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City of Seattle Council

Candidates:

Position 2: Richard Conlin, David Ginsberg

Position 4: Sally Bagshaw, David Bloom

Position 6: Nick Licata, Jessie Israel

Position 8: Robert Rosencrantz, Mike O'Brien

Salary: \$100,000-\$105,000

What the law says: The mayor shall see that the laws of the city are enforced, and shall direct and control all subordinate officers of the city and shall maintain peace and order in the City. He or she may, in any emergency, of which the Mayor shall be the judge, assume command of the whole or any part of the police force of the City; but before assuming such control he or she shall issue his or her proclamation to that effect, and it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to execute orders promulgated by the mayor during such emergency. The mayor shall perform such other duties and exercise such other authority as may be prescribed by law. The appointment or removal of officers requiring confirmation by the City Council shall be effective only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the City Council. It shall be the duty of the Mayor annually at the third regular meeting of the City Council in February, to communicate by message to the Council a statement of the conditions and affairs of the City, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as he or she may deem expedient and proper; and It shall be the duty of the Mayor annually at a regular City Council meeting, at the time he or she presents his or her proposed budget, to communicate by message to the Council his or her recommendation for the adoption of such budget; and the Mayor shall, further, have the right to make special communication to the City Council from time to time as he or she may deem useful and proper.

Translation: The Seattle City Mayor is the head of the Seattle City Executive Branch. He or she will oversee all city operations, and during an emergency, the mayor has the right to assume control over the Seattle police force. The mayor has the power to appoint the heads of various departments within the city as long as these appointees are also approved by City Council. The mayor must also give a "State of the City" address in February. Like the King County executive, the Mayor will submit a budget proposal for city operations to the City Council.

1. What are the three most important services the City provides and how would you work to expand or keep those services in a down economy?

Public safety, human resources and transportation are the three most important services the City provides. I voted to maintain public safety and human services in the City Council's statement of intent for the budget we'll consider beginning in late September. I support cuts to administrative costs in City departments, and delaying construction projects until the economy improves. In addition, we are now reaping the benefits of the "Rainy Day" fund I voted to create that set aside millions of dollars during the good years in order to cushion the impact during tougher times. Because of that, budget cuts have been much smaller than they would have been otherwise. I led the City Council in adding new police officers for the first time in 30 years, and continue to prioritize fulfilling this commitment in the next budget. Human services are needed even more during tough times, they should not be cut. On transportation, we must prioritize what is most important, and also make tough choices. For example, the Spokane Street Project which provides access to West Seattle will be vitally important when Viaduct construction work begins. I support it. I do not support the Mercer Project, as it is not a necessary transportation improvement. In addition, I have voted for City funding to provide funding for bus service via the Bridging the Gap levy, which provides a steady source of funding during both good and tough times. That kind of advance planning during the good times is critical to maintaining services during the tough times.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

The most important services the City provides are keeping our neighborhoods safe, and being prepared for emergencies. This year violent crime is up 22%, burglary and larceny are up 10%, and assault calls involving guns jumped 58%. There is also an increase in crime involving youth and crime linked to gang activity. These are tremendous public safety hurdles for the City to address, especially given City, County and State budget shortfalls and the dramatic increases in population density that are expected over the next 20 years. I know we must do more to keep current and future Seattle families safe. That's why I have been endorsed by The Seattle Police Officers Guild and the Seattle Firefighters. As your Seattle City Councilmember, I will advocate for alternatives to the new jail and promote using that funding to increase police staffing by 200 officers by 2010 and to promote drop out and youth violence prevention programs that are proven to work. For more information on my public safety plan, please visit: <http://www.jessieisrael.com/default.aspx?ID=49> How many times have you driven over the Alaskan Way Viaduct and thought to yourself, "please don't have an earthquake?" How many lives do we risk losing by postponing its replacement when we know it to be structurally unsound? The damage and destruction that would follow the collapse of the Alaskan Way Viaduct would also have huge implications for our port and other industry. Just last year, a simple snow storm shut down the city for a week, stranding thousands of bus riders and costing us millions in revenue. What would happen in a more severe emergency? Both extensive flooding and an outbreak of H1N1 are expected later this fall and winter. My first priority is to fix a structurally unsafe and very real threat to the city by advancing the deep bore tunnel. The time for inaction is over and we must move forward now. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be. We must also prepare for many other kinds of emergencies incorporating new technology and proven systems that other cities with our size and abilities already have, such as effective mass communication with City residents, or mass evacuation.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

Public safety – Fire and Police. Human Services – The wide range of housing, public health, counseling and more. Transportation Connections—Moving buses, cars, bicycles, and pedestrians on safe, well paved roads. These three services are top priorities, election year or not, down economy or not. We must continue staffing our police force. We must continue to upgrade our fire stations and medical response teams. Reducing our public safety resources is simply not an option. And in dire economic times, human services are more critical than ever. It is our responsibility as members of a civil society to take care of the most vulnerable. In this down economy, we must be strategic, and streamline how we provide services. Simply put, we must create ways to do more with less. It is not a prudent time to raise taxes now, which is why we must strategically look at our revenue streams and how we spend our funds. We need to make sure every dollar is being spent wisely and is truly impactful.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

I believe that with the right policies, Seattle can be a model for sustainability, 1) Public Safety. 2) Transportation Services. 3) Human Services. We have invested too much in downtown capital projects at the expense of basic services. I would re-allocate resources from bloated projects like the Mercer Street project and the proposed city jail and reinvest those dollars into more crucial services.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

I believe that with the right policies, Seattle can be a model for sustainability, affordability, and economic and cultural vitality. As a council member, I would focus on three areas- housing, transportation, and education- to make this vision into reality. Everyone who works in Seattle should be able to live in the communities where they earn a living, and to make that possible we need to seriously increase our supply of housing, particularly at levels affordable to those in the lowest income brackets. Further, the housing we create should be energy efficient and well-connected to a robust transportation infrastructure that allows transit and freight to move quickly, efficiently, and reliably through town. Finally, the city needs to do its part to ensure that everyone who lives in Seattle should have great school options right in their neighborhood, regardless of their zip code. This does not mean the city should take over the schools, but rather the city should provide support to the schools, families and communities that need it, so that our school dollars can be focused on education in the classroom.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

The three most important services the city provides are: Public Safety; Fire and Police Protection Utilities; Water / Sewer / Garbage / Electricity Transportation and Transit These are the most important city services so they must be the top budget priorities. I will make sure they are.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

2. Will I ever be able to buy a house in Seattle?

As long as the City keeps being such a great place to live and work, house prices will remain pretty high. You can get a real cheap house in Detroit or St. Louis... The good news is that we are continuing to expand the opportunities for new affordable apartments and condos in Seattle, including adding zoning density, incentive zoning policies, and reduced parking requirements. But there will be few new houses, so your best bet is to assume current prices, get down payment assistance from parents and relatives, and build skills and relationships to make enough to pay the mortgage.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

If we can start doing genuine urban planning and build a rapid transit system and encourage housing development around the transit stations we'll be able to meet the demand for housing for people at all stages of life. Yes, you'll be able to buy a house, *if we make smart choices about how we develop*. We haven't been doing that for the past decade or so and we've seen housing prices rise faster than incomes. With two young kids of my own this is a huge concern for me. I've been talking about this and proposing solutions since the day I announced my candidacy, and this is one of the top 3 areas of concern I'll focus on if elected.

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

I hope so! And I will do my best to make sure Seattle is inviting and affordable for everyone who dreams of owning a home. We must create diverse housing stock – and be open to new options -- so people can have the opportunity to live here and own a home if they so chose. And our definition of a 'house' is evolving: "house" could be a condo, a townhouse, a flat, cottages, clustered units or the more traditional single-family home. I'll advocate for more housing and I'll be sensitive to those who already own a home. We want to give people the opportunity to buy a home and we also want to make sure those in a home can afford to remain.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

As a renter myself, I fully understand the difficult nature of buying a house in this city. Our priorities have become those that subsidize the downtown establishment at the expense of those who are most vulnerable in our city. As long as we continue to fund capital mega-projects that serve only a small percentage of our population, then those who live on the margins will continue to do so, and buying a home will become more and more difficult. I proposed at the beginning of my campaign that our city needs to build much, more affordable housing. We are not making this a priority. If you are ever going to afford a house in Seattle, we will need to immediately prioritize building a bigger stock of affordable housing. We must also work to protect the supply of affordable housing that does exist through strong protective regulations, such as one-for-one replacement requirements when housing is demolished to make way for new projects.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

You will not be able to buy a house in Seattle unless we start doing some things differently around growth in our city. The Puget Sound Regional Council expects 1.7 million additional people will move to our region by the year 2040. The best way for us to keep housing affordable in Seattle is build more and different types of housing in our targeted urban villages and around transit centers. Density does not have to be a bad word and when done well can create exciting places to live. We need to think differently when developing we can't just do all condos, all townhomes, all single families. Neighborhoods that work have all three and they have variations on each. We may not all have a large house, with a large yard, and a two car garage. Instead the vision for our city may have to change to smaller houses with no garage, in place of the garage a connected lightrail or bus system that allows the occupant to walk a short distance from their front door and get to work. I will support the following policies to encourage urban infill that is designed for livability:

- Encouraging urban infill projects via tax and height incentives
- Alter zoning to encourage multi-family dwellings
- Encourage use of the multifamily tax exemption
- Decrease or eliminate parking requirements, this is the reason that most townhome developments look the same and why there is little room for innovation
- Be an unwavering advocate for mass transit, especially in areas

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

Affordability is the key to home ownership. With property values having risen in past years (and fortunately coming down recently), I have supported several measures that enhance affordability. I've voted to fund City partnerships with groups such as Homesight, which offers up to \$70,000 in down payment assistance, and the Homestead Community Land Trust, which offers households up to \$100,000 to help buy a home, in exchange for keeping the home affordable at the time of resale. In addition, I've voted to fund the energy-efficient mortgage program, which gives more buying power to homebuyers who live near transit stations, and helps promote livable communities. I also supported funds for home ownership that are included in the housing levy up for a vote on the General Election ballot.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

3. What mode of transportation do you use to get to work? Why?

One of my biggest priorities as a council member would be to drastically increase the amount of housing in Seattle, with the goal of having enough housing within the city so that every person who works in Seattle has an affordable option for living here. In order to make this happen, we need to rethink our zoning laws so that more varied types of housing become possible: many people could be well-served by smaller housing units, affordable to those at lower income levels, and we need to encourage the creation of more of these. There is a common perception that owning a house is better than renting, and while I don't think this is necessarily true, I do intend to work on creating means to facilitate ownership for people at all income levels. Increasing the amount of affordable housing will help. We should also explore financing mechanisms like location efficient mortgages, which help make ownership possible for more people while simultaneously encouraging smart, transit-oriented development.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

One of the reasons I chose my house is that there's a bus stop across the street, so I can fly out of my door buttoning my shirt and take it downtown, which is what I do most of the time. Because parking a car for a day is a crazy waste of money, and I think Councilmembers should set an example of being good environmentalists (I wrote legislation that requires Councilmembers to pay for parking spaces at City Hall -- I don't have a space). I also bike to work, especially when it is not dark, cold, and rainy, that way I get exercise too. My record is 11 minutes from my house to City Hall, and then I usually take a long route home.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

Yes, you will be able to buy a house in Seattle. I will help make this possible as a member of the Seattle City Council by focusing on rebuilding a job-growing economy, so everyone in Seattle can thrive. Having jobs that pay living wages will go a long way towards allowing more people, including you, to buy a house.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

When I lived on Capitol Hill I walked to work downtown because I wanted to have a zero carbon footprint. When we moved to West Seattle I had to start taking the bus, again because I wanted to minimize my impacts on the planet. As a candidate I had to give up on using the bus because our bus system is too slow and unreliable to allow me to get around to meetings all around the city. Yet another reason for rapid transit with fast, frequent and reliable service!

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

I live downtown and walk and take the bus everywhere I can. Two years ago I retired from King County after a 31 year career. While I was still working at the County Courthouse, I walked seven blocks to and from work daily. My husband and I are living examples of the density we are promoting- leaving our car behind because we chose to live near where we work. Today, my full-time “job” is campaigning and my walking shoes are my mode of choice, though you will often see me standing at a bus stop waiting for the next bus. When the campaign duties require me to be multiple places beyond walking or bus routes, I’ll drive my ten-year-old Honda. We are a one-car household.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

Being retired, my work is mostly out of my home. However, when applicable, I take the bus whenever possible. I fear that because of our misplaced financial priorities, the bus service that I and many others use to go to work and shop will be cut back and those who can afford it will be forced to use their cars again, and those who cannot will be left without adequate means of transportation for the necessities of life.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

My commute to Pioneer Square across the Ballard Locks and along the terminal 91 trail is one of the great assets of living in Ballard. Depending on the time of year, schedule and attire needs I commute by bike, bus or car – bike being my spring/summer commute of choice.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I ride the bus to work, specifically Bus 358. It’s doing my part for the environment, and it’s convenient.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

I ride my bicycle for about 90% of my personal and campaign trips, and take the bus for most of the rest. I have always loved biking: it’s fun, it feels good, and it fits my effort to live in accordance with my values.

Mike O’Brien, Pos. 8

I work out of my house now. In previous jobs I’ve done everything from biking to running to riding the bus to driving [especially when I worked for King County Housing Authority and had to get around the County]. In 2006 I started running to morning meetings downtown and riding the bus home as a commitment to reducing my driving miles. It has worked out great!

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

4. How would use your office to promote volunteerism and community service?

Since my first election, I have sponsored community service projects for the Council, from packing food at food banks to working with Habitat for Humanity to build houses to planting trees and restoring habitat with People for Puget Sound. I will continue those activities, support United Way at the City, and encourage voluntarism through both being a role model and finding new ways to motivate and attract volunteers. I have told my staff that anytime I am offered the chance to talk to young people and students about civic engagement, that is a priority or my schedule. And my Open Government Committee is developing new ways to promote civic engagement with the Council.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

By using the bully pulpit of the office to raise awareness and then rolling up my sleeves and joining in community service myself.

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

I have been a community volunteer for all of the 31 years I have lived in the Seattle area. I fully ascribe to Margaret Mead's belief: "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". During these decades I have volunteered in the public schools, served on the Lake Forest Park City Council, joined neighborhood groups to clean up the streets or clean out a creek. I know what a committed group of citizens can do. On a personal level, I owe a debt of gratitude to my campaign volunteer base. Though I was the one running for office this past year, we have had dozens of people who have dedicated countless hours with the campaign. I would continue to promote such a service, understanding that volunteerism and community service are invaluable; service creates a sense of ownership and appreciation, far more than government can do alone. This is a time when we need to do more with less: volunteers can help us achieve that.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

I have had a lifetime commitment to community service and volunteerism. When I organized the AmeriCorps program for the Church Council of Greater Seattle in the early 90's, it was with a belief that citizens should be given the opportunity to give back to our community. With the advent of this program, we placed 20 young people in the greater Seattle area annually in community-based programs serving at-risk children and youth. This program continues to this day under the title Sound Youth AmeriCorps. I would continue my commitment to promoting volunteer service when I am elected to the Seattle City Council. Also, I would like to see an online database of volunteer and community service projects that the Seattle City Council could work to promote.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

I believe strongly that volunteering is very important for individuals, vital for non-profits and a piece of what makes Seattle a great place to live. People are willing to give their time in our city in ways that just amaze me. I serve on two boards currently and have incorporated volunteering into my life because it matters so much. Here is what I would do as a city Councilmember: - Use my voice as a key recruitment tool wherever I go to let people know the importance of volunteering. - Lead by example and continue to be a part of the community and serve on committees where it is not a conflict and appropriate to my values.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I seek to promote community service by leading by example, and by letting people know that service is vital for the quality of our city. I seek to get as many people as possible from a wide variety of backgrounds involved in City issues by reaching out to them proactively, rather than simply waiting for them to get in touch with the City.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

I hope to get people involved directly in my office by offering internships, which are a great way for young people to get connected with city government and become more involved in local affairs. I would also support programs like Americorps, City Year, and hey-- Seattle Works to build on the work organizations like these are doing to address tough problems in our city. As a City Council member, this would mean fighting to make sure that such programs continue to be funded and have access to the resources they need to be effective.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

On the City Council I'd promote volunteerism and community service by talking about how meaningful it has been for me to be deeply involved over the past 20 years including:

Friends of the Cedar River Watershed – Protecting Seattle's Drinking Water
Seattle Tilth – Promoting Organic Gardening
Thornton Creek Alliance – Restoring Seattle's Urban Streams and Waterways
Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness – Working to end homelessness
Great City Initiative – Leadership for Great Neighborhoods Campaign

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

5. Define what a “livable” community means to you.

It's a community where people can live, work, play, and shop either within easy walking distance or in places connected by excellent transit and bicycle paths. It's a place where housing is affordable, jobs are available, and a clean environment is a priority. A livable community has great natural parks and playgrounds and sports fields, along with libraries, schools, and access to art, music, dance, and theater. It is safe with well maintained public infrastructure. Above all, it is a place of community, where people of all different cultures interact with each other and help each other out -- and where social justice is a core value.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

A livable community is not just where we live, but where we want to live. It's a community in the truest sense of the word. It is a place where we know our neighbors. It is walkable, bike-able, having the infrastructure in place, like sidewalks and lighting, and the sense that it is safe to walk! It has well kept amenities like parks and open space and perhaps a gathering space like a community center, library, or plaza. There are bustling neighborhood business districts that meet the community's needs, and an economy that is strong so businesses thrive and offer good paying jobs.

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David Bloom, Pos. 4

Livable communities are vibrant, walkable and affordable. Families must be able to afford housing in their neighborhoods. They must have adequate sidewalks to safely walk to local businesses and transit stops. A livable community is one with local businesses and green spaces nearby housing and where multiple transfers are not required to reach work, the grocery store, childcare, or doctor's appointments by mass transit. It means good schools and feeling safe on the street.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I think the term "livable" implies low expectations, so I'd like to describe the kind of community I will work to create in Seattle. This kind of community has several basic features: housing, of varying types and designed for various income levels; basic services and amenities; pedestrian infrastructure within the neighborhood and connections to the larger transit system; and jobs, so a good proportion of the people who live in the neighborhood can work there, too. The community will be home to schools, grocery stores, shops, social services, banks, jobs, parks and open spaces. It should be filled with buildings that are pleasing to see and inhabit, that encourage people to interact with one another and with the street. In short, it should be a place where people can conduct most, if not all, of the business of daily life without having to leave.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

A livable community means a community that is affordable, walkable, culturally vibrant with good public transportation and a good variety of services within walking distance. I sponsored legislation to create a Pedestrian Master Plan so that we can ensure our communities meet this standard of livability, by being truly walkable.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

A livable community is one in that has high environmental standards, promotes quality of life, develops economic opportunity and jobs, has housing that's affordable to a broad range of people, embraces diversity and culture, respects differences, and works towards social equity.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

6. How would you use social media to engage and inform your constituents?

7. Do you personally update your Facebook and Twitter Pages? If you don't, who does?

Currently I have an email newsletter that reaches about 7500 residents. As Council President, I created a Special Committee on Open Government to find ways to be more transparent and to engage people with City Council. We have just started a Council Twitter account, and are exploring how to use other social media to both provide information to supplement newsletters and to create back-and-forth dialogue between electeds and constituents. We run into some interesting issues -- for example, there is no law about whether Facebook postings are public records and how to preserve them or treat them in requests for public documents. I have asked a group of staff to come up with a proposed set of policies that I suspect might wind up being used as precedents by other cities all over the country.

I do my Facebook. Staff do the Council Twitter.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

Just as I have in my campaign, I'll use facebook, twitter and whatever comes next to increase communication in both directions so we can keep the public informed and make informed decisions ourselves.

I do. The techie geek in me just can't hand that stuff off.

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

I would use every opportunity available to engage, inform, and educate myself and my constituents. Far too often, I hear about the disconnect between communities and City Hall. I would do my best to bridge that. Yes, I would rely on traditional means such as newsletters and email blasts. But I would continue to use Facebook and Twitter and read neighborhood blogs regularly. Blogs such as those written in Ballard, West Seattle, and Capitol Hill are excellent examples of how people stay in touch with one another and inform each other of important issues and concerns. I will keep reading the blogs, and know what's going on in the neighborhoods.

I would also fall back on good old-fashion face to face time. Meeting people throughout this city has been the best part of the campaign. If elected, I would continue that outreach. I would hold office hours in various neighborhoods so people can stop by and chat. My office will be inviting and accessible and we'll do that through a variety of means. What is most important to me is that I not just talk at people, but I want to talk with them and having a constant dialogue will be a top priority for me and my office.

Yes, it's me that Tweets and updates Facebook. Admittedly not as often as I'd like but I am improving. I do my own updates (please don't blame my campaign staff!)

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

Keeping in touch with constituents is a paramount responsibility for elected officials, and in this digital era, Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of online communication will be among my tools of communication. That being said, one cannot take for granted the traditional ways of engaging constituents. Town hall meetings, staying in personal contact with labor, community, business, and environmental leaders should supplement the use of social media to engage and inform my constituents.

Both my campaign manager and I keep Facebook updated. He does the Tweeting.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

As a city council person it is very important that we continue to have open lines of communication about the important issues we are facing and the solutions we are contemplating. Therefore I will use all means of communication available to me to talk with my constituents. That being said, I am of the generation where we tweet, facebook and communicate with our community through texting over calling. I have used this in my daily life, I took it with me on the campaign trail and I will definitely incorporate it into my work at the city.

I primarily update my Facebook and twitter accounts. They are linked to my blog and I believe that it is important to write down along the campaign trail what it is that I am thinking and get out news that is not being covered in other spots. However, because I am not always available to do simple updates, I have given my campaign staff access to make updates to my campaign Facebook and Twitter pages. This means we can get the most recent campaign news out to our supports as soon as possible. My personal Facebook account is updated only by me.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I use social media to give regular updates to constituents via Facebook and Twitter. In addition, I have the longest-running political e-mail newsletter in Seattle, Urban Politics. The archive is available at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/licata/upoodex.htm>.

My staffers update my Facebook page, based on my current activities.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

The most basic way will be to provide updates and solicit input about upcoming legislation and events (community meetings, public comment sessions, etc) using Facebook and twitter. I plan on continuing to bike for as many of my business trips as possible if elected, so I could provide "where's Mike" updates so people can find me and bike along for a conversation if they like.

I do, though my campaign assistant also provides updates regarding campaign news and events on my behalf.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

I'd use social media to engage and inform my constituents by continually updating people on what their city government is doing, making sure people know how they can get involved, and by having as much community-based contact [as a follow up to social media] as possible.

I don't; my campaign manager does.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

8. How fast can you run around Green Lake?

I was a runner for a number of years, and would usually do it in 23 minutes or so. Right now I mostly bike, and would likely be a bit slower.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

That depends...is someone chasing me in this scenario? And what is their motive?

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

About 22-24 minutes.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

These days I run around Green Lake in about 24 minutes.

Robert Rosenkrantz, Pos. 8

Three decades ago I ran regularly with the pack and we would run around Greenlake twice in a little over an hour, and enjoy a libation thereafter. Now I prefer to walk, chat, and appreciate the color and shape of the trees. I walk around Green Lake to catch up with friends or to have an informal meeting with colleagues. It's one of my most favorite unofficial offices.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

I was a runner for twenty-five years, but more recently have taken to walking out of respect for my knees. In my prime I could have done Green Lake in about 20 minutes, now it's around 30-40.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

I have not timed myself running in a while, but it is an interesting question. Between candidate forums and meet and greets, a campaign can have you sitting a lot and eating at odd hours. However, I am getting in shape by walking the neighborhoods and knocking on the doors of voters. I have hit almost 3,000 as of September. I will definitely consider hitting the trail once I have more free time.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I walk around Green Lake in 41 minutes.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

9. If a friend came to visit you from out of town, where would you go to show your friend around Seattle?

Of course, first is Pike Place Market, a ferry ride, and Mount Rainier. Then comes our libraries and parks, a walking tour of Fremont, a glimpse of the future on the light rail line and Rainier Vista, New Holly, or High Point. Then sunset at Alki.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

I typically start out by taking them to my favorite viewpoints from Queen Ann, Beacon Hill and West Seattle, then take them to the obvious choices like Pike Place Market and the Space Needle. This covers the photo ops that will satisfy their friends back home. I always carefully choose restaurants and bars that exemplify the best in Seattle and fit the personality of my guests, but some of my favorites for visiting guests are Via Tribunali on Capitol Hill, Barça, Flying Fish, Chapel, Mission, May & The Alibi Room.

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

We'd start downtown where I live. We'd walk to the Pike Place Market early to watch the market set up and we'd buy fresh flowers. We'd ride our bikes and have breakfast at the Shanty. We'd hop a bus and stroll through the Woodland Park Zoo. We'd buy tickets and laugh and cheer on The Duck. We'd visit the Seattle Art Museum; we'd walk slack-jawed through our downtown library. We'd enjoy a free concert on Harbor Steps, or perhaps at St. James' Cathedral. We'd take the passenger ferry to Alki and walk along the waterfront. We'd stop for coffee later in the afternoon at Ancient Grounds or the Columbia City Bakery. Maybe we'd hike through Seward Park or smell the flowers at the Kubota Garden. And at the end of the day, we'd quickly tour the Museum of Flight, and I'd take my friend flying – we'd fly over Puget Sound and view from the air the most beautiful region in the world. After fresh seafood at Ivar's Acre of Clams, we'd put on our dancing shoes and enjoy the music and nightlife in Belltown!

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

I would have to start with the Pike Place Market. Then it would be on to some of our unique neighborhoods: Fremont, Columbia City, Georgetown, Capitol Hill. Finally, we would ride on the ferry to Bainbridge so that on the return trip my friend could see the many views of the city from the water.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

I would definitely take them to Carkeek Park, the Rancho Bravo Taco Truck on 45th, and maybe out for brunch at some place like Geraldine's in Columbia City.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

I would take my friend to my favorite Seattle Park, the sculpture garden. I really enjoy the combination of natural beauty and man made art on a giant scale. I believe that it is truly a location which represents our city – a place where people flock outside in nice weather, where the environment is a top priority, and where artistic creativity is highly valued and fostered.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

I like to take friends from out of town to Capitol Hill, to show them the culturally vibrant, diverse neighborhood, and especially Cal Anderson Park. I take pride in having made that park possible through my work on the City Council, it's a truly wonderful public space.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

When friends come to visit from out of town I try to take them on a series of walks. Through the Arboretum and across Foster Island Magnuson Park Golden Gardens to Ballard Alki to Lincoln Park Madison Park to Leschi or Seward Park if they're up for it! Cheasty Boulevard Woods And lots of others if there's time.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

10. Why are you motivated to run for office?

I am passionate about democracy. I want to continue to use my excellent analytical and accomplished leadership skills to meet the needs of the diverse communities of Seattle. I was inspired to run for City Council because of my deep commitment to our communities. I served in leadership posts on my community council, and as a founder of Sustainable Seattle, I helped shape Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. I base my work on bringing together the core values articulated in that plan – environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, community, and social justice. We must weave those together to create a positive future while valuing the heritage and commitments that have made Seattle such a wonderful place.

Richard Conlin, Pos. 2

Because I'm frustrated by a lack of progress on important issues that are key to maintaining the livability and sustainability of Seattle: transportation, affordability and the economy. I don't accept that "the Seattle Way" is synonymous with lack of progress. The Seattle I grew up in invented commercial aviation, personal computing and curbside recycling. I know we can do better! I have a vision for a brighter future for this city I love and I've laid out a plan with more than 20 policy proposals to get us there. That plan and more are available on my website at:
<http://www.davidginsberg.org>

David Ginsberg, Pos. 2

Simply put, I am running for office because I get things done and in a way that respects the people with whom I work and their opinions. Talking forever about the same thing makes me nuts. I like to establish goals, set appropriate timelines, get informed, and make sound decisions. As mentioned above, I retired from the King County Prosecutor's Office a couple years ago. I am fortunate to have had a successful 33 year legal career, and am thankful every day for the time and energy I have now to dedicate to my community. Because of this, I am in a unique position. I don't have to run for office, I want to run for office.

Sally Bagshaw, Pos. 4

Issues of environmental protection, public safety, and transit loom large for Seattle. It has taken 40 years to complete the first phase of light rail. That is 40 years too long. Yet with the clock ticking, our City Council has been bogged down in minutia, mired in process, and distracted by tangents -- banning circuses, opposing wars, and establishing poet laureates. I am running for Seattle City Council because I believe you deserve a City Council that works for you. Not just asking questions, but finding solutions. It's time for a new generation of pragmatic, proactive leadership.

Jessie Israel, Pos. 6

Too often I have heard from citizens that they feel they are not being heard by those who have been elected to listen. There is a disconnect between the citizens of Seattle and City Hall. I see the progressive city that I love being mired in the status quo thanks in large part to the downtown interests having a louder voice than neighborhood groups, community groups, and those who need the most help from our city. I have been a social justice advocate for more than thirty years in Seattle. I have tried to represent the interests of ordinary citizens and believe I can represent that voice on the City Council. Our City government is proposing to spend too much on downtown projects like the deep bore tunnel and the redo of Mercer Street. We should reprioritize our spending instead on basic services like transportation, public safety, human services, and fixing our streets, bridges, and sidewalks in our neighborhoods.

David Bloom, Pos. 4

I am motivated to run for office to make a difference in people's lives, by seeking solutions to strengthen local democracy and protect the welfare of Seattle citizens. To meet these objectives I am guided by the following principles: * Efficient Government by basing public investments on measurable public return. *Open, Transparent Government to assure that elected officials make decisions based on facts not personal contacts. *Fair Distribution of Public Resources across our city so that all residents have their greatest needs addressed first.

Nick Licata, Pos. 6

The decisions we make in the next few years will be critical in shaping what our city looks like in the decades to come, and I have the dedication, the knowledge, and the financial expertise to make a real difference. I know we can have smart policies that are good for the economy, nurture our communities, and protect our environment, and I want to fight to make these policies happen.

Mike O'Brien, Pos. 8

There is much opportunity in this time of challenge. In order to convert that opportunity into jobs and environmental progress, the City needs leadership that is confident and bold. I can be such a leader.

Robert Rosencrantz, Pos. 8

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