic builder, one evaluating candidates and issues on the basis of merit, not special interest. In today's environment it is more needed than ever! Join us and bring your friends.

**Please tell us whom you believe to be civically oriented, clip off the sheet below and drop it in the mail. Invitations to join will be mailed.**

*By the way, if you want to get together for a few hours with some engaged and engaging folks, call Tom Page, the League's staff person, at 622-8333 so he can put you in touch with the right League Committee.*

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**I think the League will intrigue these friends:**

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(Names[s]) (Address) (Phone/Email)

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