

Lightning Round Questions for King County Executive Candidates*

Do you believe King County has been doing enough to promote annexation of urban unincorporated areas?

Yes

Larry Phillips

No

Dow Constantine

Fred Jarrett

Ross Hunter

Do you believe that substantial budget savings can be found in the county's criminal justice programs without endangering basic public safety?

All candidates: No

Do you believe Seattle has been getting its fair share of increased Metro service in recent years?

Yes

Dow Constantine

Larry Phillips

Ross Hunter

No

Fred Jarrett

Do you believe in increased privatization of jail services?

All candidates: No

Do you believe that King County and the state legislature have an effective working relationship?

All candidates: No

Under current policy, most county employees receive a two percent cost-of-living adjustment, even in years when the consumer price index goes to zero or below. Given the county's budget condition, should the floor for c.o.l.a.s. be dropped to zero from two percent?

All candidates: Yes

As everybody in this room knows, I think, employees who work for the City of Seattle or the State of Washington, pay a certain share of their healthcare. The county has the most lux plan. So does this need to be renegotiated with King County's labor unions?

All candidates: Yes

Should Sound Transit and King County Metro be merged into one agency?

Yes

Ross Hunter

No

Dow Constantine

Larry Phillips

Fred Jarrett

For 520, do you support Alternative K – the Parkway plan?

All candidates: No

**Candidates not present: Susan Hutchison and Alan Lobdell*

Audience Questions

Do you support Seattle annexing West Highland and picking up the financial responsibility for fire, police, libraries, human and social services?

All candidates: Yes

Would you support the county renegotiating the jail contract with the City of Seattle toward the possibility of extending that contract?

All candidates: Yes

Would you support cutting back on bus service along lightly-used rural routes in order to increase service on much-used urban areas?

Yes

Dow Constantine

Fred Jarrett

Ross Hunter

No

Larry Phillips

Do you agree with the recent Supreme Court of the State of Washington decision in the *Yousoufian v. Office of King County Executive Ron Sims* case?

(The Washington Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Armen Yousoufian, who filed multiple public records requests with the Office of Executive Sims for background information on the rationale behind the public financing referendum for the Seahawks' new stadium. The Supreme Court found that the county did not respond to the requests in a timely manner and sent the case back to the lower courts for a re-calculation of the \$15/day fine previously imposed on the county. Update: The state Supreme Court has withdrawn its opinion in this case.)

All candidates: No answer

Does the county need to lay-off more employees to meet its budget obligations?

Yes

Fred Jarrett

Ross Hunter

No

Dow Constantine

Larry Phillips

Do you support tolling right away on I-90?

Yes

Dow Constantine

Larry Phillips

Ross Hunter

No

Fred Jarrett

Do you support using a portion of tolling revenue for transit over the bridges?

Yes

Dow Constantine

Larry Phillips

No

Fred Jarrett

Ross Hunter