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Alki Foundation Releases Candidate Recommendations

Recommendations reflect organization's "job growing" priorities and positions

Seattle – September 14, 2009 – The Alki Foundation, the political education affiliate of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, announced recommendations today for King County executive and Seattle mayor as well as for candidates in contested races for Port of Seattle Commission, King County Assessor and Seattle School Board.

These recommendations come in addition to those made for candidates in contested races for Seattle City Council, issued on June 8, 2009.

Candidates recommended best reflect The Alki Foundation's [2009 position statement](#), which prioritized issues central to advancing a competitive regional business climate, sustaining essential government services and supporting overall economic recovery. Candidates were also evaluated on their commitment to developing an economic and regulatory environment that fosters capital investment and job growth over the long term.

The recommendations result from a comprehensive candidate evaluation co-chaired by George Griffin of G3 & Associates and Natalie Quick of The Fearey Group. Final recommendations were approved by Alki's board of trustees. Decisions were based on written questionnaire responses, in-person interviews with members of the Alki board and interaction with candidates. Consideration was also given to candidates' professional and community service records.

"This fall, voters will help shape the region's economic recovery," said Michael Luis, chair of The Alki Foundation and principal, Michael Luis & Associates. "We feel that the candidates recommended are the best individuals to help guide our region forward and create a job growing economy."

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Alki Foundation 2009 General Election Recommendations:

Issued September 14, 2009

King County Executive

Dow Constantine

Seattle Mayor

Joe Mallahan

Port of Seattle Commission, Position 3

David Doud

Port of Seattle Commission, Position 4

Tom Albro

King County Assessor

Lloyd Hara

Seattle School Board, District 5

Kay Smith-Blum

Seattle School Board, District 7

Wilson Chin

Alki Foundation 2009 Seattle City Council Recommendations:

Issued June 8, 2009

Seattle City Council, Position 2

Richard Conlin

Seattle City Council, Position 4

Sally Bagshaw

Seattle City Council, Position 6

Jessie Israel

Seattle City Council, Position 8

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