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High-ranking congressional leaders urge Boeing and IAM to reach deal



(Top L-R) U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and Representatives Rick Larsen (D, WA-02), and Adam Smith (D, WA-09). (Bottom L-R) International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union W24 President Brandon Bryant and 751 President Jon Holden, and Boeing President and CEO Kelly Ortberg. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By **MARIO LOTMORE**

EVERETT—Three of the highest-ranking congressional leaders—U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Representatives Adam Smith (D, WA-09), ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, and Rick Larsen (D, WA-02), ranking member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee—along with president pro tempore of the United States Senate

and chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Patty Murray (D), in a letter sent on Tuesday, October 15, to Boeing and the IAM machinists union leadership, calls for a mutually beneficial resolution to the month long strike.

“With over 42,000 single-aisle and wide body commercial aircraft projected to be manufactured over the next twenty years, valued at \$8 trillion, now is the time to rebuild the historic partnership between management and workers in order to restore Boeing’s reputation for

engineering and manufacturing excellence,” they wrote. “This will require investing in next generation manufacturing techniques, innovative new materials, and providing workers with wages and benefits that acknowledge the essential and irreplaceable work they perform for the Company.”

The cash-starved aerospace juggernaut has been crippled by the strike.

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WA State Party chairs weigh in on why to vote red or blue this election



(L-R) Shasti Conrad, Chair of the Washington State Democrats, and Jim Walsh, Chair of the Washington State Republican Party.

By **KIENAN BRISCOE**

SNOHOMISH COUNTY—With November 5 general election just a few weeks away, the Lynnwood Times reached out to both Shasti Conrad, Chair of the Washington State Democrats, and

Jim Walsh, Chair of the Washington State Republican Party, to hear why voters should vote for their respective party’s candidates and their thoughts on the four statewide initiatives.

Both chairs were asked the same ques-

tions encompassing platform, citizen initiatives, candidates for key statewide positions, and why Kamala Harris or Donald Trump is the best pick for President of the United States.

What are the key issues in this election and why should a voter vote for members of your party? (Keep this state level, not federal)

Shasti Conrad: Washington voters will decide who will best protect their rights and freedoms, security, and economic opportunity. They will also decide who is best able to protect the clean air and water that have made Washington such a beautiful place to live and raise a family. Democratic candidates for every elected office have put forward practical solutions.

Bob Ferguson was the first candidate to release a public safety plan for our state

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Everything to know about the new Food and Farming Center coming to McCollum Park

By **KIENAN BRISCOE**

EVERETT—When Snohomish County opens its upcoming Food and Farming Center in Everett’s McCollum Park in 2027, residents can look forward to fresh locally grown food provided by local farms from Whatcom to North King counties. This will also provide a new revenue source for local farmers by allowing them to grow and sell off season products year-round.

Planning is currently well underway for the project, led by its Progressive Design Build Team, and is currently awaiting permitting consistent with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) policies. Current planning decisions involve deciding precisely where in McCollum Park to place the Food and Farm Center, lot sizes for economic viability, and the type of equipment and storage is needed to meet demand, to name a few.

“We’re looking at the needs and building for what the needs are and making sure we’re right sizing each piece of it,” said Linda Neunzig, Division Manager for Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources Agriculture Office.

Though Snohomish County is building the Food and Farming Center on behalf of Snohomish County farmers, the Center is a regional center that will be open to all farmers from Whatcom to North King counties.

The project has successfully secured \$15 million in funding from local, state, and federal sources including a recent WSDA RFSI grant for over \$1.6 million; however, the county is still seeking additional funding. The goal is to open completely funded and debt free in 2027.

What’s most important for the current phase, Neunzig added, is maintaining stakeholder engagement to ensure what the county is building is the right facility for those who will be using it.

The decision to build a Food and Farming Center stemmed from a county-led outreach effort, asking local farmers what tools and resources they need to be economically viable. Overwhelmingly,

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Forbes recognizes Inslee for his commitment to climate action, new workforce initiative launched

By MARIO LOTMORE

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee recently attended Climate Week NYC and was recognized as one of 50 honorees to Forbes Magazine’s inaugural Sustainability Leaders List.

“Humility is often a virtue, but I’ve never been humble when sharing the incredible work of legislators, Tribes, labor, businesses, community groups and so many others who have made Washington a leading state for climate action,” said Governor Inslee in being recognized for his climate action achievements. “We’re creating jobs, spurring innovation and reducing climate change. Let’s keep it going. Our children are depending on us.”

The Forbes inaugural Sustainability Leaders List honored entrepreneurs, scientists, philanthropists, investors, politicians and activists leading global efforts to combat the climate crisis. The list was vetted by a panel of climate experts: Sylvia Earle, Laurene Powell Jobs, Bill McKibben, Nnimmo Bassey and Tom Baruch.

Since becoming governor in 2013, the Inslee administration has driven nation leading policies to tackle pollution and develop a clean energy economy, including:

- A landmark clean electricity policy that puts Washington on the nation’s most ambitious pathway to 100% clean electricity by 2045
- A nation-leading clean buildings policy to phase fossil fuels out of new building construction
- The Climate Commitment Act, a market-based cap-and-invest program with robust environmental justice provisions that is helping fund new climate-friendly transportation options and community investments to help businesses and families transition away from fossil fuels
- Rapid electric vehicle adoption that has earned Washington the second highest rate of electric and plug-in hybrid sales in the nation. Inslee’s Administration has awarded grants to install more than 5,000 EV chargers.
- Launching the state’s Clean Energy Fund, the Institute for Northwest Energy Futures at Washington State University, and the Clean Energy Institute at University of Washington, programs that have created and supported dozens of new technologies and business ventures.

During the 2024 Forbes Sustainability Leaders Summit panel discussion held in New York City on September 24, Inslee shared that he is most proud of “the

most aggressive, the most effective, and the most just cap-and-invest system in the United States, which creates an absolute binding limit on carbon pollution [by] establish[ing] a multi-billion-dollar fund to recycle polluters money back to Washingtonians.”

Inslee added that the Climate Commitment Act is a regulatory approach of a “cap with a mechanism to help people make the investments they need in their family and community” to combat climate change.

“It is a market-based program, businesses like it too because it allows them to make efficient decisions based on the most efficient way to make the most productive investment,” Inslee said.

The panel discussion was led by Forbes Senior Editor, Amy Feldman, and included Bezos Earth Fund President & CEO Andrew Steer. Both Inslee and Steer shared about their plans to combat climate change.

When asked by Feldman to address Initiative 2117, that if passed this November will prohibit carbon tax credit trading effectively ending his CCA program, Inslee responded that the efforts of the “retroactive MAGA friends who want to defeat it [the CCA]” will not succeed.

“My state is not a state that follows climate deniers, it is not a state that believes wind turbines cause cancer; we think they cause growth,” Inslee said.

Inslee joked that he is “more worried about natural stupidity than artificial intelligence” when it comes to utilizing AI to combat climate change. He added that AI can be used in the progression of the ever-evolving fusion energy industry in Washington state.

During the discussion, Bezos Earth Fund President, Andrew Steer enlightened attendees with AI’s possible applications from digitizing the electrical grid to increase distribution and capacity, to utilizing AI recognition algorithms that will identify species and monitor migration patterns. He also shared that AI could analyze forest growth to aid carbon trading markets. The Bezos fund, Steer shared, is committing \$100 million to these and similar efforts.

The Bezos Earth Fund is a \$10 billion commitment made by Jeff Bezos in 2020 to address nature and climate challenges in this decade.

Other high-profile speakers at the leadership summit were former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, and actor and cofounder of Water.org Matt Damon.

In 2017 Inslee co-founded the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of governors that represents more than half the U.S. population, dedicated to achieving the Paris Agreement’s climate goals. He also launched the International Ocean Acidification Alliance, and helps lead the Pacific Coast Collaborative, America Is All In and Under2 Coalition.

In addition to the summit, Inslee attended Climate Week NYC, held from September 22-29, to highlight Washington’s role as a national leader on economy-wide climate policies and to rally continued momentum for state and federal climate action.

The event hosted by Climate Group, brought together over 600 events and activities “to drive climate action, fast,” according to the international nonprofit’s website. The event was in partnership with the United Nations General Assembly and the City of New York.

Inslee was joined by his U.S. Climate Alliance co-chairs New York Governor Kathy Hochul and New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, and White House National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi, where they announced a new workforce initiative to train 1 million new registered apprentices across the Alliance’s states and territories for jobs and careers in clean energy, climate resiliency, and restoration.

“We’re aligning our ambitious climate policies with workforce development to have 1 million more workers poised to take these good-paying, union jobs that serve our communities and strengthen our economies,” said Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. “These are economy-wide jobs, not just in clean energy but building trades, land management, clean technology and more. Climate Alliance states have a track record of meeting our ambitious goals and that momentum continues today.”

The 2035 goals of Inslee’s workforce initiative include:

- Advancing strategies to ensure climate-ready employment pathways lead to good-paying, high-quality jobs that protect worker safety, ensure worker voice, and support workers throughout their careers with family sustaining wages and benefits.
- Prioritizing equity in climate-ready workforce policies and programs to expand opportunities for all workers, particularly those from underrepresented and underserved communities and those disproportionately impacted by climate change and the energy transition.
- Fostering meaningful and inclusive collaboration across government, Tribal nations and communities, workforce systems, labor unions, industry, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and other key partners in developing solutions.
- Supporting innovative and evidence-based approaches to help workers enter, transition into, and advance in climate-ready careers through a range of supportive services, including educational and transition services, language access services, and wraparound supports such as childcare and transportation.
- Promoting the development and use of stackable, portable, and industry-aligned credentials in climate-ready fields to build trans-

ferable skills, support reskilling and upskilling, and strengthen workers’ economic mobility.

- Maximizing opportunities to build a climate-ready workforce with federal investments under the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and CHIPS and Science Act, including by supporting employers’ compliance with applicable prevailing wage and Registered Apprenticeship provisions.
- Strengthening regional and sector-based collaboration to promote greater alignment and maximize impact in addressing shared challenges and opportunities.
- Encouraging climate-focused workforce planning that is rooted in evidence and aligns with states’ existing workforce development and education systems, increasing capacity of states’ workforce systems and improving data collection and reporting as needed.

To advance sector-specific strategies, Alliance members will work together through new multi-state cohorts focused on in-demand, climate-ready fields. These cohorts will provide a platform for states and territories to increase collaboration, share evidence-based practices, engage experts and stakeholders, and develop sectoral workforce solutions that can be scaled across the country.

Cohorts to be launched in the Initiative’s first year will focus on careers in the following areas: Clean Energy, Fuels, and Technologies; Clean Buildings and Industry; and Resilient Communities and Lands.

This Initiative builds on several federal-state collaborations and federal investments under the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and CHIPS and Science Act.

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Jackie Requa-Hall reflects, “Every day at Fairwinds – Brighton Court is not just a job; it's a journey filled with purpose, compassion, and the joy of positively impacting our residents' lives. I don't just work here; I love being a part of the 35-year legacy of a community that truly cares.”

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Council approved increases to permit fees, removes PE requirement for Public Works directorship

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—The council began hearing 2025-26 biennium budget presentations and approved a 7.6 percent increase to permit fees and the mayor’s request to remove the professional engineering licensure requirement for the Public Works Director position, at its Monday, October 14, city council meeting.

The department presentations commenced on Monday with Executive, Legal, City Council, and Finance. PRCA, Municipal Court, and Police will present on October 16 with DBS, Human Resources, Information Technology presenting to the council on October 28. Public Works and Capital budget will wrap up presentations on November 4.

The Lynnwood Times will be combining Monday’s and Wednesday’s budget presentations into a single article to be published Thursday, October 17.

Development and Business Services (BDS) Fee Schedule Amendments

Council President George Hurst made the motion to approve the fee schedule that was seconded by Council Vice President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby and passed unanimously 7-0.

“What we found when we did the analysis, is that cities have allowed themselves to slip further and further behind on cost recovery. So, when you got into other communities that are our neighbors, they actually run at a significant deficit of revenue to fees. We wanted to move out of that position,” David Kleitsch, DBS Director told council members.

The Development and Business Services department requested the city council to adopt a 7.6 percent increase in the 2025 fees related to permitting, construction, and land use activities administered by the department. DBS is also the council to approve the adoption to annually adjust the fees by 4% plus the inflation percentage based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for years 2026 through 2028.

The council adopted Ordinance No. 3451 on December 4, 2023 that increased DBS fees for 2024 between 12 to 45 percent.

The new 2025 fee schedule will take effect by Monday, October 21, 2024.

Removing Engineering Licensure Requirement Public Works Director

The Mayor is requesting the city council

to remove the professional engineering licensure for its Public Works Director position. If passed, a Public Works Director without a professional engineering license will need to delegate licensed engineering duties to a department employee holding a professional engineering license.

“If you make your job look easy and not understand the technical difficulties in doing the job, the job just ends up looking easy and you can be under appreciated and under rewarded for the actual technical effort the has to go into the role,” Councilman Decker said, who voted against the motion. “My preference has always been to have a team lead who also has a technical expertise to be able to understand and appreciate the specific skills and experience and knowledge of the various team members. I think maintaining that particular license would grant that authority and understanding for that particular individual.”

A professional engineering license assigns full liability of all approved engineering designs for the city. According to the state of Washington, a professional engineer must have eight years or more of experience in engineering, successfully passing a written or oral examination, or both, and is accredited

within the state.

The Public Works Department develops, manages and operates all physical infrastructure within the city limits of Lynnwood to facilitate the City’s health, safety, and welfare while enhancing the quality of life, according to the City’s website. Public works is responsible for all construction management, transportation, storm water maintenance, environmental projects, and water and sewer maintenance with the city.

The city currently has 12 licensed professional engineers within Public Works, and the mayor stated that her recommendation was cleared by current Public Works Director Bill Franz.

Councilman Hurst shared with the Lynnwood Times that the cities of Edmonds, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace and Mukilteo do not have the PE as a requirement for the Public Works directorship.

Council Vice President Altamirano-Crosby made the motion to remove the PE requirement that was seconded by Council President Hurst. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilman Decker dissenting.

Lynnwood K9s join an elite pack certified in fentanyl detection by Criminal Justice Training Commission



The Lynnwood Police Department K9 teams—Chase, Rico, and Cannon—certified in fentanyl detection. SOURCE: Lynnwood Police Department.

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—The Lynnwood Police K9 unit joins an elite pack of police dogs certified in fentanyl detection by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) in Marysville to help combat the ongoing opioid crisis.

“A big congrats to K9 Chase, Rico, and Cannon and their handlers who worked hard to achieve this certification,” The Lynnwood Police announced on X on October 4.

The three K9 cops are also trained in detecting meth, heroin, and cocaine. On September 15, six K9 teams with

the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office (2), Bellingham (1), and Marysville (2), and Anacortes (1) police departments were the first to be trained and certified in fentanyl detection within Washington state. All were certified at the CJTC in Marysville.

In June of this year, House Bill 1635 passed the legislature which required the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to develop model standards for training police dogs to detect fentanyl by July 1, 2025. The bill was introduced by Representatives Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale and co-sponsored by Carolyn Eslick, R-Sultan, and Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen. It allocates \$150,000 for

the CJTC to create the program.

Also, the bill states that a law enforcement agency, or any state or local government employee (or agency) is immune from civil damages arising from the use of a properly trained canine to detect fentanyl.

When the bill was first introduced in 2023, no local law enforcement dogs were trained nor certified through the

state of Washington’s Criminal Justice Training Commission to find fentanyl.

In May of 2023, Drug Task Force K-9 Sully almost died from possible exposure to fentanyl during a warrant search of an Everett residence. After three doses of Narcan, K-9 Sully regained consciousness. A large amount of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl were seized from the apartment.

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By COMMUNITY TRANSIT

Struggling to find parking at the new Lynnwood City Center light rail station? You're not alone. Parking fills up fast, but there's a stress-free alternative: the bus.

"Taking the bus to light rail is easier than you think," says Annmarie Gibson, assistant manager of Customer Care at Community Transit.

Interest in riding light rail means limited parking at light rail stations. Lynnwood City Center Station, which is managed by Sound Transit, has 1,900 parking spaces — 1,670 spots in its new five-story lot and 226 stalls in adjacent surface lots. About 500 stalls were added before the light rail opened. Community Transit's Ride Store is conveniently located near the bus bays at the new station. Gibson sees the daily frustration.

"The garage has been full nearly every day. With many of the spaces blocked off due to construction, there is less parking for light rail riders. People are frustrated."

Gibson says she's also seen the lots fill

up when there are major athletic events and concerts at venues near light rail stations.

"If you're going to a big event, the light rail is a great way to get there and can help you save on parking. But don't count on finding an open parking spot at the station. At the Ride Store, we can help you find the best way to connect by bus."

Riders can pay both for their bus and light rail fare with an ORCA card. Your ORCA fare is transferred when you switch between rides. With an ORCA card, pay just \$2.50 for adult bus fares, \$1.25 for discounted fares, and ride for free if you're 18 or younger.

"You can get an ORCA card at the Ride Store. If you're driving to the Ride Store, look for parking spots that are reserved for Ride Store customers. We've also helped customers find the best options to connect to light rail from their homes and other park & rides."

"Our ADA-accessible parking spaces at Lynnwood City Center have also been at capacity and some are blocked off due to construction," says Gibson. "At

the Ride Store, we can help you find options for connecting to light rail that meet your unique needs."

All Community Transit buses are accessible, with ramps and wheelchair lifts, low floors, and kneeling features to assist in boarding. Riders who are unable to ride fixed-route buses may qualify for Community Transit's DART paratransit service. And for people who want to connect to transit by bike, every bus has

a bike rack. Bike lockers are also available to rent at select transit centers, including Lynnwood City Center.

Getting to the light rail platform from your bus is easy. Just follow the signs at the station. Escalators and an elevator are available to help you get to the platform quickly. Ready to plan your trip and learn more about connecting to light rail? Visit communitytransit.org/lightrail to get started.

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farmers expressed a need for processing fresh local products as well as aggregation and distribution.

As it stands, most farmers located in Snohomish County and surrounding areas are responsible for processing, aggregation, and distribution—there's simply nowhere in the surrounding area for products to be sliced, diced, and packaged.

To address this, the Food and Farming Center will offer core operational functions, which include aggregation, processing, distribution and marketing, as well as space and equipment for storage and value-added processing. This space will allow for processing, group distribution, and sales. Washing, slicing, packaging, freezing and other services to be identified by the agricultural community will also be available.

"A lot of markets require a certain amount of processing such as using certified potable water to clean things with, not everyone has that. For a lot of farmers, it's making sure we're providing that infrastructure, so they have access to markets," said Neunzig. "If we're providing to a school district, for example, one farmer may not be able to provide the quantity the district needs but if we can bring ten farmers together to meet that order then they can sell into that school district, where before as a small farmer they may not have been

able to. But if we can put several farmers together then they can have a share into that market."

The Center will only deal with fruits and vegetables, no livestock. There are a number of new USDA certified meat processing facilities in Snohomish and Skagit counties, that are easily able to cover the needs of local farmers, Neunzig informed the Lynnwood Times.

Local farmers also identified the lack of a commercial kitchen where they can do value-added product; for example, using strawberries to make strawberry jam or chickens to make chicken pot pie.

The Food and Farming Center will have an on-sight commercial kitchen which will allow for valued added production providing year-round income for producers and potential export products. A shared-use kitchen, where individuals can rent existing infrastructure for hourly or daily time blocks, provides a convenient way for food entrepreneurs to access existing infrastructure without the high startup costs, the county says.

The kitchen will also contain a commissary, whose business model is to rent out kitchen time, equipment, and storage; and two incubator kitchens that will provide business development assistance, and business counseling.

"That value-added product can then be frozen or made all yearlong and sold all year-round instead of selling fresh product one time of year, and you're

selling it for a higher dollar amount," said Neunzig.

The Food and Farmer Center will also have an indoor, year-round Farmer's Market open to the public two-to-three days a week. While the specific location of the Food and Farming Center within McCollum Park has yet to be decided, the attached farmers market is planned to be located right off 128th Street to allow visitors easy access.

"When it's cold out, and it's windy, and raining you can come inside, have a cup of coffee, do your shopping, enjoy chatting with all of the farmers and be able to come home with all of your groceries," said Neunzig.

Since education is also a key factor of the project, educational seminars and cooking classes will also be held at the farmers market, though the specifics are still in the works.

Having an alternative option where locals can buy their groceries has its benefits both nutritionally and economically, Neunzig informed the Lynnwood Times.

Most supermarket produce, for example, travels thousands of miles from a farm before it reaches its shelves. By buying groceries directly from the farmers, patrons will get fresher fruits and vegetables that will last longer, have more nutritional value, and generally cost less because transportation costs are greatly reduced.

"When you're spending your dollar, that dollar is going directly to that farmer to support that farmer, to keep that farmer in business," said Neunzig. "Your dollar has a direct impact on your community when you buy from your farmer."

To address food insecurity in the region, the county has partnered with Volunteers of America of Western Washington to start a Seed to Food program which includes farmers growing food specifically intended to be donated to local food banks which can be picked up on sight, delivered straight to the food bank, or distributed directly through VOA's distribution hub in Arlington.

When the Center opens, the County will be run by individual operators, not county employees. The County plans to send out an RFP (a bid for potential vendors) closer to opening to find these individual operators who, in its current plan, will be stationed in each portion of the project—i.e. commercial kitchen, farmers market, processing, and so on. Operators will function under turnkey leases with the county.

"Whatever an operator comes in, it's important that their focus is on local agriculture," said Neunzig.

The County plans to hold an official update for the Food and Farming Center for the public this November 6 during the Focus on Farming event at the Evergreen State Fair.

Dagi Kesim: Everett High School Girls' Soccer Head Coach

By KIENAN BRISCOE

EVERETT—For the past four seasons, Daghan “Dagi” Kesim has patrolled the touchlines and technical area as the Head Coach of the Everett High School (EHS) Girls’ Soccer program.

Kesim’s return to high school soccer was unlikely, as he had left coaching several years earlier, including a tenure at Lynnwood High School. However, with some motivation from someone close to him, he was back in the game.

“A mutual friend told me I would be perfect for Everett [High School]. The girls went through some hard times, and they need someone to motivate them,” Kim said in an interview with the Lynnwood Times. “I thought I would never coach high school again, gave up high school coaching in 2011, but I fell in love with Everett high, and girls became my family,” Kesim said.

With his latest opportunity, Kesim brings 25 years of coaching experience to the EHS girls’ soccer program. Over his career, Kesim has coached at the University, high school, select, and premier levels, in addition to coaching professional outdoor and indoor soccer in the county with the defunct Arlington Aviators in the Western Indoor Soccer League (WISL) and the Snohomish County Steelheads. He also founded Gala FC, an elite club team that trains and develops players in small settings.

Originally from Turkey, Kesim credits his experience playing European professional soccer and studying the game with helping him excel as a coach.

“[My] playing experience definitely helped, but studying the game and following and learning top coaches is a humbling experience,” said EHS Head Coach Kesim.



Daghan “Dagi” Kesim (right), Head Coach of the Everett High School Girls’ Soccer program with Assistant Coach Jeff Adams (left). SOURCE: Dagi Kesim.

“Dagi [Kesim] has many years of experience as a player at a UEFA Champions League level with Galatasaray that the majority of US coaches can’t even shake a stick at and has also had success coaching here in the US at many different ages and skill levels, including being a High School Coach of the year. His tactical and detailed technical knowledge set him at a higher level,” said Everett Assistant Coach Jeff Adams.

Adams began coaching with Kesim in 2016 as a volunteer when his son joined Gala FC—a program Kesim

also runs—then had the opportunity to apply to coach with him at Everett High in 2022 when a position opened for the Junior Varsity Coach.

Kesim loves the game, and he explains that being excited about it helps him in his coaching.

“I love passing on my passion for the game. I love teaching them never to give up,” Kesim told the Lynnwood Times.

However, the job of a coach always comes with some obstacles.

“Challenges is always the same answer parents of players who are not supporting, or they try to live their dreams through their kids with pressure,” Kesim shared.

According to the Athletics Administration, Everett High School’s program has seen remarkable improvement since Kesim took over.

“The team has shown marked improvement in performance, with athletes demonstrating enhanced skills and greater teamwork on the field. Dagi [Kesim] has implemented structured training regimens and introduced innovative strategies contributing to their competitive edge. The program has also seen increased participation and engagement from the community, with more fans and support at events.

“Overall, the program is well-positioned for continued success and development under Coach Dagi’s [Kesim] guidance,” said Athletic Director Melvin Bustamante to the Lynnwood Times.

Dagi Kesim’s return to high school soccer as the Head Coach of the Everett High School Girls Soccer program has been nothing short of transformative.

With his extensive coaching background and passion for the game, he has reinvigorated the team, fostering skill development and teamwork among the players. Kesim’s commitment to creating a supportive and motivating environment has improved performance on the field and increased community involvement and support.

As the program continues to grow under his leadership, it’s clear that Coach Dagi’s influence will leave a lasting legacy at Everett High School.

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that will invest resources into law enforcement as well as addressing the root causes of crime and gun violence.

Dave Upthegrove has committed to ensuring our state lives up to its climate promises, investing in building resilience in our frontline communities while also securing the health of our forests and drinking water.

Patty Kuderer is a champion for access to affordable healthcare and will work to rein in insurance companies that seek to hike prices at the expense of care for Washingtonians. And every Democratic candidate has expressed their unwavering commitment to ensuring that every woman has autonomy over her own body.

Washington state is one of the best places in the country to open a business and to raise a family thanks to Democratic lawmakers advancing solutions that don’t just meet the moment but prepare our state for the long term. More work still needs to be done, but only Democratic candidates are offering solutions based on real world practicalities, which is why voters have consistently seen fit to grow our majorities in the legislature and elect Democrats into every statewide elected office.

Jim Walsh: Illegal immigration, the cost of living, rising crime rates. State and local law enforcement agencies

need to be able to cooperate with federal agencies to enforce this nation’s immigration laws. The state government needs to hold its three budgets steady to allow the private-sector economy in Washington has time to catch up with the government’s growth.

The “knowing” possession and use of hard drugs like fentanyl need to be returned to felony crime status, as the State Supreme Court in its “Blake” decision stated that these could be. Washington Republicans aren’t just the only political party offering solutions to these problems, however, we’re the only party with enough common sense to acknowledge that the problems exist! We will fix these problems with bills, if we can; or by initiative, if we must.

Where do you stand on initiatives 2109, 2117, 2124, and 2066? What are your elevator pitches to convince a voter support your position?

Shasti Conrad: We urge Washingtonians to VOTE NO on every statewide initiative this year. These initiatives would blow multi-billion-dollar holes in our state budget, requiring draconian cuts to our frontline workers, education services, and environmental protections.

Beyond the criminal lack of transparency (which resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in fines for backers of these initiatives), none of these initiatives actually guarantee lower prices for con-

sumers. A “yes” vote for each of these initiatives would unfairly shift the bill for desperately needed services off the wealthy and large corporations onto the rest of us. These initiatives are a trojan horse for conservative policies that Republicans can’t get passed in the legislature because of their inability to get voters to elect them. Defend Washington by voting NO.

Jim Walsh: 2109, 2117 and 2124 are just as strong policy and compelling politics as they were when I filed them last year. They will reform Washington’s flawed tax policy by giving working people and families in Washington much-needed relief. Initiative 2066 is a good addition to the lineup that restores consumer choice in clean energy options, and it also saves working people money.

Three statewide races are getting a lot of attention this year, Governor, Attorney General, and OSPI. Why should a voter support your party’s candidate?

Shasti Conrad: Bob Ferguson for Governor, Nick Brown for Attorney General, and Chris Reykdal for OSPI lead with transparency, practicality, and a commitment to always fighting for Washingtonians.

Bob Ferguson is the only candidate who will protect a woman’s right to choose from federal overreach and who has plans to ensure public safety while

building our economy from the middle out and not the top down.

Nick Brown has taken on drug traffickers and cartels as U.S. Attorney. Nick also helped write the Safe Schools, Safe Communities initiative which passed with 60% of the vote, bringing more resources to keep our students safe while they pursue their education.

Chris Reykdal navigated the pandemic and its impact on education by listening to communities and the scientific community. He has helped ensure protections for LGBTQIA+ students and their families while also creating more opportunities for students to achieve their goals.

Democratic candidates for these vitally important offices have demonstrated over and over their commitment to working for every Washingtonian, not just the wealthy and powerful. Our clean air, clean water, consumer and worker rights, and our education system require knowledgeable and experienced leaders to ensure their protection. Vote Ferguson, Brown, and Reykdal.

Jim Walsh: Dave Reichert is the only candidate for Governor who has the temperament to serve the people of Washington effectively. There’s a lot of broken state laws and public policy, a lot of division and divisiveness in our

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state. Dave Reichert can fix these problems. His opponent would only make our problems worse.

Pete Serrano is the best choice for WA State Attorney General. He's a common-sense constitutionalist—something that's been sorely lacking the State AG's office for over a decade. Importantly—though sometimes overlooked in media coverage—Serrano's executive experience as Mayor of Pasco, will be necessary to reform an agency that has become weaponized against the people of Washington by the previous AG.

David Olson is simply the only rational choice to run the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The current Superintendent, seeking his third term, has overseen the tragic and catastrophic collapse of Washington's public school system. Scores are down, morale is low and families are removing their children in record numbers. Olson, on the other hand, has served with great success at a school board president in Pierce County. His district has seen scores, morale and enrollment rise.

It is Wednesday, November 6, and either Kamala Harris or Donald J Trump won the presidential race. Share your concerns for Washington state if the candidate of your opposite party is the winner; share your hopes/goals if the candidate of your party won the presidency.

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A Q&A event series with your Trusted Election Experts

Curious about the voting process and election security in Snohomish County? Get the answers to your questions this fall at *Elections Explained*, an event series hosted by Snohomish County Elections, Sno-Isle Libraries, and the League of Women Voters.

These informational sessions, led by Auditor Garth Fell, will take place in September and October at public libraries throughout the County. Scan the QR code to see event dates, times, and locations.

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Shasti Conrad: Should Donald Trump win a second term, we take him at his word that he will be a “dictator on day one.” We have already experienced the chaos and trauma of a Trump Administration and expect a second term would threaten our standing in the world and economic prosperity.

Economists from every part of the political spectrum say Trump's economic program would supercharge inflation and amount to a \$6,000 cost of living increase for the average American.

Should Vice President Harris become President Harris, we look forward to continuing the unbroken streak of job growth started under President Biden, continuing to tame inflation, and a stalwart commitment to our international allies in the face of authoritarian dictators. We also know that women and LGBTQIA+ communities would have an ally in the White House committed to protecting their rights. Furthermore, a Harris-Walz Administration would be committed to upholding the rule of law. We have seen from past experience that Trump holds no such fidelity to our constitution or independent justice system.

Jim Walsh: Kamala Harris is a phony and she's not very bright, as her ongoing troubles speaking coherently in public illustrate. She may not even fully understand how extreme her policy positions are, vaguely stated as they may be. If she's elected president, the United States will survive but its people will suffer—economically, spiritually and culturally.

Donald Trump seems to have learned lessons and refined his priorities from his first term as POTUS. His newly-formed alliances with nontraditional politicians like Robert Kennedy, Jr., Tulsi Gabbard and others suggest the promise of a non-partisan approach to public policy and governing at the federal level. Personally, I hope he will concentrate on lowering the national debt during his second term, which at this point, seems almost certain to take place.

Closing statements by both Shasti Conrad and Jim Walsh

Shasti Conrad: Washington Democrats are asking for your vote to continue our work of building an economy and natural environment that are the envy of the world. Through a commitment to working in communities for communities, our candidates have the experience and expertise to address the root causes of many of the issues impacting our state.

While the WA GOP puts up extremists who don't believe women should control their own bodies and LGBTQIA+ individuals should have no place in society, Washington Democrats are committed to building a state that works for everyone regardless of their background or politics.

LEGAL NOTICE

Meeds Environmental LLC, 3330 Bickford Ave, Snohomish WA. 98290 is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Sand and Gravel General Permit.

The facility, known as Dairyland, is or will be, located at 12129 Treosti Rd in Snohomish, in Snohomish County. Activities at the facility will include recycling crushed concrete and asphalt and are due to start up on 5/1/2014. This facility will discharge process water and / or stormwater to infiltrate to groundwater.

Ecology developed the Sand and Gravel General Permit with the expectation that sites covered under this permit will meet water quality standards including anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Any person desiring to present their views to the Department of Ecology regarding this application may do so in writing within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. Comments shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology. Any person interested in the department's action on this application may notify the department of their interest within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice.

Comments can be submitted to:
Washington State Department of Ecology
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Shoreline, WA 98133

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Jim Walsh: Washington is on the cusp of a major realignment in its state politics. The people are tired of being lied to by sanctimonious politicians. They are tired of empty virtue-signaling, rising crime, attacks on the nuclear family and the ugliness of watered-down socialist policy.

Legal immigrants and naturalized citizens in Washington tell me—almost every day, now—that they came to this place to get away from such government excess.

The WAGOP is attracting allies and supporters from communities that most Washingtonians wouldn't consider expected “Republican” groups.

We are building new coalitions that lazy left-wing politicians aren't even noticing. I'm not sure whether these changes will show results this election cycle or the next...or the next. But the change is coming. And the people of Washington state will be better off for it.

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Tuesday's letter comes as Boeing announced earlier that day it plans to raise \$25 billion through stock and debt offerings and a \$10 billion credit agreement with major lenders to weather its current crisis, Reuters reports.

Jefferies analyst Sheila Kahyaoglu estimated that Boeing is taking a \$1.3 billion hit to free cash flow for each month of the strike, according to Barrons.

Earlier this year, the S&P Global and Moody's lowered the aircraft manufacturer's creditworthiness in April to BBB- (the firm's lowest grade), the FAA capped 737 Max production to 38 planes per month following the Alaska air incident in January, plagued by delays of its 777X production, and setbacks meeting mandated international "greener" emission standards for its 767 aircrafts, resulted in the company burning through billions of dollars well before September's strike.

Boeing hasn't reported a full-year profit since 2018, a year before two crashes of the 737 MAX jet that led to the grounding of the plane worldwide. Its stock has taken a 12.3% hit since September 3 (Fri, Aug 30: 173.74, Oct 15: 152.35), after Wells Fargo analyst Matthew Akers downgraded the company's stock valuation stating a problem with free cash flow.

"Boeing carries about \$45 billion net debt and (it) must address this before it kicks off the next aircraft development cycle," Akers said, adding that cutting the debt would consume its cash flow through 2030, Reuters reports.

Aerospace is a multi-billion-dollar industry in Washington state and congressional leaders aren't holding back any punches. According to the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's report, in 2023, Boeing supported 82% of industrywide business revenues, 80% of total jobs, and 77% of total labor in-

come generated by Washington's \$71 billion aerospace industry.

Murray, Cantwell, Larsen, and Adams requested both parties to "redouble your efforts to reach a mutually beneficial resolution" after negotiations stalled on October 8 followed by Boeing filing an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against IAM—specifically 751 president Jon Holden and W24 president Brandon Bryant—alleging "bad faith bargaining."

In its message to union members regarding the filing, IAM 751 wrote on X: "Boeing is simply attempting the same old bargaining tactics. They are trying to deal directly with the membership and sow seeds of doubt and division in our Union. They hope to drive a wedge within our Union. There is no chance of that. We are stronger than ever and united on every picket line."

Senator Cantwell and Representative Pramila Jayapal (WA-07) joined hundreds of union members for a Strike Rally at Seattle Union Hall on October 15.

"Incredible strength from striking Machinists! There is no Boeing without IAM751," wrote Rep. Jayapal on X about her experience.

Thirty members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, led by Jayapal, called on Boeing and union negotiating teams to "return to the bargaining table" a day before Boeing announced it will reduce its workforce by 10 percent—17,000 employees—due to the ongoing strike. The aerospace company, also on October 11, announced it will delay delivery of its 777X program by a year to 2026 and decommission the commercial program of its 767 freighter.

"We know these decisions will cause difficulty for you, your families and our team, and I sincerely wish we could

avoid taking them," Boeing President and CEO Kelly Ortberg wrote in his email to employees. "However, the state of our business and our future recovery require tough actions. We will be transparent with you regarding the timing and impact of these steps, and we will be professional and supportive to everyone along the way."

The first round of 60-day layoff notices at Boeing Commercial division will begin on November 17 with a second wave on December 9, smack in the middle of the holiday season.

The machinist unions are demanding a 40% increase to general wages and the reinstatement of its pension plan that union members voted to end in 2014.

According to Boeing's "best and final" offer proposed on September 23, the average annual machinist pay at the end of the proposed 4-year contract would increase from \$75,608 a year to \$111,155. In its final offer to IAM 751 & W24 members:

- Boeing committed to building its next new airplane, in the Puget Sound region.
- A general wage increase of 30% over four years, up from 25%.
- A ratification bonus of \$6,000, up from \$3,000.
- A reinstatement of the Aerospace Machinists Performance Program (AMPP) bonus.
- A one-to-one match on the first 8% an employee contributes to Boeing's 401(k) plan
- A lower cost share for health care
- A new employee annual floating holiday

Boeing alleges that in its October 7 and 8 sessions, the company presented the IAM negotiating team "further improvements to retirement and incentives" above its September 23 proposal that included "guaranteeing a portion of the AMPP" and increased "annual pension payments for those employees who

had Boeing pensions." Boeing claimed the negotiating team refused to budge leading to the company withdrawing its offer and 33,000 union members awaiting "next steps."

"After two days of fruitless discussions, the Company withdrew its offers and ended mediation, rather than continuing to bargain against itself," Boeing stated in its NLRB filing.

Boeing also claims that union leadership violated its own Constitution by refusing to allow its members to vote on the September 23 proposed contract.

Representatives Rick Larsen (WA-02) and Suzan DelBene (WA-01) joined striking Boeing IAM 751 workers on the picket lines outside of Boeing's Everett factory on Friday, September 27, to hear their concerns and to show support to union members' efforts to negotiate a fair contract with Boeing.

"After talking with the workers [on the picket line], there's this long simmering tensions that seem to go back beyond the last couple of years, back maybe 10 to 12 to 15 years," Larsen said. "The company needs to recognize that."

However, congressional leaders in Tuesday's letter remain hopeful reminding Boeing and union leadership of their mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship writing:

"IAM 751 and W24 represent a vital workforce in the Pacific Northwest and for nearly a century have made it possible for Boeing to produce aircraft that fly millions of passengers each day, connecting communities and economies around the world. With these contributions in mind, we hope you will expeditiously work out a fair and durable deal that recognizes the importance of the machinist workforce to Boeing's future, the aerospace economy of the Pacific Northwest, and the nation."

520,000 Presidential Election Ballots mailed to residents

BY SNOHOMISH COUNTY AUDITOR

In partnership with the League of Women Voters and Sno-Isle Libraries, Snohomish County Auditor Garth Fell launches Elections Explained, a series of information sessions to share insights into the process of voting and administering elections ahead of the 2024 Presidential Election.

EVERETT—On Thursday, October 17, Snohomish County Elections will mail ballots for the November 5 Presidential Election to approximately 520,000 registered voters.

"To make sure your voice is heard in the 2024 General Election, don't wait until the last minute to vote and return your ballot," said Snohomish County Auditor Garth Fell. "Voting as soon as you can not only ensures that your ballot is received on time but also spares you from long lines at ballot drop boxes, accessible voting sites, and the Auditor's Office on Election Day."

In addition to the Presidential race, the General Election ballot will feature state initiatives; races for federal, state, and local offices, including U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor and state executive offices, State Senator, State Representative, judicial positions, and Public Utility District

Commissioner. Also included are local ballot measures for voters in Snohomish County, the City of Everett, the City of Monroe, the Town of Woodway, Arlington School District No. 16, Lake Stevens School District No. 4, and Sultan School District No. 311.

In mid-September, 8,000 ballots were mailed to military and overseas voters. Every household has been sent a combined state and local voters' pamphlet. If a registered voter has not received their ballot by October 23, they should call Snohomish County Elections at 425-388-3444. Voters have until October 28 to register or update their existing registration online or by mail. In-person registration and voting will be available until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, at the Auditor's Office in Everett and at designated accessible voting sites during specific hours.

Voters are encouraged to check their voter registration information now and return their voted ballot well before the November 5 deadline. Snohomish County Elections anticipates that lines could be long at ballot drop boxes, accessible voting sites, and the Auditor's Office on Election Day, November 5, as well as the days immediately leading up to Election Day. Snohomish County voters have two safe, secure methods for returning their voted ballots: by mail (postage paid) or to an official ballot

Location	Dates and Hours of Operation
Snohomish County Auditor's Office 1st Floor – Admin West 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett	Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe	
Homage Senior Services 5026 196th St SW, Lynnwood	Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Medallion Hotel 16710 Smokey Point Blvd, Arlington	

For voters with disabilities, Snohomish County Elections will have accessible voting equipment available at several locations:

drop box.

For the November 5 Presidential Election, 35 official ballot drop boxes are open for voters to conveniently return their voted ballots. Drop boxes are open 24-hours a day until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. A complete list of ballot drop box locations can be found in the inserts accompanying the ballot and on the county elections website: snohomishcountywa.gov/5726/Find-a-Ballot-Drop-Box.

Additionally, voters can return their ballots by mail to any United States postal box postage-free. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than November 5 to count. The U.S. Postal Service recommends voters return their ballots at least one week before Election Day. If mailing their ballot within

a week of Election Day, voters are advised to check the mail collection times listed on the outside of the USPS postal box to ensure their ballot will be postmarked on time.

Voters are welcome to sign up to visit Snohomish County's new Elections Center to observe ballot processing activities and learn more about the elections process. Voters can also visit our Elections Explained webpage to find answers to frequently asked questions about voting and elections in Snohomish County.

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