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**DEMOCRATS FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ANNOUNCE 2020 ENDORSED CANDIDATES**

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Democrats for Diversity & Inclusion, (DDI), have a commitment to increasing the diversity of our elected officials it is ingrained in the following Preamble to our founding By-Laws:

***“Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion (DDI) was founded in 2016 by the Sons and Daughters of Elders and Ancestors who bequeathed to us America’s greatest strength...our Diversity. DDI represents a new generation of leaders who realize Diversity is powerless without our Inclusion in the political and economic decisions affecting our lives. DDI now rises from America’s diverse tapestry to increase the number of People of Color, Students, Women, Disabled, Veterans, LGBTQ, Immigrants, Seniors and other historically disenfranchised communities, who are elected and appointed to public office... from Precinct Committee Officers to the Presidency.”***

“Despite a tumultuous 2020, DDI has focused on our mission to increase the diversity of Washington’s elected officials”, said Clarence Gunn, Interim DDI President. “Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the police killings of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor and Tacoma’s own Manuel Ellis, and despite America’s historic racial reckoning, we have made our choices of the candidates who are best qualified to lead our state in 2021 and beyond.”

According to Steve Kasner, Chair of DDI’s Endorsement Committee, “After DDI’s Endorsement Committee reviewed the resumes and records of all of the national, state and local candidates who have sought DDI’s endorsement, the DDI Membership voted to endorse the attached list of candidates.” “These are the candidates DDI believes not only reflect the rich diversity of Washington state, but leaders who will be strong voices and votes for diversity, equity and inclusion once elected in November,” said Kasner.



## **DDI 2020 WASHINGTON STATE ENDORSED CANDIDATES**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Party</b>
President	Joseph Biden	United.States	D
Vice President	Kamala Harris	United States	D
Governor	Jay Inslee	Washington	D
Lt. Governor	Denny Heck	Washington	D
Secretary of State	Gayle Tarleton	Washington	D
Treasurer	Mike Pellicciotti	Washington	D
Attorney General	Bob Ferguson	Washington	D
Public Lands Commissioner	Hilary Franz	Washington	D
Insurance Commissioner	Mike Kreidler	Washington	D
Supt. of Public Instruction	Chris Reykdal	Washington	D
Auditor	Pat McCarthy	Washington	D
U.S. Congress	Marilyn Strickland	10 <sup>th</sup> CD	D
Superior Ct. Judge Pos. 13	Andrea Robertson	King County	NP
Superior Ct. Judge Pos. 30	Carolyn Ladd	King County	NP
State Senator	Ingrid Anderson	5 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1	Bill Ramos	5 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.2	Lisa Callan	5 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1	Zack Hudgins	11 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1	Jamila Taylor	30 <sup>TH</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.2	Jesse Johnson	30 <sup>TH</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1	Tina L. Orwall	33 <sup>rd</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1	Eileen L Cody	34 <sup>th</sup> LD	D

State Representative Pos.2 Joe Fitzgibbon	34thLD	D
State Representative Pos.1 Sharon Tomiko-Santos	37thLD	D
State Representative Pos.2 Chukundi Salisbury	37thLD	D
State Senator Lisa Wellman	41 <sup>st</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1 Tana Senn	41stLD	D
State Representative Pos.2 My-Linh Thai	41stLD	D
State Representative Pos.1 Debra Entenman	47 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.2 Pat Sullivan	47 <sup>th</sup> LD	D
State Representative Pos.1 Vandana Slatter	48 <sup>th</sup> LD	D

**Key: D = Democrat; R = Republican; NP = Non-Partisan**

**DDI 2020 Endorsement Committee:**

**Steve Kasner, Lisa Weber, Claude Burfect,  
Kevin Allen, Robert Stephens, Phyliss Porter, Azzeim Underwood,  
Interim President, Clarence Gunn (Ex-Officio)**