

# The Voter

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## Debate Watching 101

Adapted from the LWVUS Materials

*While the first of the presidential debates has passed, the following materials apply to both the remaining presidential debates and any state or local candidate forums you may be watching.*

Candidate debates have a long history in American politics. At every level of government—from city council to state legislature, from Congress to President of the United States—candidates participate in debates to help voters understand who and what they stand for.

At the same time, we can watch debates with a critical eye in order to get the most out of them. Many candidates rehearse thoroughly for debates, making it hard to get candid, spontaneous answers. Debates—and the extensive commentary afterwards—can tend to emphasize form over substance, such as the candidates' appearance instead of their stands on the issues. You may watch a debate and still not get answers to the questions you have about the candidates and issues.

### Before the Debate

Plan to watch the debate in a group and discuss it afterwards! This can be a great way to clarify your thoughts about what was said in the debate, and how the candidates performed.

- Think about the issues and candidates in advance, and think about what issues matter most to you as a voter. What do you want to hear from the candidates about the issues that matter most to you?
- Visit the candidates' websites and read recent news coverage. What are the major top-

ics dominating headlines? How are the candidates talking about pressing issues facing our community and our country?

- Think about the questions you have and the information you want to get from the debate to help you in your decision making as a voter.
- Open your mind to new opinions/impressions of the candidate regardless of party affiliation.

### During the Debate: Things to Look For

The format and media coverage of debates are also important factors to consider while watching a debate in addition to candidates' responses. They can influence public opinion and alter your view of a candidate. When watching the debate, keep these questions in mind as you judge the candidates.

### The Debate Format and Questions

1. Is each candidate given equal opportunity to speak and respond to questions?
2. Are the questions clear, fair and equally tough on all candidates?
3. Do the questions cover the issues that are important to you?
4. Is the moderator in control of the debate? Does the moderator need to say less and let the candidates say more?

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## Connecting with the Leadership

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Let's Party! As the Seattle-King County League strengthens its outreach program, we are planning more events to interest both our members and the public. Although our "brand" is as stellar as it's always been, we want to bring more attention to ourselves and the good work that we do.

With that in mind, we're planning two low-key events for this fall, and a "high-key" one for the spring:

The first will be ballot issues parties. Although nothing is yet finalized, our Outreach chair, Stephanie Cirkovich, is working with Starbucks to hold these parties at five or six Starbucks around the county. We would provide sample ballots, so attendees can later vote in private, and we will also provide a postage stamp. A League member would be at each one, to facilitate the discussion and keep it on topic and League-like. The tentative time is the afternoon of Tuesday, November 1, one week before election day.

The idea for these parties arose because we hear that people miss the camaraderie of meeting their neighbors at the polling place. This is an opportunity to invite your neighbors to join you and others in a civil political discussion in a convivial atmosphere. We do hope that units will participate in the party in their area Starbucks.

We are planning an informal post-election happy hour event on December 1 at Town Hall. Well-regarded political analyst David Domke will predict what the results of the election mean, at both the federal and state levels. We will charge a modest admission fee and provide appetizers, with a no-host bar. Tell your friends and mark your calendar now for what should be a fun and stimulating event. Invitations and more information to come, so stay tuned.

And because we are not holding our usual fall fundraiser, we are planning for a spring gala,

probably in March, to celebrate women's history month. We plan to have a well-known speaker who would attract members of the public. Two suggestions so far: Elizabeth Warren and Samantha Bee. We need to start contacting potential speakers right now—if you have someone in mind that you would like to hear, please let me know. We prefer a woman, but it's not an absolute requirement.

Finally, our League will host the State convention in June. We have been looking at potential sites, but lots of planning needs to be done. We would like an intriguing theme: to give you ideas, "The Butterfly Effect" (how one small action can lead to big changes) was the theme of the last convention, in Yakima. The State Council, last June in Vancouver, was in partnership with the Oregon League. Its theme was "Meet Me at the Columbia," and the speakers focused on issues regarding water.

We need volunteers to work on all of these events. If you're interested, don't feel you have to volunteer to be on every committee. You can take a small bite. Be a host for a ballot issues party? Or how about the catering committee for the post-election event? The speakers committee for the spring event? Planning the theme for the convention? There will be lots of opportunities in the next few months. You'll meet fellow Leaguers, get your creative juices flowing, and, hopefully, have some fun.

Now back to what's going on today: it has been exhausting. As I write this, we have just finished sponsoring three forums on Sound Transit 3 in King County. The Pierce and Snohomish counties also each sponsored one forum. The three county Leagues must agree on a joint decision about whether to endorse the measure or encourage a No vote. Otherwise, we must take no position. Our board will hold our endorsement meeting on October 1.

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
2	3 Intern't'l Relat. Comm. 12:45 p.m. <b>Voter Deadline</b>	4	5	6 Forum: Ballot Issues 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Candidates Forum 10:00 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Transportation Comm. 10:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Education Comm. 11:00 a.m.	28	29 Econ. & Tax. Comm. 9:30 a.m.
30	31 	November 1	2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

*Units meet during shaded period*

## OCTOBER

Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 1  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

International Relations  
Committee  
Monday, October 3  
12:45 p.m.  
League Office

**The Voter Deadline**  
Monday, October 3

Forum: Ballot Issues  
Thursday, October 6  
7:00 p.m.  
Seattle First Baptist Church

Forum: OSPI and CPL  
Candidates  
Saturday, October 8  
10:00 a.m.  
Quincy Jones Performance Hall

Transportation Committee  
Tuesday, October 18  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

Education Committee  
Thursday, October 27  
11:00 a.m.  
League Office

Econ. & Tax. Committee  
Saturday, October 29  
9:30 a.m.  
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

## NOVEMBER

Board Meeting  
Saturday, November 5  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

## Forum Schedule

**Oct 6** - General Election Ballot Issues

**Nov 3** - Affordable Housing

**Jan 5** - Program Planning

**Feb 2** - Issues on Aging

**Mar 2** - Women's Issues

**Apr 6** - Juvenile Justice

**May 4** - Gun Control & Mental Health

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. The tentative schedule of forums for 2015-6 appears at left; check the *Voter* each month or the LWVS-KC website, [seattlelwv.org](http://seattlelwv.org), for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

## Board Briefs by Zara Kublin, Secretary

*The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on Saturday, September 10. This is a summary of their work.*

September and October are busy months for the League. We have multiple upcoming forums. Topics include, but are not limited to, Sound Transit 3, candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Commissioner of Public Lands and ballot measures. Please check the calendar on the website or in *The Voter* for full information. Members are encouraged to attend and, as always, volunteers are much appreciated!

At the September 10 meeting, the Board discussed updating and redesigning our website and printed materials to improve the look, functionality and overall visual/branding consistency across all LWVS-KC products. A committee has formed to start the website project. Let us know if you'd be interested in joining or advising the committee.

Our new membership chair informed us that she will be emailing all candidates in the county, inviting them to become new members. She'd like to see each Unit designate a Membership

Chair (apart from the Unit Chair) to assist her in recruitment.

In order to increase League visibility – and have fun – the board is discussing possibilities for having small “ballot parties” all over the county on the same day in late October/early November. The League will provide mockup ballots, discuss the ballot measures, and the issues at hand. **All LWV members would remain neutral on all topics.** We will provide snacks and stamps. Further information will be forthcoming. While preliminary plans are being made, we may still need hosts.

LWVS-KC will be hosting the 2017 State Convention in June. The Board is looking into venues and speakers, and hopes to form a planning committee as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you're interested in helping.

The Board would like to put on a post-election

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*Board Briefs continued:*

wrap-up Fall fundraising event this year. November 18th and 19th are dates being considered. There will be a speaker. We're currently looking into venues.

We're also looking ahead to the big Spring gala, which will take place during Women's History Month in March. The Board is considering venues, topics and speakers. We'll also be seeking sponsorships. If you have any ideas or can be a part of the steering committee, please contact us! Our email addresses can be found in the back of this *Voter*.

*Leadership continued:*

We also held candidates' forums for State Treasurer, Auditor, and Secretary of State. And we still have two forums to go: We have one more candidates' forum, for both the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of Public Lands. That will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 10:00 AM at Garfield High School. Our regular Thursday forum will be on ballot issues, at our usual location, the Baptist Church.

I have found that nothing beats going to these forums and seeing the candidates face-to-face. They have helped me lean to certain candidates, although I will also read what they have to say on Vote411. But if you haven't been able to attend a forum, all of these, including the Sound Transit ones, have been taped. You can check our web site for details.

We all know that this election season has been one for the books, and if you're like me, you'll be glad when it's over. Probably the talk with your friends is about the presidential election, but as a League member you know how important the "down ballot" races are, so please remind anyone you know who might not want to vote how critical these are to our everyday lives.

So, this has been a busy fall, and won't let up until after the election. But even then we'll still be here working to educate voters, to encourage new membership, and to promote the League.



Amanda Clark  
President

### **Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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# Committees

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**Economics and Taxation Committee**

DATE: Saturday, October 29  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

We encourage participation in our committees by all interested members. It's a great opportunity to meet and talk to community leaders, stakeholder organizations, and experts where you can have direct input on local issues that affect you.

**Education Committee**

DATE: Thursday, October 27  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
PLACE: League Office

Don't see a committee that covers your issue? Call the office and let us know. Sometimes people are working more informally without regularly scheduled meetings. If so, we may be able to help connect you with them or help you start your own.

**International Relations Committee**

DATE: Monday, October 3  
TIME: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: League Office

**Transportation Committee**

DATE: Tuesday, October 18  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
PLACE: League Office

## Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS-KC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS-KC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS-KC affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.

# King County Connects — Announcements

## ISSAQUAH HOLIDAY PARTY *SAVE THE DATE*

The Issaquah unit invites all Eastside LWV members (and guests interested in the League) to a holiday party with lunch provided by the Issaquah unit. Donations of \$6 are requested.

Date: November 29, 2016

Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: St. Michael's Episcopal Church (large room in the basement), 325 SE Darst Street, Issaquah. Darst Street is near Issaquah High School and off of 2nd Avenue.

RSVP to Margaret Austin at [barrie.austin@comcast.net](mailto:barrie.austin@comcast.net) or 425-392-5760

## *Post-Election Party*

Thursday December 1, 2016  
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Downstairs at Town Hall Seattle  
1119 Eighth Ave

Featured Speaker: David Domke

No Host Bar and Light Hors d'Oeuvres

Come celebrate all the great voter education we've done this year and discuss where we will go next!

*Election season is a great time to recruit new members! Use this form to encourage friends, neighbors - even strangers - to sign up, particularly if they ask you: "What's the League's position on this issue?"*

## Join the League!

Take part in informed discussions of the issues facing our communities. Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, for the latest updates on current studies and action, monthly forums, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League.

League membership is open to men and women.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues and contributions:

- \$75 one year individual membership
- \$110 one year household membership
- \$40 low or fixed income
- \$35 student
- Enclosed is a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form or go online to [www.seattlelwv.org/membership](http://www.seattlelwv.org/membership).

Membership dues and contributions are not tax deductible; however, eligible tax deductible contributions may be made to the LWVS-KC Education Fund.

## Thank you for supporting the work of the LWV!

Please return this form to:  
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Seattle, WA 98122-7007



**Celebrating 96 years of educating voters, improving elections, and making democracy work!**

# Action

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## State Ballot Measures

LWVWA has endorsed the following measures:

I-1433 – Raise the WA minimum wage

I-1464 – Clean Up Politics in Washington

I-1491 – Allows temporary restriction of access to firearms by persons in mental health crisis.

The state League has not taken a position on the remaining ballot measures.

## Local Ballot Measures

Sound Transit 3 is a regional measure. The Leagues of Seattle-King County, Snohomish County and of Tacoma-Pierce County are currently reviewing the proposal. Per League protocols, all three must agree on a recommendation. A decision is expected by mid-October.

The Seattle-King County League has not taken a position on the remaining ballot measures.

All measures on the ballot are listed on page 16.

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# Voter Service

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## 2016 General Election Important Dates

### Monday, October 10

- Last day to register to vote online or by mail
- Last day to update/change address for current Washington registrations online or by mail  
*Due to the federal holiday on October 10, the elections department will accept registrations postmarked on October 11.*

### Wednesday, October 19

- Ballots mailed

### Monday, October 31

- Last day for in-person registration (new to Washington only)

### Tuesday, November 8

- **General Election** — ballots must be *postmarked* or placed in an elections drop box on or before this date

*Debate Watching continued:*

### Media Coverage

1. Are reaction shots or other techniques used to create a sense of drama or conflict?
2. Are commentators' statements before/after the debate influencing your opinions?

### The Candidates

1. Do they answer questions directly, or evade them?
2. Do they give specifics about their stands on the issues, or speak in generalities?
3. Do they support their positions and arguments with facts and figures?
4. Do they talk about their own policies and positions, or mostly attack their opponents?
5. Are their proposals realistic? Can they actually carry out promises they are making?
6. Do they appear sincere, confident and relaxed?
7. Do they show how their backgrounds and experience qualify them to hold the office?
8. Are their answers consistent with their previous positions? If not, do they explain why?
9. What image of themselves are they trying to create?
10. Do their responses appear overly rehearsed?

### After the Debate: What Now?

You've successfully watched the debate carefully and critically – now it's time to digest all of the information you just took in. Take some time after the debate to reflect on what you have just seen and heard.

1. Compare your impressions with others who watched the debate.
2. Ask yourself, based on the information you got from watching the debate, which candidate appears most qualified for the office.
3. Identify the issues on which you agree with a candidate and those on which you disagree, and decide how that may affect your vote.
4. Ask yourself: did you learn something new about the issues or the candidates?
5. Think about whether you have more questions about the issues or the candidates
6. Get more information about the candidates' positions from nonpartisan voter information websites such as VOTE411.org, news reports, or the candidates' websites and social media pages.



## Getting Connected Membership News

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

**Laura Gee** and **Yoram Bauman** recently joined the League through a family membership. Laura, with a BA in English from the University of Utah and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington, works at the University of Washington in fundraising and preparing proposals for donors. Yoram, with a BS in Math and a PhD in Economics, is an economist. Yoram is founder and co-chair of Carbon Washington (also known as Yes on I-732). They live with their two-year-old daughter in Fremont. Laura has long known about LWV and is attracted to its broad interests and nonpartisan policy. Her many interests include transportation, public education, voting rights, housing and the homeless crisis, and international issues, especially refugees.

### *In Memoriam*

Longtime League Member **Marjorie McDaniel** passed away on July 20, 2016 at the age of 68. She and her husband, Gary, had been married for 37 years at the time of her death, and lived in Magnolia for the same amount of time. During her career, Marjorie worked for Detroit Edison, Baldwin Public Library, Chrysler Corporation, Nordstrom, and for many years, State Farm, which was a position that allowed her to meet a variety of people in the community. Her life included passions for reading and collecting cookbooks, traveling, the League of Women Voters, attending concerts at Woodland Park Zoo, and visiting La Conner with her husband.

Marjorie is survived by her husband Gary, her father, Perc Manhire, her sister, Linda (Chuck) Brick, as well as her father-in-law and a niece and a nephew.

## Features

### SOUND TRANSIT 3 UPDATE

by Janet Winans

Sound Transit 3 is one of the most complex and contentious issues on the November 2016 ballot. Our Puget Sound Regional Transportation Committee worked with Cynthia Stewart, our LWVWA transportation liaison, and members from the Snohomish and Pierce County Leagues to present five forums throughout the I-5/Puget Sound corridor. These forums provided information about the plans, taxes, costs, and pro and con positions of the ballot measure. The State League president, Ann Murphy, has stated that all three county Leagues impacted by the measure must either unanimously endorse the decision or take No Position on the measure.

To justify the need for the Sound Transit 3 projects, the Sound Transit Board stated:

“...Transportation continues to be one of the area's biggest challenges, with approximately 800,000 more people expected to call this region home in the next 25 years. By 2040 the region will also support 800,000 new jobs. In the past year alone, the region's population grew by 52,000 people—making daily commutes longer and more congested.”

<http://www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/Resolution%20R2016-16.pdf>

Both the pro and con groups have focused primarily on the extensive plans for the expansion of light rail and to the 30-year costs of the projects, extending beyond 2035. Those plans require a significant cognitive leap into the future by individual voters.

While every taxpayer in the region will contribute to the revenue needed to fund the projects,

the projects themselves are defined by the contingencies of their particular subarea. There are five subareas: Snohomish County, Pierce County, and North, East, and South King County. In accordance with current state law, all of the revenue from a particular subarea will be spent within that subarea or on a benefit in another subarea if it will benefit the first subarea. For example, because the entire region will benefit from the proposed second tunnel through downtown Seattle, all subareas will contribute to that cost.

However, another way to view the “benefit” to any subarea is to ask whether, for example, relieving congestion on I-5 from Everett to Seattle and on I-405 from Everett to Bellevue will benefit people living in Bellevue. It’s a complicated question.

The *Seattle Times* (September 19, 2016) noted that mayors, state legislators, and city councils have expressed concerns about how the plans will integrate with the long-range planning of those individual areas: “We’re having an identity crisis,” said State Rep. Chad Magendanz (5th). “We’re struggling with whether we want to be a bedroom community or a higher density one.” The *Seattle Times* recommended that “every city in the region provide an explicit analysis of the cost and benefit to their constituents on the local level.”

The Pro representatives present arguments supporting the need for the kind of long-range planning and extensive regional projects defined in the Sound Transit legislation. The Con representatives argue that this is the wrong use of so much money at a time when there are many demands for the scarce financial resources that taxpayers provide. They argue that the Sound Transit 2 projects that are coming online, such as the new Angle Lake and Northgate stations, are all the light rail infrastructure the region needs. They state that the suburban regions north, south, east and west are not dense enough to make effective use of light rail and that Rapid Ride buses will fill the need for mass transit in those regions. They also look to the future when advances in technology will allow driverless cars and improved signaling to help alleviate congestion.

By the time you read this, members of the Snohomish and Pierce County Leagues will have attended the September 26th meeting of our Transportation Committee to sort through the information learned from these forums, from the pro and con committees, and how it all fits with the positions of the League regarding transportation, land use, taxation, the environment and social justice. This information, then, will have been reported to the various county Leagues for their endorsement decisions.

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**BOOK REVIEW** by Vicky Downs

## ***RECLAIMING CONVERSATION: THE POWER OF TALK IN A DIGITAL AGE***

By Sherry Turkle

A private middle school in upstate New York asked M.I.T. Professor Turkle to help figure out what was wrong with their students. At this proudly up-to-date school every child owned a smartphone to hold textbooks. However, the teachers reported their twelve year olds were acting like eight year olds. They didn’t “seem to make friendships as before.” “When they hurt each other, they [didn’t] realize it and [showed] no remorse.” Every child liked texting but

seemed to have no idea that texting “sorry” did not help the student he’d insulted on Facebook.

Turkle shows us how unhelpful and also addictive the new technology can be. It is much easier to text “sorry” and walk away than to deal with the out-of-control emotions of a friend, or the look of disappointment in a parent’s eyes. But just such action is needed for children to develop emotional intelligence, such as the capacity for self-reflection and empathy.

The phones are addictive because they help users of all ages avoid uncomfortable encounters. Likewise, they can be used to avoid boredom, whether in school, at work or simply waiting for a traffic light to change. However, if we deal with it, boredom can lead to revealing new understandings of ourselves and others. Turkle says, “The experience of boredom is directly linked to creativity and innovation . . . we can use it to make new connections.”

Boredom was not the problem at a Boston law firm, where a senior partner described a scene at his office. “Young associates lay out their suite of technologies: laptop, tablet and multiple phones. And then they put on their [pilot-like] earphones. . . . They turn their desks into ‘cockpits’ and are virtually isolated.

Being so disconnected from the “informal conversations of the firm,” they didn’t seem “to be part of the team,” though “success at [this] firm demanded a commitment to in-person collaboration.” The law partners knew that “lawyers who spent more time with clients face-to-face brought in the most business.” Clearly working in a “cockpit” was not likely to be a positive *modus operandi*.

Turkle reports that in community relations, digital technology is “good for getting people talking but not effective at doing much else.” For example, it’s easy to text or video a gripping event and send it to vast numbers of people. But expecting those people to take action such as “call your Congressman,” is asking too much of our technology. “Politics still needs meetings

that are meetings”: ones that require real conversation and real listeners.

In adult personal relations, one woman explained that her main concern with social media was that it seemed to be “shaping her sense of herself. She worries that she is spending too much time [on Twitter and Facebook] ‘performing’ a better version of herself – one that will play well to her followers.” Much of one chapter dealt with the efforts people expended to appear better than they knew they were, when composing an informal “Tweet” or Facebook message.

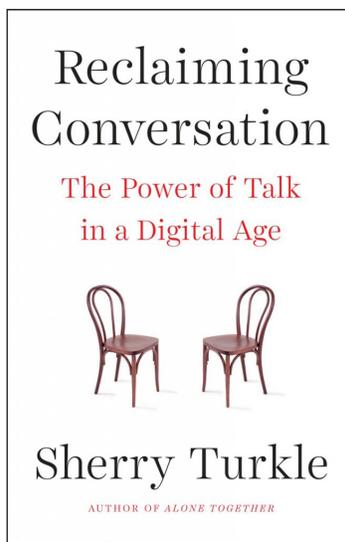
Dr. Turkle shows many ways in which digital technologies are turning us into people who are more isolated and less understanding of others than we used to be. She suggests that conversation with ourselves in self-reflection and with others in the social arena can be an effective path to make this a better world.

She says, “We need to acknowledge the unintended consequences of technologies to which we are vulnerable. . . . We should

remember who we are—creatures of history, of deep psychology, of complex relationships”—and we can make corrections by connecting with others in face-to-face conversations.

It hadn’t occurred to me before reading this book, that stimulating conversations with my granddaughters were much more than mere talk.

*Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.*



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# Program

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## The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County

# November 8, 2016 General Election

**Ballot Issue Summaries will be emailed separately and posted online.**

In the meantime, there are a number of online tools that you may want to use to learn about both the ballot measures and the candidates. All of these and more are available via the Voter Toolbox on our website: [www.seattlelwv.org](http://www.seattlelwv.org).

**www.Vote411.org:** This site is a national website and has information about voting across the country. Great referral for friends and relatives who live out of state as well as for our own elections.

**Secretary of State's website** ([sos.wa.gov/elections](http://sos.wa.gov/elections))

**King County Elections website** ([kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections))

**VotingforJudges.org:** This unique website is a clearinghouse of information about all the judicial candidates in Washington. Ratings, donor information, news stories and more are available.

If you need printed copies of the ballot summaries, please call the office and we will arrange to get them to you.

*Note to Unit Leaders:*

*Discussion of the ballot measures is encouraged at the unit meetings but there are no prepared questions and no consensus or recording is needed. Please do submit the usual attendance form with guest sign-in. The form will be sent separately to the unit leaders.*

## 2016 General Election Ballot Measures

### Statewide

- Initiative 732 — Carbon Emission Tax
- Initiative 735 — Propose Amendment to the Federal Constitution (*Citizens United*)
- Initiative 1433 — Concerns Labor Standards (minimum wage)
- Initiative 1464 — Concerns Elections and Lobbying Accountability in Washington
- Initiative 1491 — Concerns Guns and Extreme Risk Protection Orders
- Initiative 1501 — Concerns Seniors and Vulnerable Individual Protection

Two Advisory tax votes

Constitutional Amendment to require Redistricting Plans to be ready 45 days earlier than the current deadline

### Regional

- Prop. 1 — Sound Transit 3

### King County

- Charter Amendment 1 — Nonpartisan Prosecuting Attorney
- Charter Amendment 2 — Gender-neutral language

### Seattle

- Initiative 124 — Concerns special protections and health care for hotel workers

In addition, the following cities have various measures:

Bellevue - levies for fire facilities and neighborhood safety, connectivity, and congestion

Bothell - levy for sidewalks and advisory vote on use/sale fireworks

Duvall - levy for ballfield and IT improvements and advisory vote on use/sale fireworks

Issaquah - traffic improvement bonds

Kenmore - bonds for walkways and waterways improvements

Shoreline - operations levy for parks/public safety

Snoqualmie - levy for public safety

Tukwila - public safety bonds

The Auburn, Highline and Kent School Districts and the District 27, South King and Eastside Regional fire districts also have various funding measures on the ballot.

# Unit Meetings

(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

Meetings are open to all.

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
<b>Monday, October 10</b>			
<b>FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds</b>			
adelereynolds@netscape.net	206-621-4867	10:30 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Room 900 University St., Seattle

<b>SOUTH SEATTLE - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya</b>			
hedgwolfe@aol.com	206-763-9430	7:30 p.m.	Third Place Books
montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620		5041 Wilson Ave. S

<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>			
<b>BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Bonnie Rimawi</b>			
bonnierim@aol.com	425-820-7127	12:00 p.m.	Bellevue Library, Room 6 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

<b>SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY – Kathy Jorgensen</b>			
kjorgensen@juno.com	253-859-8349	7:00 p.m.	Foundation House 32290 1st Ave S, Federal Way

<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>			
<b>NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) – Gail Winberg</b>			
winbergeng@Q.com	206-524-7801	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle

*Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74<sup>th</sup> and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.*

<b>QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING - Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington</b>			
ckp1966@comcast.net	503-580-1240	7:30 p.m.	Magnolia Church of Christ
marliswrt@hotmail.com	206-283-7147		3555 W McGraw St, Seattle

<b>Thursday, October 13</b>			
<b>MERCER ISLAND – Paneen Davidson</b>			
paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island

<b>ISSAQUAH – Margaret Austin</b>			
margaret.austin@comcast.net	425-392-5760	10:00 a.m.	Echo Room, Issaquah City Hall 130 East Sunset Way, Issaquah

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Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Thursday, October 13 continued

**UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD**

206-329-4848	10:30 a.m.	University House, Auditorium 4400 Stone Way N, Seattle
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**SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW - Cathy Dormaier**

clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	11:45 a.m.	Contact unit leader for location
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**NORTH CENTRAL – Jan Orlando**

orlanre@aol.com	206-524-0936	1:00 p.m.	Hostess: Jan Orlando 5026 36th Ave NE, Seattle
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Monday, October 17

**NORTH KING COUNTY – Judy Deiro**

judy.deiro@gmail.com	425-774-1492	7:00 p.m.	Third Place Commons, Stadler Mtg Room 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Pk.
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Tuesday, October 18

**WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane**

etheljw@comcast.net	206-932-7887	1:00 p.m.	Daystar Retirement Village
plain11@juno.com	206-932-1578		2615 SW Barton, Seattle

No meeting/Meeting to be determined

**BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Alice Peterson**

peterson-alice-jack@msn.com	206-524-5530	10:00 a.m.	<i>No meeting this month.</i>
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**CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –**

206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	To be determined
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*Two board members will be appointed to serve on the nominating committee.*

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### General Election Ballot Measures

Thursday, October 6  
7:00 p.m.  
Seattle First Baptist Church  
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Forum Info:

Pro and Con speakers will present on:  
Initiative 732 - Carbon Tax  
Initiative 1433 - Minimum Wage/Paid Leave  
Initiative 1464 - Clean Up Politics in WA