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## Notice of vote

This serves as official notice that the following resolution, proposed at the September 23 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle will be discussed and voted on at the October 14 meeting of the MDC.

*RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle opposes the Seattle City Council's defunding the Seattle Police Department and overriding Mayor Jenny Durkan's veto.*

*Moved by Lem Howell  
Seconded by Allan Munro*

## Ballot measures to be discussed October 14

As all candidates endorsed by the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle in its primary endorsement proceedings are among the top two contenders, there will be no general endorsement ballot this year. However, members are invited to discuss ballot measures at the MDC's October 14 meeting. King County Councilmembers Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay, and Jeanne Kohl-Welles will join in the discussion. With the exception of state advisory votes, the measures are listed here with abridged descriptions.

### Washington ballot measures

#### Referendum measure No. 90

Senate Bill 5395 would require school districts to adopt or develop, consistent with state standards, comprehensive age-appropriate sexual health education for all students and excuse students if their parents request.

#### SJR No. 8212

The legislature proposed a constitutional amendment on investment of public funds. This amendment would allow public money held in a fund for long-term care services and support to be invested by governments as authorized by state law, including investments in private stocks.

### King County ballot measures

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## October meetings: ballot measures, CASC

### October 14, noon

**On October 14** at noon, in addition to discussing a resolution opposing defunding Seattle police, members and friends of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle will discuss measures to appear on the general election ballot. On hand to elaborate on King County ballot measures will be King County Councilmembers Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay, and Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/Oct14Meeting>

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### October 28, noon

**On October 28** at noon Dian Ferguson, executive director of the Central Area Senior Center, will speak on efforts to acquire the CASC building within the context of its history, Black Lives Matters, seniors and serving them during the pandemic. Ms Ferguson previously worked with the City of Seattle as a human services policy advisor to the mayor and city council and as a strategic advisor for planning with the Human Services Department.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/Oct28Meet>

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## MDC meeting highlights

**September 15** - King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci described the county's budget response to COVID-19 related to local business, the arts, and shelter/isolation. She said she would support any taxation steps that would make our system more equitable.

**September 23** - Representative Roger Goodman, chair of the House Public Safety Committee, joined the MDC for its

discussion of police budget and reform. He said there are certain to be changes regarding police accountability, decertification and use of lethal force. He said police funds should be reallocated as we re-imagine public safety.

**September 28** - Lisa Stone and Courtney Chappell of Legal Voice explained the organization's efforts to advance women's and LGBTQ rights through litigation, legislative advocacy and education.

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Charter Amendment No. 1 - Inquests

Shall King County Charter Section 895 concerning mandatory inquests be amended to: (1) clarify that an inquest is required when a member of a law enforcement agency’s action, decision, or possible failure to offer appropriate care might have contributed to an individual’s death; and (2) to provide an attorney at the county’s expense to represent the decedent’s family in the inquest proceeding?

Charter Amendment No. 2 - Disposition of Real Property for Affordable Housing

Shall Section 230.10.10 of the King County charter be amended to remove a charter restriction on the county’s authority to transfer, lease or sell real property for less than fair market value when the property will be used for affordable housing?

Charter Amendment No. 3 - References to Citizens

Shall the Preamble and Sections 260 and 800 of the King County charter be amended to replace the word “citizen” with “public,” “member of the public” or “resident,” as applicable?

Charter Amendment No. 4 - Office of Law Enforcement Oversight – Subpoena Authority

Shall Section 265 of the King County charter be amended to authorize the office of law enforcement oversight to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence related to its investigations and reviews of county law enforcement officers?

Charter Amendment No. 5 - Making the King County Sheriff an Appointed Position

Shall the King County charter be amended to return the position of King County sheriff to an appointed position with a requirement for consideration of community stakeholder input during the selection process and to make the county executive responsible for bargaining working conditions with the department of public safety’s represented employees?

Charter Amendment No. 6 - Structure and Duties of the Department of Public Safety

Shall the King County charter be amended so that the duties of the county sheriff and the structure and duties of the department of public safety are established by county ordinance and the county executive is responsible for bargaining working conditions with the department of public safety’s represented employees?

Charter Amendment No. 7 - Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Family Caregiver, Military or Veteran Status

Shall Section 840 of the King County charter be amended to prohibit discrimination in county employment and in county contracting with nongovernmental entities on the basis of status as a family caregiver, military status or status as a veteran who was honorably discharged or who was discharged solely as a result of the person’s sexual orientation or gender identity or expression?

Proposition No. 1 - Harborview Medical Center Health and Safety Improvement Bonds

The King County Council passed Ordinance 19117 concerning this proposition to issue Harborview Medical Center improvement bonds. This proposition would authorize King County to make public health, safety and seismic improvements to Harborview Medical Center facilities, including construction of new buildings, renovation and upgrading of existing facilities and demolition of existing buildings, and to issue \$1,740,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years to pay for such improvements and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance 19117.

**Seattle ballot measures**

Proposition No. 1 - Funding for Transit and Related Transportation Needs

The City of Seattle’s Proposition 1 concerns funding for transit and related transportation needs in Seattle. If approved, this proposition authorizes up to 0.15% sales and use tax expiring April 1, 2027, and as proposed in Ordinance 126115, to replace the current voter-approved 0.1% sales tax, expiring December 31, 2020. Revenues are dedicated to: transit services benefitting Seattle residents, including frequent transit network maintenance and associated capital improvements; low-income fare programs for Seattle seniors, students, workers, and residents; and transportation needs related to COVID-19 recovery and the West Seattle Bridge closure.

Membership renewal date appears on above label

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