



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
SEATTLE

Mission: The Junior League of Seattle is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Vision: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change

Diversity & Inclusion Statement: The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

Junior League of Seattle

Voter's Guide 2020

for U.S. Representative and Washington State Executive Offices

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About Us

The Junior League of Seattle was established in 1923 and joined the Association of Junior Leagues International in 1924. As an organization of nearly 1,300 members, JLS is one of the largest leagues on the West Coast. Annually our members donate over 45,000 volunteer hours and participate in over 5,000 hours of personal and professional development.

Throughout its nearly 100-year history, JLS has successfully met the emerging needs of the community by initiating cutting edge programs and providing trained volunteers to manage and direct service projects, community education, fundraising and advocacy efforts. As a result of League training, JLS has also provided a legacy of leaders who bring knowledge and experience to the community in which they serve.

About the JLS Voter's Guide

To encourage effective action of our members, the JLS Training & Advocacy committee has created a guide to offer resources in the 2020 general election to highlight candidate stances that affect Junior League of Seattle's focus area of Youth Literacy.

Please note that this guide is advisory only and the Junior League of Seattle does not take a position in support of or against any of the candidates or ballot measures. Further, this guide does not encompass all available information. Voters should seek additional information available to make informed voting decisions.

The JLS Training & Advocacy committee sent questionnaires to the candidates on the WA state ballot for Federal and State Executive roles. All statements are the responses of the candidate, unedited by the Junior League of Seattle and do not express the views of the League. The League never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. To view everything that will be voted on this November, visit the WA state elections [website](#).

Important 2020 Election Dates

October 16, 2020

Start of the 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Ballots are mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers. Additional details on AVUs for voters with disabilities can be found [here](#).

October 26, 2020

Online and mail voter registrations must be received by this date, 8 days before Election Day. Voters may still register to vote in person during business hours and any time before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

November 3, 2020
General Election Day

Deadline for Washington State in person voter registration or updates.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day or returned to a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Click [here](#) to find the drop box nearest you.

U.S. Representative Candidates

The Training & Advocacy committee reached out to the below candidates for U.S. Representative with our questions, but we did not receive responses from any of the candidates.

If you don't know which district you live in, you can utilize [this resource](#) to find your district.

To find information on each of these candidates, you can reference the WA state 2020 General Election Voter's Guide, found [here](#).

OFFICE	CANDIDATE
Congressional District 1 - U.S. Representative	Suzan DelBene
Congressional District 1 - U.S. Representative	Jeffrey Beeler, Sr.
Congressional District 7 - U.S. Representative	Pramila Jayapal
Congressional District 7 - U.S. Representative	Craig Keller
Congressional District 8 - U.S. Representative	Kim Schrier
Congressional District 8 - U.S. Representative	Jesse Jensen
Congressional District 9 - U.S. Representative	Adam Smith
Congressional District 9 - U.S. Representative	Doug Basler

Washington State Executive Candidates

The Training & Advocacy committee reached out to 18 different candidates for Washington State Executive offices with our questions. We received responses from four of the candidates. Immediately below are the candidates from whom we did not receive feedback. Further below are the responses received from the four candidates who responded.

To find information on each of these candidates, you can reference the WA state 2020 General Election Voter's Guide, found [here](#).

Candidates JLS Did Not Receive Feedback From:

OFFICE	CANDIDATE
Governor	Jay Inslee
Governor	Loren Culp
Lieutenant Governor	Denny Heck
Secretary of State	Kim Wyman
State Treasurer	Mike Pellicciotti
State Treasurer	Duane A. Davidson
State Auditor	Chris Leyba
Attorney General	Bob Ferguson
Commissioner of Public Lands	Hilary Franz
Commissioner of Public Lands	Sue Kuehl Pederson
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Maia Espinoza
Insurance Commissioner	Mike Kreidler
Insurance Commissioner	Chirayu Avinash Patel

Washington State Executive Candidates

Lieutenant Governor	Marko Liias	Denny Heck
Question 1: If elected, how would you work with city officials and business owners to eliminate the racial and gender wage gap?	I was proud to support updated provisions of the Equal Pay and Opportunity Act in the Senate last year, which created much more transparency in salaries across the state and pushes employers to embrace more equal wage standards. This needs to be a bottom-up and top down effort to increase equity for women and minority workers. At the legislature, we've also pushed to have there be more representation on corporate boards and leadership, preventing asking about previous salaries when changing companies, and boosted up our minimum wage. However, there is still much work to be done to achieve wage parity. I look forward to working with our ethnic and women's commissions to ensure equity is baked into every policy that we make at the legislature going forward, including always striving for equal pay and recognizing the intersectional struggles race and gender have in the work force.	No response
Question 2: As schools are closed due to COVID-19, many parents are working less to supervise children as they attend online classes. Those who rely on an hourly pay are especially hurting. What do you plan to do to support families during this time?	COVID-19 has provided so many challenges for working families across Washington, from school closures to childcare. There is no one fix to this but rather has shown large problems in our system that we need to address going forward. This includes passing an expanded Working Families Tax Credit, so families have as many personal resources possible to support themselves. This also means creating free, universal pre-K services that are available to everyone in Washington. Childcare has also been an unmanageable hurdle for many families in our state for too long, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to tackle the crisis at the legislature, using my role as Lt. Governor to bring in stakeholders and minority voices that will be impacted most to the discussion table.	No response
Question 3: How do you plan on increasing diversity in the public school teaching force to	We know that representation matters, especially in the forces that shape our upbringing like school, but our teaching workforce is still disproportionately white compared to the communities across our state	No response

<p>better match the student population in Washington?</p>	<p>that schools serve. It doesn't help that teaching positions have a difficult bar of entry and the compensation is hard to sustain. Going forward, we need to increase funding to schools to increase teacher pay and make the profession more attractive to join. We also need to double down on our effort to make college affordable and accessible to everyone. I am proud of the work I have done towards college affordability and access, tackling predatory student loans and supporting the largest investment in higher education in our states history, making college free for tens of thousands of Washington families. With the Lt. Governor's profile in higher education, I look forward to continuing to work on this issue, including partnering with our community to get make better pathways for students from all backgrounds all across our state move towards a degree.</p>	
<p>Question 4: Washington State was highly publicized as an early epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak and the U.S. continues to face global restrictions as the number of cases remains high. How do you recommend we address the current spread as a state and a country?</p>	<p>Under Governor Inslee's leadership, we have seen Washington stay at lower levels of new cases and of fatalities from COVID-19 compared to many other states. Washington is proof that we need to be listening to the scientists in addressing this crisis. Going forward, this should continue to be our course of action, looking to mask and distancing guidelines, not let political gain get in the way of scientific research, and making sure health officials and departments have the resources they need to test and treat patients so we can all come out on the other side healthy and safe.</p>	<p>No response</p>
<p>Question 5: The pandemic has limited access to libraries, museums, and other educational spaces for the public. What do you plan to do to change or enhance access to these resources to limit the impact these closures have had on the community?</p>	<p>I am deeply saddened that so many great public learning places have been unable to keep their doors open for the general public to enjoy, but this reaffirms the notion that many of these public resources, readings, and teachings, should be available in their entirety online. By utilizing the technology at our disposal we are able to have many of the same resources available to the general public and to disabled people who can benefit from varied source material while institutions remain closed. However, we must also highlight the issues that exist around broadband internet access, particularly in rural areas. It should become the paramount duty of the government to invest in every Washingtonian having access to high speed internet. Internet has become a necessity to participate in</p>	<p>No response</p>

	modern life and work, and we should begin treating it as a public utility.	
<p>Question 6: The country has faced an alarming increase in unemployment due to the pandemic and federal support may not be enough to maintain support for Washington citizens who are unemployed, or underemployed. What do you plan to do to support those unemployed and improve unemployment rates in Washington?</p>	<p>Until the massive economic disruption caused by the pandemic COVID-19 outbreak, our state's economy was strong with low unemployment and growth across the state. This growth coincided with higher wages, stronger worker protections, and new benefits like paid sick leave and paid family and medical leave. Our state was a shining example of how we can grow our economy, create jobs and respect workers. Now, as we face the economic dislocation caused by COVID-19, we must focus our efforts on lifting up the workers and their families who have been hardest hit by this crisis and ensuring that critical state services are available when people need them most. We cannot return to the austerity budgets of the Gregoire era, we must learn from the tragic mistakes we made then and ensure that vital state services are maintained and expanded to meet emergent needs. As Lt. Governor, I will be a loud and clear voice that austerity doesn't work and new progressive revenue must be identified to continue critical state services as we recover.</p>	<p>No response</p>

Secretary of State	Gael Tarleton	Kim Wyman
Question 1: If elected, how would you work with city officials and business owners to eliminate the racial and gender wage gap?	As a legislator, I co-sponsored and helped pass the Equal Pay Act, to ensure state law protects against racial and gender discrimination in the workplace. While labor laws are outside the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's office, I will champion a diverse, healthy, and equitable business environment where all our people thrive. The Secretary of State should work closely with state offices that have a shared mission in promoting more equitable business opportunities throughout the state. These include the newly created WA Office of Equity; Commissions on Hispanic, African-American, and Asian Affairs; and two Commissions recently created by the state legislature---the LGBTQ Commission and Women's Commission. An equitable economic recovery from the economic disruptions and losses related to COVID-19 will require state-wide elected officials working in partnership with federal, state and local officials, businesses, and community organizations. We must educate our businesses about public procurement opportunities at the local, state, and federal levels. I will work with businesses across the state, and especially those based in historically marginalized communities, to create equitable growth for all.	No response
Question 2: As schools are closed due to COVID-19, many parents are working less to supervise children as they attend online classes. Those who rely on an hourly pay are especially hurting. What do you plan to do to support families during this time?	As Secretary of State, my influence on the state's economy will be more limited than it has been in the Legislature. However, as the registrar of businesses and companies in Washington state, our Secretary of State could be doing more to support a strong, pro-worker economy. I will work actively with the businesses to ensure they are able to adjust their business licenses. remotely during the pandemic. I will work to make starting and registering a small business as easy as possible.	No response
Question 3: How do you plan on increasing diversity in the public school teaching force to better match the student population in Washington?	While educational staffing policy is outside the scope of the Secretary of State, I will work to diversify our state's education through the State Archives and Legislative Oral History Projects. We will begin to tell the story of racial justice and educational opportunities as a Washington Territory and during statehood. Access to good education for our tribal communities and communities of color has been denied for too long. I will also push to increase voter	No response

	education in schools such as teaching voting rights and the importance of voters in democracy. Students need to know how to make their voice heard in our democracy – they must become voters. I will work on youth education programs to help bridge these racial divides.	
Question 4: Washington State was highly publicized as an early epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak and the U.S. continues to face global restrictions as the number of cases remains high. How do you recommend we address the current spread as a state and a country?	Washington’s rapid response to one of the first outbreaks in the nation is a testament to the incredible strength of our people and State leadership. I stand by Governor Jay Inslee’s phased, gradual approach to controlling the current spread and progressing towards recovery. Our early actions have shown that our cities, including Seattle, now have the lowest infection rates per capita in the nation. The weeks and months ahead will require all of us to make difficult individual decisions for the benefit of our neighbors and communities. It is critical that we continue to trust in the experts and base our response and mitigation policies on hard science and accurate data.	No response
Question 5: The pandemic has limited access to libraries, museums, and other educational spaces for the public. What do you plan to do to change or enhance access to these resources to limit the impact these closures have had on the community?	Throughout this spring and summer, I kept in close touch with the museums, libraries, the Pacific Science Center and Seattle Aquarium as they shut down and then prepared for gradual re-opening. Many of these institutions and public spaces host important educational programs for students and adults year-round. I worked with the executive directors and state agencies to prepare the safe and gradual re-opening for many of these organizations. Although the Secretary of State’s office administers the state library system, Washington’s educational spaces generally fall outside of the Secretary of State’s office. However, it is crucial for the Secretary of State to engage with these public organizations as potential locations to offer voter registration and voter education materials. I will be an advocate for ensuring these facilities have broadband to support access to the internet for educational opportunities and for voter education and registration.	No response
Question 6: The country has faced an alarming increase in unemployment due to the pandemic and federal support may not be enough to maintain support for	Currently, Washington’s economy is hurting. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we had a strong economy. Now, we are facing record unemployment. As our economy recovers, infrastructure projects that both invest in our future and create good-paying union jobs will be vital, and I will fully support these projects. As Secretary of State my influence on the	No response

<p>Washington citizens who are unemployed, or underemployed. What do you plan to do to support those unemployed and improve unemployment rates in Washington?</p>	<p>state's economy will be more limited than it has been in the Legislature. However, as the registrar of businesses and companies in Washington state, our Secretary of State could be doing more to work with businesses to support an economy that supports Washington workers.</p>	
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State Auditor	Pat (Patrice) McCarthy	Chris Leyba
Question 1: If elected, how would you work with city officials and business owners to eliminate the racial and gender wage gap?	<p>Feedback from Pat McCarthy's campaign:</p> <p>Thank you for contacting the campaign about your questionnaire regarding community issues.</p> <p>This questionnaire will help your members understand the positions of policy makers and legislators. However, the Office of State Auditor does not have law-making or policy setting powers under the state constitution. The purpose of the office is to ensure that local governments and state agencies are adhering to acceptable accounting practices and to the principles of open government and transparency, so Auditor McCarthy would not be able to complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>In lieu of the questionnaire, I am happy to provide her top priorities and relevant information that your members might find helpful.</p>	No response
Question 2: As schools are closed due to COVID-19, many parents are working less to supervise children as they attend online classes. Those who rely on an hourly pay are especially hurting. What do you plan to do to support families during this time?	<p>Mike Michael Weinman Campaign Consultant to Pat McCarthy for State Auditor</p>	No response
Question 3: How do you plan on increasing diversity in the public school teaching force to better match the student population in Washington?	<p>Mike Michael Weinman Campaign Consultant to Pat McCarthy for State Auditor</p>	No response
Question 4: Washington State was highly publicized as an early epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak and the U.S. continues to face global restrictions as the number of cases remains high. How do you recommend we address the current spread as a state and a country?	<p>To Members of the Junior League of Seattle:</p> <p>It has been an honor to serve as the elected Washington State Auditor for the past four years. I am proud of being the first woman to hold this position in our state's history.</p> <p>Prior to State Auditor, I served as Pierce County Executive, Pierce County Auditor and on the Tacoma School Board. I have a proven and tested public record of leadership and believe my work has demonstrated the importance of having civic-minded women involved in their communities.</p>	No response
Question 5: The pandemic has limited access to libraries, museums, and other educational spaces for the public. What do you plan to do to change or enhance access to these resources to limit the impact these closures have had on the community?	<p>As the State Auditor, it has been a privilege to lead over 400 employees working across the state to provide fiscal and accountability audits of all local and state governments. During that time, we have increased the number of cybersecurity and</p>	No response

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<p>Question 6: The country has faced an alarming increase in unemployment due to the pandemic and federal support may not be enough to maintain support for Washington citizens who are unemployed, or underemployed. What do you plan to do to support those unemployed and improve unemployment rates in Washington?</p>	<p>performance audits, while conducting numerous investigations including uncovering the largest fraud on record.</p> <p>My vision to “increase trust in government” means greater transparency and accountability of public money. To accomplish this goal, I have created a user-friendly, interactive website that gives you important information about each government that serves you. Having an independent, objective review of public dollars is the hallmark of my work at the State Auditor’s Office.</p> <p>In addition, volunteering in the community has been personally rewarding to me as I’m sure it is for each of you. Over the course of my career, I have volunteered at or been involved with the following organizations: Asian Pacific Cultural Center Advisory Board (Current); Pierce County Sexual Assault Center, Emeritus; Tacoma South Rotary 1999-2016; and as Honorary Commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing, 2005-2009.</p> <p>Due to my engagement in the community, I have also been honored by organizations in our community through awards for land conservation and access for justice and open government. I was proud to have been given the Star of Destiny Award from the Tacoma Historical Society, Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Washington Tacoma and Secretary of State’s Auditor of the Year (2005).</p> <p>Organizations like the Junior League of Seattle are important for improving our community and developing the next generation of women leaders. I am a strong believer in the potential of women and improving our community through integrity, effective action and leadership.</p>	<p>No response</p>
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Attorney General	Matt Larkin	Bob Ferguson
Question 1: If elected, how would you work with city officials and business owners to eliminate the racial and gender wage gap?	If elected, I will work with city officials and the legislature to ensure that everybody, regardless of race and gender, has opportunities to be a part of our business community in Washington. I will always fight for equal representation and ensure that everybody is treated fairly. As the father of young daughter, I will always strive to make this state as fair as possible for her in whatever career she chooses to pursue.	No response
Question 2: As schools are closed due to COVID-19, many parents are working less to supervise children as they attend online classes. Those who rely on an hourly pay are especially hurting. What do you plan to do to support families during this time?	It is incredibly important to me, as your next Attorney General, that children are able to receive a solid education, and for parents to be in a position in which supervision doesn't hinder their ability to provide for their families. I will work with the legislature, local government, and others in the executive branch to provide solutions that not only enable education to continue, but that facilitates opportunities and additional options for parents of children.	No response
Question 3: How do you plan on increasing diversity in the public school teaching force to better match the student population in Washington?	As Attorney General, I will work with local and state leaders to encourage and incentivize young people to get into the noble field of education. I will always support and encourage people from all walks of life and with diverse backgrounds to get involved and to make a difference for our kids.	No response
Question 4: Washington State was highly publicized as an early epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak and the U.S. continues to face global restrictions as the number of cases remains high. How do you recommend we address the current spread as a state and a country?	There is a fine line here, and this is obviously a very serious situation. Covid-19 presents a unique challenge for us as state, and as a country and it is very dangerous. We must find a balance between listening to professionals & adhering to medical guidelines, and spurring a business recovery. Policies must continue to be put in place that alleviate the risk associated with returning to work, such as masks, social distancing, taking the necessary precautions as it pertains to hygiene, and medical care. This crisis not only threatens us from a medical standpoint, but the economic implications stemming from the precautions we took as a nation are having a hugely negative financial impact on many diverse, working-class families and this cannot be ignored.	No response

<p>Question 5: The pandemic has limited access to libraries, museums, and other educational spaces for the public. What do you plan to do to change or enhance access to these resources to limit the impact these closures have had on the community?</p>	<p>Although Covid has clearly limited access to public spaces and educational opportunities, it has led us to find other solutions. Online learning mediums and meeting spaces, including Zoom, have become increasingly prominent. We must continue to provide these alternatives to education, while looking for avenues in which we can safely open up educational spaces. Online learning is great, and it was necessary that we provide this alternative and continue to do so, but there are many people who need their learning space to be in person in order to be effective learners and this will mean getting creative, including learning pods.</p>	<p>No response</p>
<p>Question 6: The country has faced an alarming increase in unemployment due to the pandemic and federal support may not be enough to maintain support for Washington citizens who are unemployed, or underemployed. What do you plan to do to support those unemployed and improve unemployment rates in Washington?</p>	<p>As I've touched on in some of my other responses, I will be working with the rest of the executive offices, the legislature, local leaders, and business owners to offer creative solutions that fall in line with medical experts' advice and CDC guidelines while giving struggling business owners and working class Washingtonians the opportunity to return to work.</p> <p>Covid-19 clearly did not help Washington businesses, but there is a problem with the business climate in Washington that has been getting worse, even before Covid. As a business owner myself, I am very familiar with the many regulations that businesses in Washington must navigate. These regulations and other non-business friendly policies in Washington curb efficiency & productivity. This has resulted in layoffs, business closures, and businesses moving out of state at a rate much higher than new businesses are moving in. The recent announcement from Boeing that they will be moving out of Washington highlights this problem. This is a problem I will address as Attorney General and we will hopefully be able to get folks back to work as quickly and safely as possible.</p>	<p>No response</p>

Additional Resources

Below are some additional resources you can utilize if you'd like to continue learning more about the upcoming election or voter resources.

Voting & Election Resources:

Project Vote Smart: <https://justfacts.votesmart.org>

Vote 411: <https://www.vote411.org>

Quick search: "Find what's on your Ballot", type in mailing address, then "Go to My Races"

Vote Save America – Make a Plan: <https://votesaveamerica.com/plan/>

Voting Resources – League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County:

<https://www.seattlelwv.org/voting-resources.html>

Voting Resources – League of Women Voters of Washington: <https://www.lwvwa.org>

Quick search: Voter Tools

Vote WA: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

Washington State Wire: <https://washingtonstatewire.com/category/news/>

Local Endorsements:

Seattle Times:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/seattle-times-editorial-board-endorsements-nov-3-general-election/>

Quick search: Seattle Times 2020 Endorsements

Everett Herald: <https://www.heraldnet.com/tag/editorials/>

Quick search: Everett Herald Endorsements 2020

Progressive Voters Guide:

<https://progressivevotersguide.com/washington/2020/general/choose>

The Stranger: www.thestranger.com

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Note: 2020 General Election endorsements not yet announced but availability expected soon

The Urbanist:

<https://www.theurbanist.org/2020/07/13/the-urbanists-2020-primary-endorsements/>

24-hour Ballot Drop Boxes: Return your ballot to a ballot drop box. Boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning October 15, 2020. Your ballot must be returned to a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020. Please plan ahead to avoid lines! Drop Box sites by select county are linked below.

King County:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/ballot-drop-boxes.aspx>

Kitsap County:

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor/Pages/kitsap-county-voting-locations.aspx>

Snohomish County: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/225/Ballot-Drop-Box-Locations>

Pierce County:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=13M_ZTb_zVszBZRjsNm5UvOfhmBU&ll=47.17413419874129%2C-122.47633723144537&