

From the Desk of  
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CANDIDATE FOR KING COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Neighbor,

Over the past several months, I've knocked on thousands of doors and the message is clear: neighbors want urgent action and results to reduce homelessness, improve public safety, increase housing affordability, and expand access to frequent, reliable and safe public transit. With your vote, I'll take on these issues with clarity, compassion, and unmatched experience as an Assistant Attorney General, mom, and community advocate.

I am running for King County Council because good values and intentions are not enough- we need proven leadership rooted in practical solutions and a commitment to action. I will bring unmatched experience working on a broad range of issues that King County needs leadership on at this moment in time.

For 25 years I've called our district home. I spent much of my childhood on Queen Anne, where my mom still lives. My husband Joel and I chose Ballard as our home to raise our kids—where our children are students at Salmon Bay K-8 School.

I have dedicated my 20-year public service career to developing and implementing workable solutions to some of our most pressing challenges. For the past decade, I've worked as an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting wage theft, holding polluters accountable, and serving on the Attorney General's Office's Opioid Task force. I want to bring this expertise to tackle the opioid crisis that has flooded our communities and cost too many lives.

I'm proud of the work that I've done for the people of Washington State—and proud to have the endorsement of my boss, Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

In 2016, our current County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles appointed me to the King County Women's Advisory Board where I have worked to expand access to affordable childcare and increased investments in housing, behavioral health and services for survivors of domestic violence. I am proud that Councilmember Kohl-Welles has endorsed my campaign.



I want to bring these unique skills and experience to the Council to deliver on the following:

**Reducing homelessness:** I will demand immediate investment in more tiny homes and emergency shelter, and the long-term construction of transitional and affordable housing. I will seek to serve on the governing committee of our regional homelessness authority and reset that agency to increase accountability and deliver results to rapidly house the unsheltered and increase behavioral health and service delivery to dramatically reduce homelessness.

**Improve public safety:** I am committed to reducing crime and tackling the fentanyl and gun violence crises through public health and effective law enforcement responses. I will strengthen partnerships with law enforcement and courts, expand effective diversion, behavioral health, and substance use treatment, and prioritize the arrest and prosecution of dealers and suppliers of illegal firearms to reduce not only incidents of crime and violence, but restore lives. I have proposed a County Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Firearm Safety to elevate and coordinate both prevention and response to the epidemic of gun violence that is costing too many lives.

**Affordable and liveable neighborhoods.** I will work to create more affordable housing, open space and tree canopy, and help to fix our regressive tax structure and grant property tax relief for fixed income

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seniors, and working families. The cumulative effect of the high cost of living and property tax increases is threatening to displace too many fixed income neighbors and I will work to help pass a “homestead exemption” and broaden exemptions to ensure people can stay housed.

**Protecting our environment and expanding access to safe, reliable transit.** We need a champion for our environment—clean air and water—and urgent climate action on the King County Council. I am committed to increasing transit ridership and access by expanding reliable, fast, zero emission public transit, and ensuring it is safe for everyone. I will also accelerate efforts to secure farmlands, forests, and open space, upgrade and expand the capacity of West Point treatment plant to prevent future spills, and help frontline, low-income families and seniors transition to electric heating and cooling—critical in hotter summers and to mitigate the health impacts of wildfire smoke.

In addition to endorsements from leaders like Attorney General Ferguson, Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, and Councilmembers Kohl-Welles, Zahilay and Dembowski, I’m honored to have earned sole endorsements from the King County Democrats, our local 36th and 46th District Democrats, MLK Labor Council, and the endorsement of Washington Conservation Action as well as leaders in business, arts and culture, and our NW Seattle Neighborhoods.

With your vote I pledge to take action on the priorities you have shared with me throughout this campaign: impactful solutions that will reduce homelessness, improve public safety, and address the affordability crisis pushing young people, working families and seniors from our County.

I will also champion our environment, arts, culture, and science, and support for businesses in King County. While no one elected official can solve these issues alone, I’m confident that my proven experience and track record as an advocate, collaborator, attorney, and problem solver can and will make a difference.

You can learn more about my experience, priorities, and endorsements at [SarahReyneveld.com](http://SarahReyneveld.com). Please feel free to reach out anytime with your questions, ideas, and priorities. It would be an honor to serve you, and I would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely,



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