

Seattle's first neighborhood-organized Candidate's Forum comes to West Seattle

Non-partisan group and other local neighborhood organizations join forces to bring primary and general election candidates before West Seattle residents to address concerns specific to the area.

SEATTLE, WA-- The West Seattle Candidates' Forum will be held at the Brockey Student Center on the campus of South Seattle Community College at 6000 16th Avenue SW, in the Delridge area of West Seattle. All City and County council candidates, School Board candidates, and Referenda representatives (Referendum 1, Veteran's levy) will appear before an active and engaged community of West Seattle citizens and service organizations at 6:30pm on Thursday, July 28th.

Co-sponsored by The VIEWS group, West Seattle Kiwanis, and numerous local neighborhood councils, the event begins with an Ice cream social, featuring the primary and general election candidates serving up Husky Deli™ ice cream and chatting with constituents; followed by a performance of the Dangerettes drill team squad. The forum itself will consist of a debate-style format in three parts--

Part 1:	Part 2:	Part 3:
<u>Port Commission</u>	<u>City Council candidates</u>	<u>School Board candidates</u>
Position 5	Position 1	Position 6
Dean Willard Bill Bryant	Jean Godden Bobby Forch Maurice Classen Michael Taylor-Judd	Steve Sundquist Joy Anderson Marty McClaren Nick Esparza
<u>County Position 8</u>		
Joe McDermott Diana Toledo Goodspaceguy	Position 9 Sally Clark Dian Ferguson Farthi Kashie	

Also attending and participating in the Ice Cream Social are candidates: **Tim Burgess, Tom Rasmussen, Bruce Harrell, Brad Meacham, Richard Pope, Dale Pusey, David Schraer.**

“West Seattle is one of the most diverse areas in the city and South Seattle Community College is one of it's most diverse schools, so the venue and event are a perfect match for the community”, says Dorsol Plants, a West Seattle community activist.

Representatives from the King County Elections board, and community organizations such as Neighborhood House and Sustainable West Seattle will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information about community resources. FREE On-site child care will be provided, and translation services will be available in Spanish, Somaali, Vietnamese, and Ukrainian.

For more information, visit: <http://central.ly/westseattleforum>.

ABOUT VIEWS

The VIEWS (Visualize Increased Engagement West Seattle) group is a non-partisan community organization comprised of local citizens creating programming to educate, engage, and mobilize West Seattle citizens to sustain and improve the quality of life and services available across the peninsula. You can contact VIEWS at: or 425-298-6379

ABOUT KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of West Seattle, now in its 83rd year, undertakes a full program of service to the communities of West Seattle with special emphasis on the growth, education and needs of children from preschool through college. An affiliate of Kiwanis International which has clubs in 83 nations, the West Seattle club is an organization of concerned adults dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. For more information, contact the West Seattle Kiwanis Club at: westseattlekiwanis@yahoo.com