

Politics 2024: What's at Stake?



Washington State
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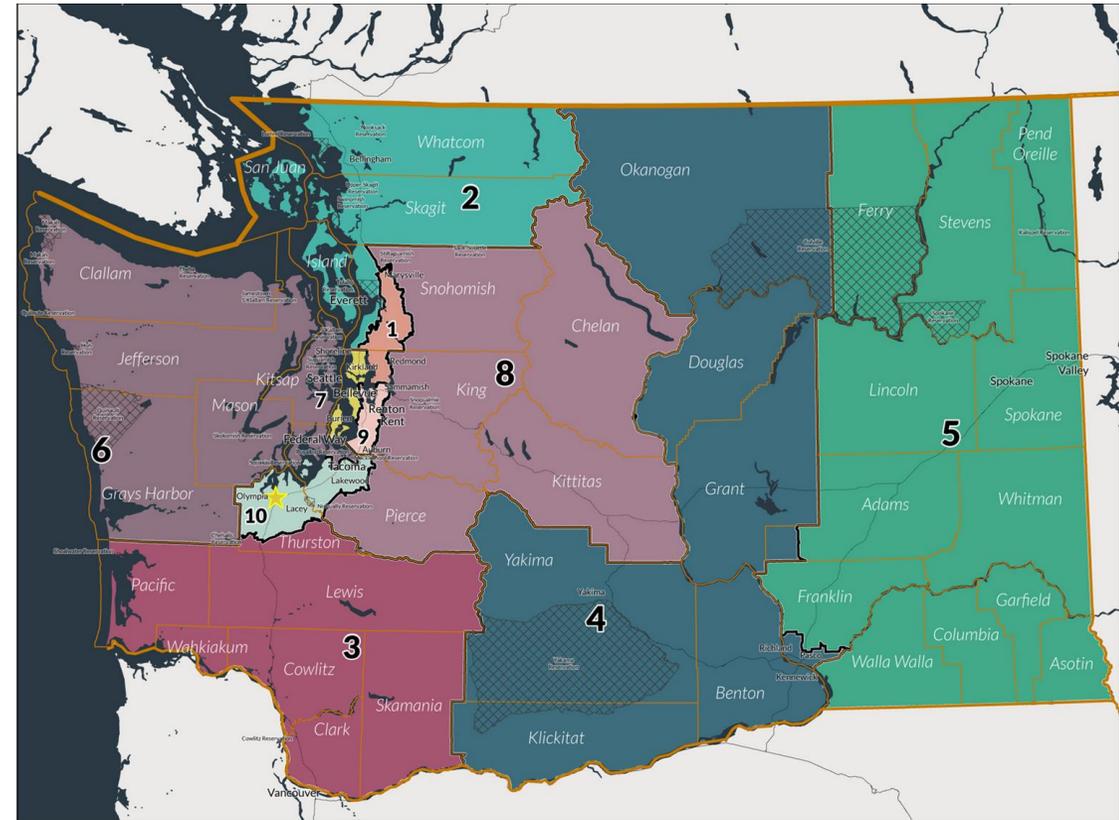
Federal Races

- President Joe Biden
- U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell
- U.S. Congress
 - *Open seats: 5th CD & 6th CD*



Federal Races

- **What's at Stake?**
 - *PRO Act*
 - *Janus Decision*
 - *Inflation Reduction Act*
 - *Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act*
 - *Department of Labor Cabinet Position*



Statewide Races

Governor's Race: What's at Stake?

- *Ability to veto legislation*
- *Appointments to Key Positions*
 - LEOFF II
 - Washington State Patrol
 - Fire Marshall
 - Employee Benefits Board
 - Labor & Industries

Bob Ferguson



- Criminally prosecuted wage theft.
- Sued the Department of Energy to force greater protections for Hanford workers.
- Defended Washington's minimum wage and paid sick leave initiative against a legal challenge.
- Stood up to illegal discrimination against pregnant individuals in the workplace, disabled veterans, and DREAMers.
- Won \$1.1 billion+ holding those who fueled the opioid epidemic accountable that will go towards increased treatment and additional first responders to improve community safety.

Dave Reichert



- Reichert's lifetime voting record with the AFL-CIO was 40%.
- Voted against the Affordable Care Act, and then after it passed, voted multiple times to repeal and defund the ACA (2015 HR 596, 2013 HR 45, 2012 HR 6079).
- Voted to repeal NLRB modernization rules aiming to streamline union election processes and restrict employer interference (2017 HR 3354 amendment, 2015 SJR 8).
- Voted to eliminate due-process rights for Veterans Affairs workers (2015 HR 1994)
- Voted to allow employers to give comp time in lieu of overtime pay (2013 HR 1406)



Statewide Races

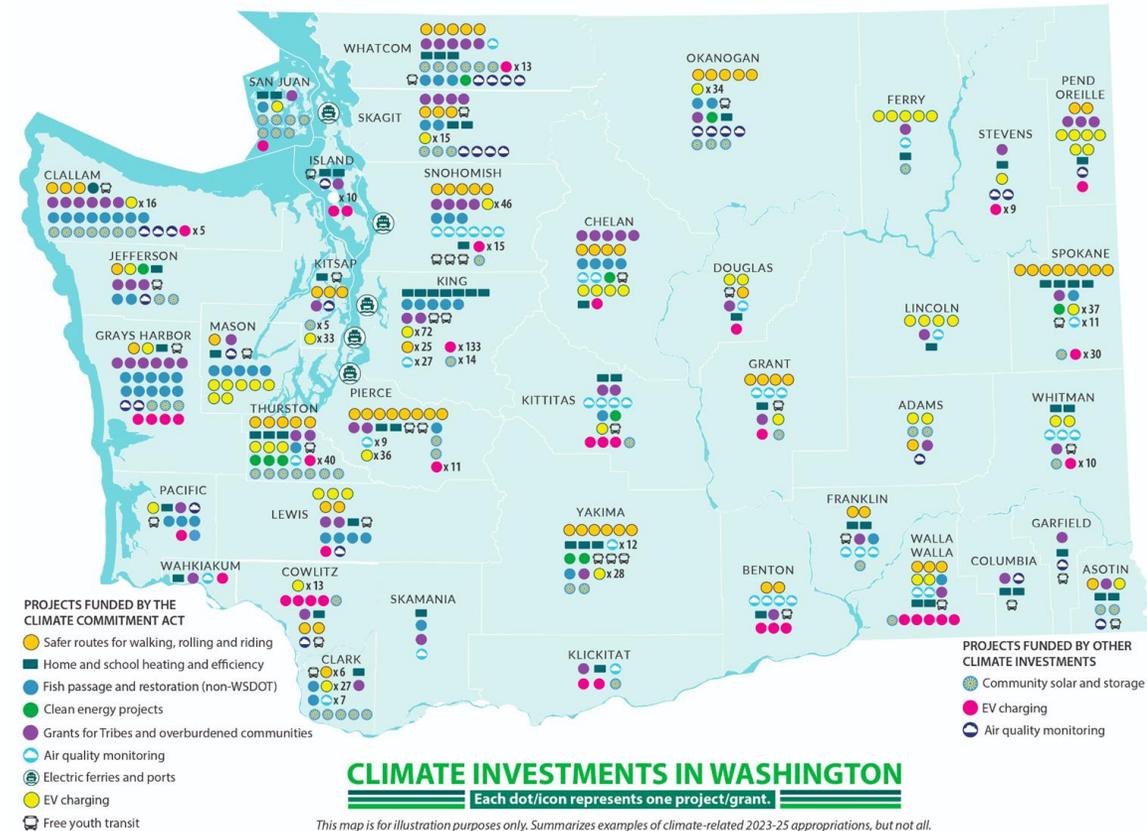
- **Lieutenant Governor** (Incumbent: Denny Heck)
- **Secretary of State** (Incumbent: Steve Hobbs)
- **State Treasurer** (Incumbent: Mike Pellicciotti)
- **State Auditor** (Incumbent: Pat McCarthy)
- **Attorney General** (Open Seat)
- **Commissioner of Public Lands** (Open Seat)
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction** (Incumbent: Chris Reykdal)
- **Insurance Commissioner** (Open Seat)

Initiatives

I-2117: Repeal of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA)

- The CCA created a market-based cap-and-invest program to require the state's largest polluters to pay for greenhouse gas pollution
- The CCA provides historic investments for decarbonization and climate resilience
- The program has generated \$2+ billion dollars

Washington State Projects



Initiatives

I-2124: Repeal of the Long-Term Care Act (WA Cares)

- WA Cares will grow the number of unionized home care, nursing home, and other long-term care jobs across Washington.
- Benefits are now portable out of state if you relocate outside of Washington
- 70% of us will need help with daily living activities because of a serious injury, illness, disease, or other challenge that can happen at any age.



WA Cares pays up to \$36,500* for personal home care, including:



Family Care



Wheelchairs



Medical Equipment



Home Modifications

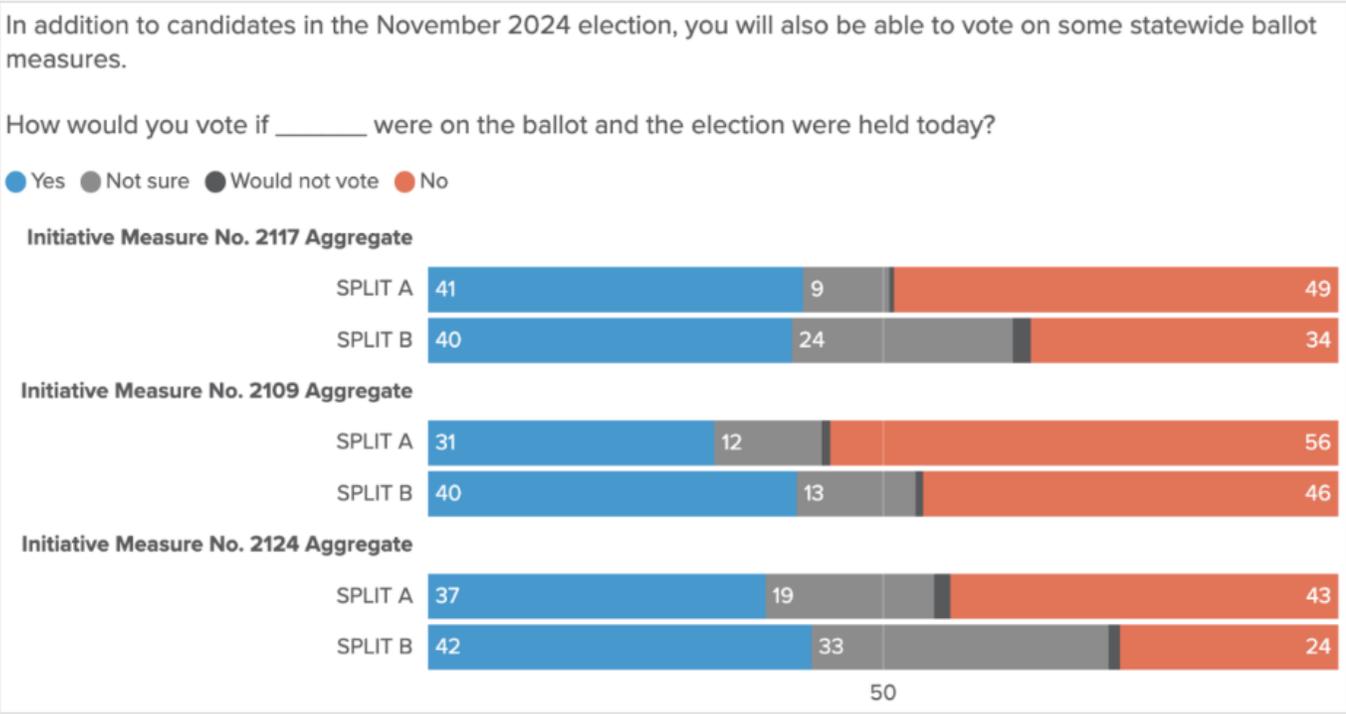
*Benefit amount grows over time



Initiatives

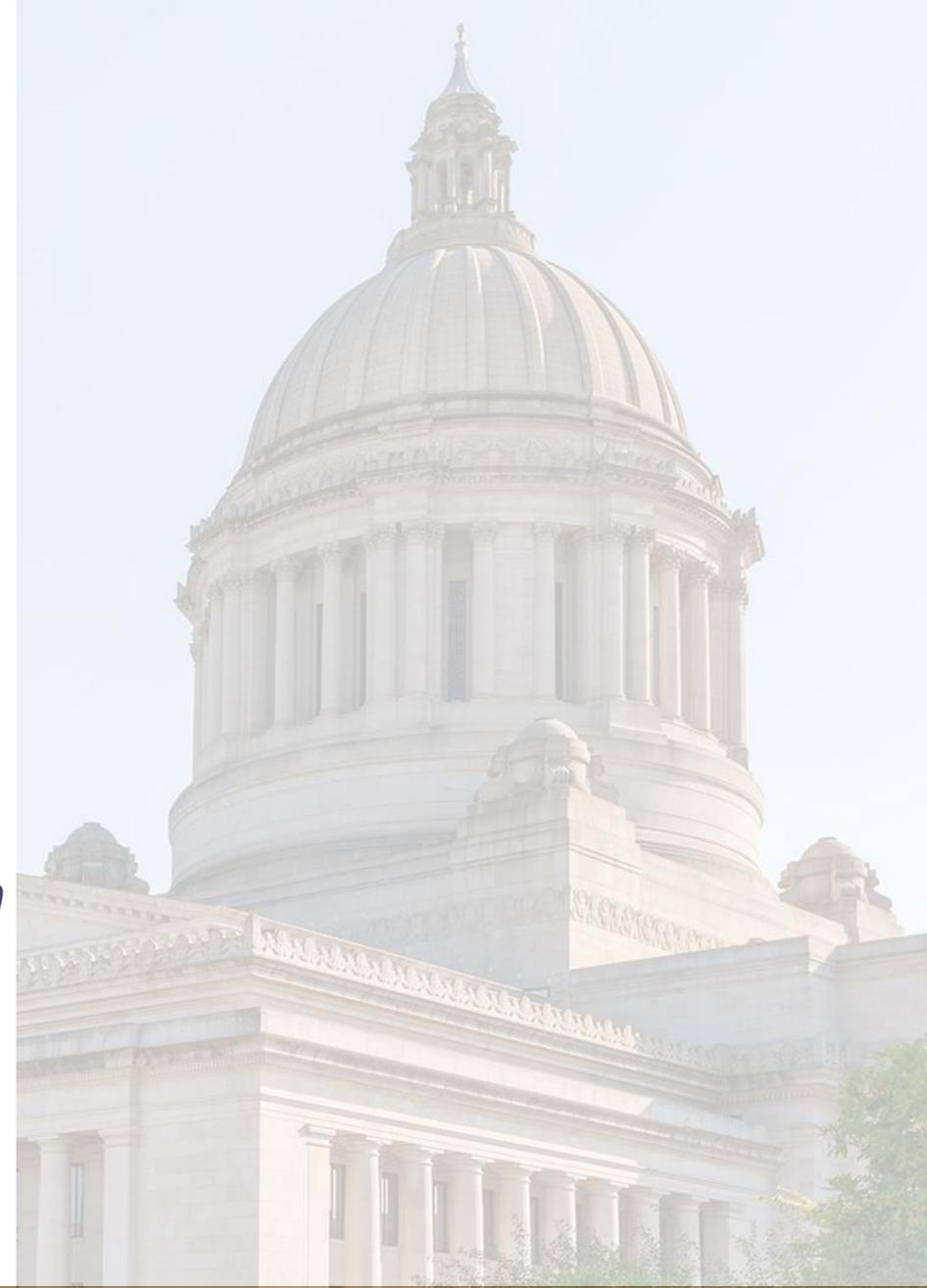
I-2109: Repeal of the capital gains tax

- A repeal would cut \$900 million/year from early learning, childcare, and public schools
- It would eliminate public services to provide tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy with over \$250,000 in capital gains
- The repeal would impact the wealthiest .02% of Washingtonians.



State Legislature

- **What's at Stake?**
 - *Pension policy*
 - *Workers' compensation policy*
 - *Action on substance use disorder*
 - *Investment in behavioral health resources*
 - *Policies regarding workplace health and safety*
 - *Tax policy that supports investments in community*



Representation Matters

Sponsored Legislation:

- *SB 5328 – Retirement improvements for police and fire dispatchers*
- *SB 5808 – Grants interest arbitration for police and fire dispatchers*
- *SB 6145 – Improves paid family and medical leave for firefighters from small districts*



Kevin Van De Wege (D)
State Senator
Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
Committee Chair
24th LD



Representation Matters

Sponsored Legislation:

- *HB 1766 - Creation of a Hope Card to help victims of domestic violence*
- *HB 1279 – Maintained LEOFF status for firefighters when promoted within a fire department*



Dan Griffey (R)
State Representative
Minority Whip
35th LD



Representation Matters

Sponsored Legislation:

- *HB 1068 – Improves workers' compensation compelled medical exams*
- *HB 1197 – Adds psychologists as attending providers for workers' compensation claims*
- *HB 1323 – Creates fire-resistant materials certification*
- *HB 1927 – Improves time loss benefits for a temporary total disability*
- *HB 2091 – Establishes a fallen firefighter memorial*

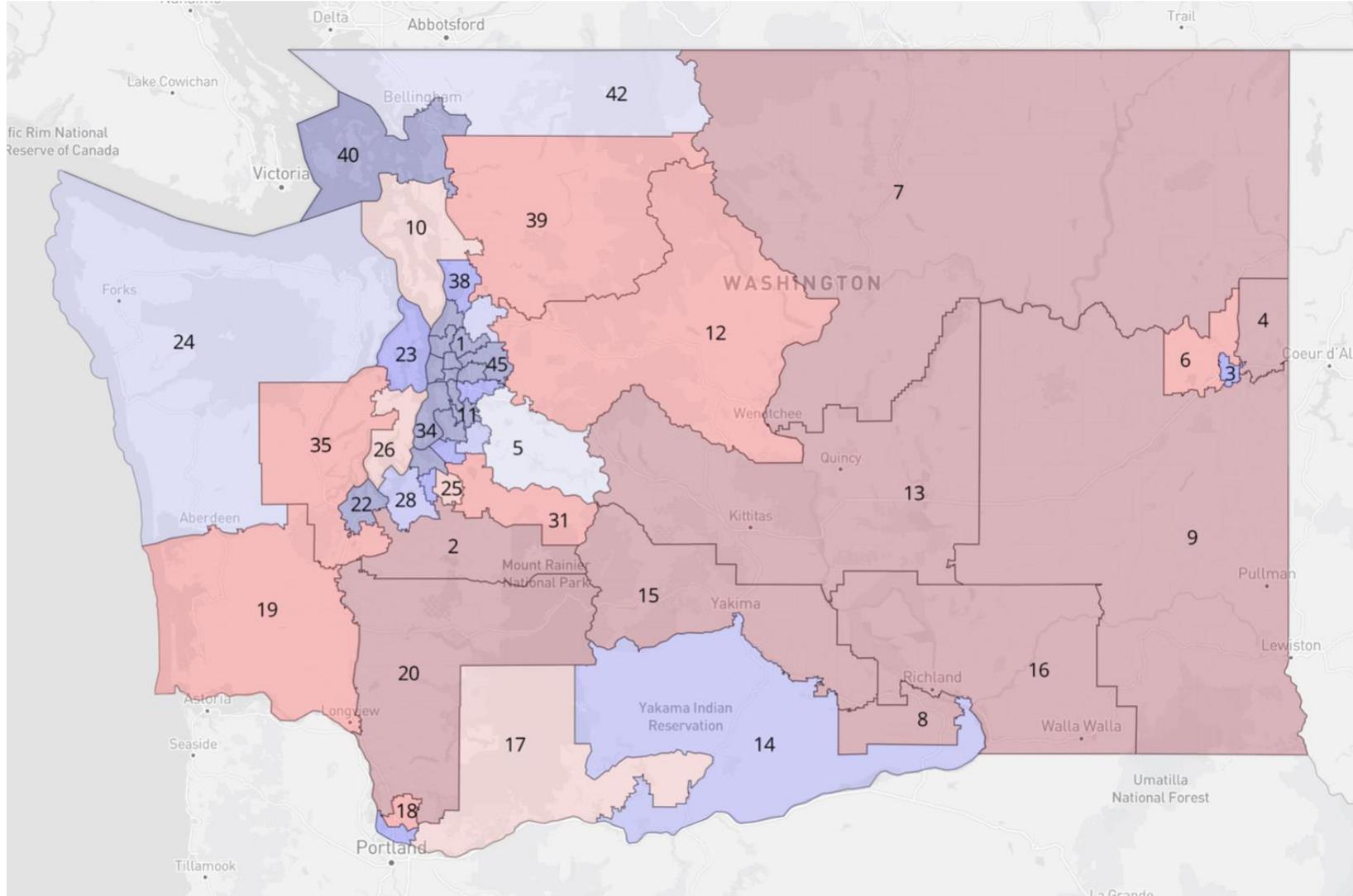


Dan Bronoske (D)
State Representative
*Deputy Speaker Pro
Tempore*
28th LD



Political Landscape

Partisan Shift following Court ordered redistricting



LD	Treasurer 2020
2	0.11%
5	-1.50%
7	0.65%
8	-2.85%
9	0.52%
12	1.65%
13	0.69%
14	12.49%
15	-11.93%
16	2.43%
17	1.47%
20	-0.17%
31	-0.54%

Northwest Washington

10th LD

Ron Muzzall (R) (50.9%)

Dave Paul (D) (52.09%)

Clyde Shavers (D) (50.07%; 211 votes)

39th LD

Sam Low (R) (54.39%)

42nd LD

Alicia Rule (D) (51.7%)

Joe Timmons (D) (51.26%)

44th LD

Brandy Donaghy (D) (53.33%)

April Berg (D) (56.6%)



Senator Ron Muzzall vs Janet St. Clair



Rep. Sam Low vs Robert Sutherland



King County

5th LD

Open Seat

Bill Ramos (D) (59.39%)

Lisa Callan (D) (53.84%)

30th LD

Jamila Taylor (D) (54.39%)

Kristine Reeves (D) (56.82%)

47th LD

Debra Entenman (D) (57.13%)

Chris Stearns (D) (63.73%)



Rep. Ramos is running against Patrick Peacock (R) for the open Senate seat

The 5th LD has become more competitive following the newly drawn, court-ordered maps

Pierce County & Peninsula

26th LD

Open Seat

Michelle Caldier (R) (56.2%)



Sen. Nobles will face Maia Espinoza

28th LD

T'wina Nobles (D) (50.61%)

Mari Leavitt (D) (58.24%)

Dan Bronoske (D) (55.57%)



Addison Richards (49.58%), Jim Henderson, and Jesse Young (49.09%) will vie for the open seat in LD 26



Southwest Washington

3rd Congressional District

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D) (50.14%)
Joe Kent (R) (49.31%)

18th LD

John Zingale (D) (47.49%)
Deken Letinich (D)

19th LD

Jeff Wilson (R) (57.13%)



One of the closest congressional races in the country, Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez won by only 2,629 votes. In contrast, Donald Trump won the district by 17,675 votes.

Eastern Washington

5th Congressional District

Open Seat

Candidates include:

- *State Rep. Jacquelin Maycumber (R)*
- *Spokane Co. Treasurer Michael Baumgartner (R)*
- *Spokane City Councilmember Jonathan Bingle (R)*
- *Ferry County Commissioner Brian Dandel (R)*
- *Ann Marie Danimus (D)*
- *Carmela Conroy (D)*

3rd LD

Marcus Riccelli (D)

Timm Ormsby (D)

Open Seat

14th LD

Redistricted legislative boundaries



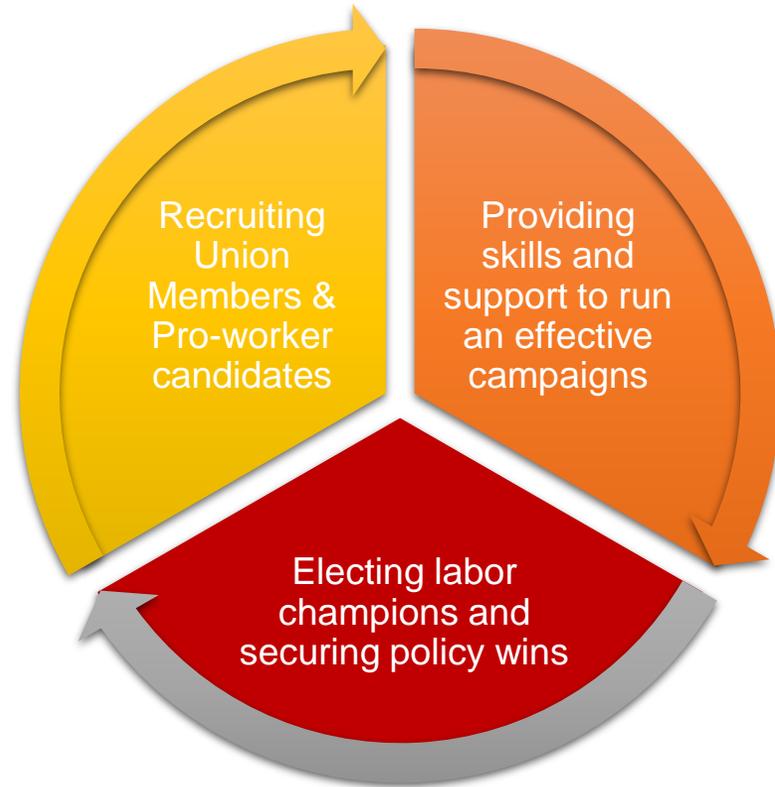
Political Endorsements

Committee on Political Education (COPE) Convention

- Saturday, May 18 at the Machinists District 751 Hall in Seattle.
- Delegates representing unions from across the state will vote on WSLC endorsements for congressional, statewide, state legislative, and judicial candidates, plus state ballot measures.
- By WSLC Constitution, the council's endorsements require a two-thirds majority vote.



Cycle of Engagement



The WSLC is committed to growing independent political power that isn't tied to a specific party or ideology but centers on the needs of the working class

Path to Power



Labor Neighbor

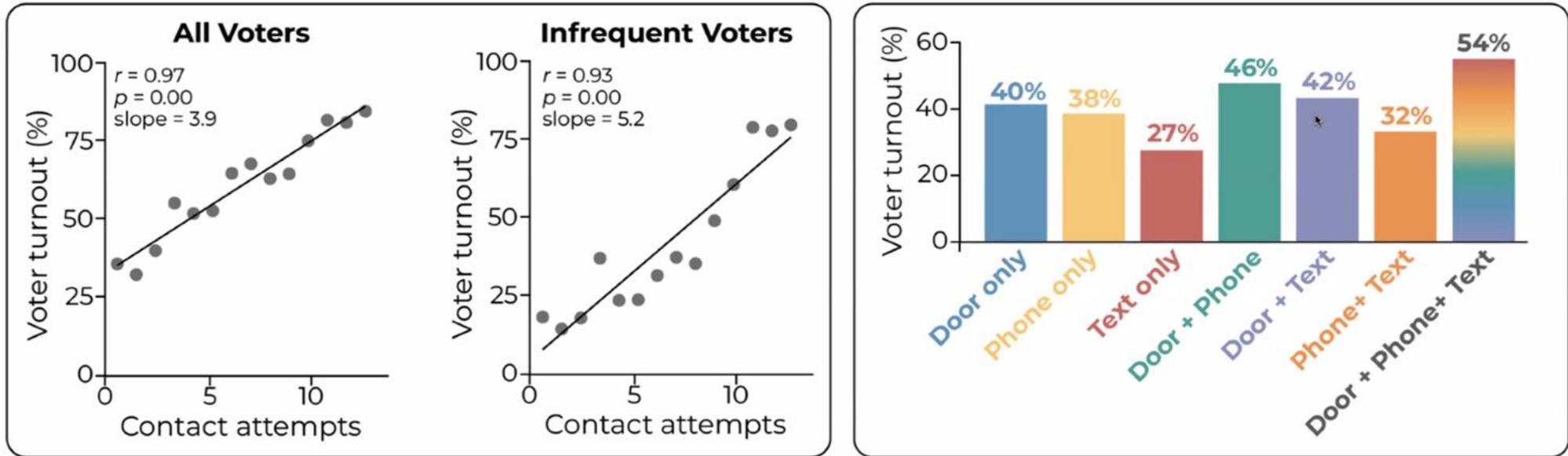
Objectives

- *Educate union members and their families about endorsed candidates and the reasons they have earned our labor support.*
- *Communicate through targeted digital advertising and mail pieces.*
- *Mobilize union members through direct voter contact – doorbelling, phone banking, and text banking.*
- *Meaningfully impact election results and secure pro-labor wins.*



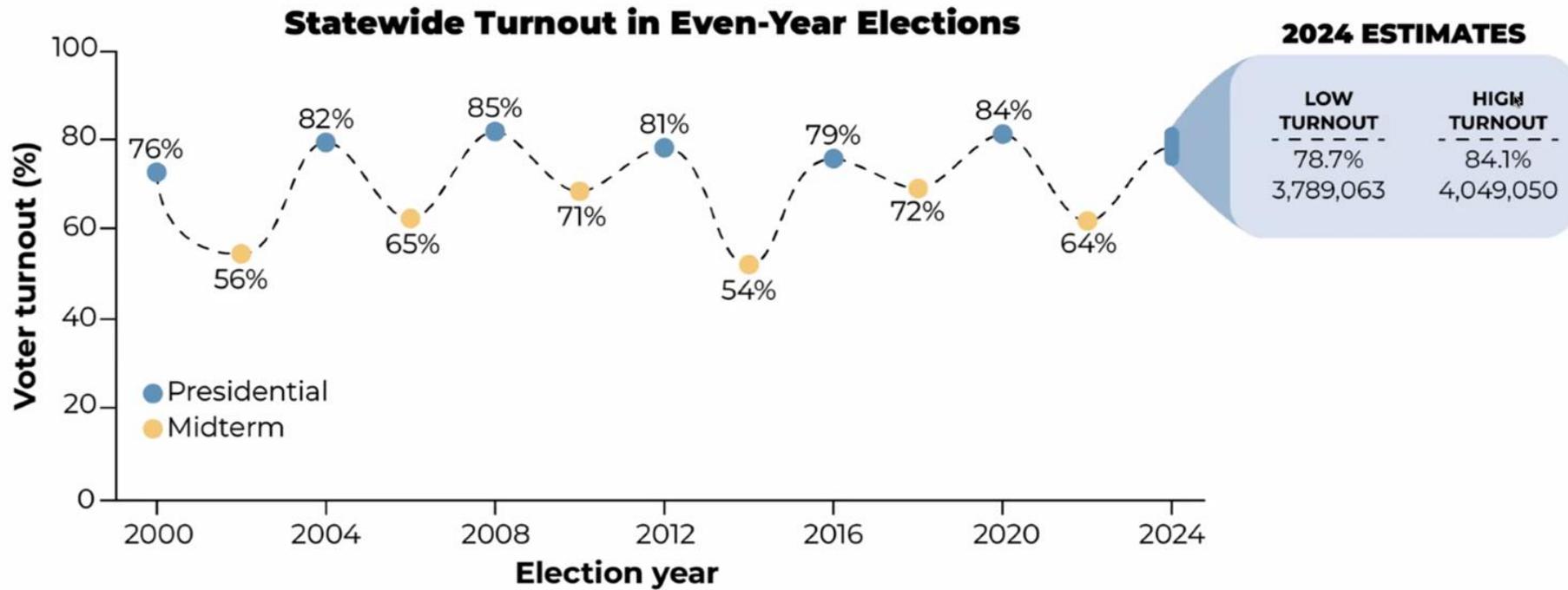
Labor Neighbor

Repeated contact increases voter turnout, particularly among infrequent voters



Labor Neighbor

Estimated statewide turnout for 2024



Firefighter Members by Legislative District

LD	Total People
26	1,186
31	1,072
35	935
39	920
10	917
12	828
25	738
2	700
13	696
5	685
23	682
20	637
22	626
40	621
44	616
27	607

42	589
24	576
28	514
6	479
16	475
17	454
18	423
19	414
9	405
8	401
1	385
4	365
34	355
45	342
47	314
3	305

21	303
7	294
38	287
14	245
32	235
33	223
36	205
11	199
30	199
46	183
29	175
37	162
49	160
41	159
15	123
43	118
48	96
Total	22,629

In 2022, LDs 10, 26, and 42 had races that were decided by fewer than 1,000 votes.

Make sure your union is represented at Labor Neighbor!

Questions?

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