

# LIFTING VOICES WITH VOTES

The **SEIU6 Political Committee** is a council of members who interview candidates and make endorsement recommendations to the executive board.



SEIU6 Political Committee with 30th LD Candidate Kristine Reeves. The Political Committee interviews candidates to find who will fight for working families!

With the Political Committee's guidance, our executive board has endorsed a record number of 60 candidates running for office.

During the months of September, October, and November, our member-led political team has registered members and their families to vote, identified other voters, and are making sure they vote in the upcoming election on **November 6**.

The Political Committee is proud to share our endorsements, included below, with our union sisters and brothers. Please share these endorsements with your friends and family, and urge every voter you know to vote in the November mid-terms!

If you have any questions, please contact Political Director Mauricio Ayon at 206-448-7348.

## SEIU6 Endorsements: Nov 6 Mid-Term Elections

<p><b>YES on I-1631</b></p> <p><b>YES on I-940</b></p> <p><b>3rd Congressional District</b> Carolyn Long</p> <p><b>5th Congressional District</b> Lisa Brown</p> <p><b>7th Congressional District</b> Pramila Jayapal</p> <p><b>8th Congressional District</b> Dr. Kim Schrier</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>3rd Legislative District</b> Timm Ormsby - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>5th Legislative District</b> Bill Ramos - State Representative, Pos. 1 Lisa Callan - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>6th Legislative District</b> Dave Wilson - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>11th Legislative District</b> Zack Hudgins - State Representative, Pos. 1 Steve Bergquist - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>17th Legislative District</b> Tanisha Harris - State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>18th Legislative District</b> Kathy Gillespie – State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>21st Legislative District</b> Strom Peterson – State Representative, Pos. 1 Lillian Ortiz-Self – State Representative, Pos 2 Marko Liias – State Senate</p> <p><b>22nd Legislative District</b> Laurie Dolan – State Representative, Pos 1. Beth Doglio – State Representative, Pos. 2</p>	<p><b>23rd Legislative District</b> Sherry Appleton – State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>25th Legislative District</b> Brian Duthie - State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>26th Legislative District</b> Emily Randall - State Senator</p> <p><b>27th Legislative District</b> Laurie Jenkins - State Representative, Pos. 1 Jake Fey - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>28th Legislative District</b> Mari Leavitt - State Representative, Pos. 1 Christine Kilduff - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>29th Legislative District</b> Melanie Morgan - State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>30th Legislative District</b> Mike Pellicciotti - State Representative, Pos. 1 Kristine M. Reeves - State Representative, Pos. 2 Claire Wilson – State Senate</p> <p><b>31st Legislative District</b> Victoria Mena - State Representative, Pos. 1 Immaculate Ferreria - State Senator</p> <p><b>33rd Legislative District</b> Tina Orwall - State Representative, Pos. 1 Mia Su-Ling Gregerson - State Representative, Pos. 2 Karen Keiser - State Senator</p> <p><b>34th Legislative District</b> Eileen Cody - State Representative, Pos. 1 Joe Fitzgibbon - State Representative, Pos. 2 Joe Nguyen - State Senator</p> <p><b>35th Legislative District</b> Irene Bowling – State Senate</p> <p><b>36th Legislative District</b> Noel Christina Frame - State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>37th Legislative District</b> Rebecca Saldaña - State Senator</p>	<p><b>38th Legislative District</b> Mike Sells - State Representative, Pos. 2 John McCoy – State Senate</p> <p><b>39th Legislative District</b> Ivan Lewis – State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>40th Legislative District</b> Jeff Morris - State Representative, Pos. 1</p> <p><b>41st Legislative District</b> My-Linh Thai - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>42nd Legislative District</b> Justin Boneau - State Representative, Pos. 1 Sharon Shewmake - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>43rd Legislative District</b> Nicole Macri - State Representative, Pos. 1 Frank Chopp - State Representative, Pos. 2</p> <p><b>44th Legislative District</b> John Lovick - State Representative, Pos. 1 Jared Mead - State Representative, Pos. 2 Steve Hobbs - State Senator</p> <p><b>46th Legislative District</b> Gerry Pollet – State Representative, Pos. 1 Javier Valdez – State Representative, Pos. 2 David Frockt – State Senate</p> <p><b>47th Legislative District</b> Debra Entenman - State Representative, Pos. 1 Pat Sullivan - State Representative, Pos. 2 Mona Das - State Senator</p> <p><b>48th Legislative District</b> Patty Kuderer - State Senator</p> <p><b>49th Legislative District</b> Sharon Wylie – State Representative, Pos. 1 Monica Stonier – State Representative, Pos. 2</p>
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# SECURITY OFFICERS CALL FOR QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Officer Ricky Luther has worked with Star Protection for the last two and a half years. For the last eight years, he's also managed his epilepsy.

"When people think epileptic seizures, they think of some drastic, dramatic event," says Ricky. "It's not like that for me. It's more of a spatial blank out, or my arm or face may start spasming."



SEIU6 Security Officer  
Ricky Luther

Ricky takes medicine to manage symptoms—his condition does not affect his work performance, though at one point he did reach out to his union representative to resolve an issue with a supervisor's understanding of his condition.

"I'm lucky I'm just one individual. My medicine is affordable. But there's a big price jump from individual to family coverage. A few officers at my site have others to cover. One guy works as much overtime as possible just to make ends meet and make sure his family has healthcare."

That's the position that Officer Sara Dutra and her husband find themselves in. Sara has worked for Allied Universal since 2016. When she was single, she could afford healthcare coverage.

But now she's married, and her husband doesn't have employer-provided healthcare. Their healthcare payments would cost about \$240 per paycheck—\$480 per month—just for both of them to be covered. So they had to make tough decisions.



SEIU6 Security Officer  
Sara Dutra

"I had to take my husband off my insurance because we simply can't afford it, on top of rent," says Sara. She and her husband want to start a family, but infertility care under her medical insurance is prohibitively expensive. They find themselves wondering, if they can't even afford the medication for fertility treatment, how could they afford a child's healthcare?

"We're first responders. We shouldn't have to worry about taking care of ourselves and our family without going broke. We work too hard to live like that."

Do you have a healthcare story to tell? Are you ready to join the fight for affordable healthcare for security officers? Call Bryce at (206) 669-4954.

## CALLING ALL JANITORS: PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKLOAD STUDY!

SEIU6 janitors, researchers want to hear from you! The janitorial workload study is being conducted by Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP), an occupational research group at Labor and Industries.

Will you participate? Visit this website and fill out the questionnaire:

[www.Lni.wa.gov/SHARP/janitors](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/SHARP/janitors)

or call 1-888-667-4277

"We need to be united and speak out. They put a lot on our backs and we don't talk because we are scared of losing our jobs. But we need to be strong and speak up."  
—Lizeth Jauregui,  
SEIU6 Janitor



## SEIU6 EVENTS

Visit our website at [www.seiu6.org](http://www.seiu6.org) for a list of member events!

New member orientation (all are welcome!) • Labor management training • Political committee • and more!

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## Word from Our Union



### The SEIU6 Political Committee Wants You to VOTE!

Read about our November 6 Election endorsements inside.

"It's important that we vote to look out for people who don't have a voice because they may not be citizens yet."—Kao Saechao

"We need to elect people who will fight for better rights, better jobs, and better opportunities for our families."—Jose Palomino

"Recently, we've seen people being deported and moms being taken away from their families. We need to vote so that we have a voice."—Nasra Haibe

This is your union! If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Fred Prockiw at [fprockiw@seiu6.org](mailto:fprockiw@seiu6.org)



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## Word from Our Union

### QUALITY HEALTHCARE IS KEY FOR WORKING FAMILIES

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SERGIO SALINAS

On October 2, our union family—black, white, and brown—gathered at Sea-Tac airport to make a public statement: that airport workers need quality healthcare, now.

We stood together at Sea-Tac to win the first \$15 minimum wage in the nation, and again when our airport workers fought for—and won—a strong new contract over the summer. But now, it's becoming clearer that healthcare costs make it difficult for airport workers to make ends meet.

Many of our sisters and brothers at Sea-Tac can't afford the expensive healthcare plans their employers offer. Some workers would have to pay \$400-\$500/month to insure family members—that's not affordable. Too many of our sisters and brothers are going without insurance, and too many are burdened by medical debt.

Congressman Adam Smith made a statement in support of healthcare for airport workers. I agree with him:

"As the son of a baggage handler at Sea-Tac airport, I saw the economic opportunity my father's union job created for my family. Working families should not have to choose between buying groceries and paying for medication. True equality of opportunity and economic stability can only be achieved when living wages go hand in hand with access to affordable health care to help families thrive."

Let's listen to airport workers as they lift their voices for quality healthcare. And let's support our security officers as they demand healthcare, too. Because we are not just here to make ends meet—we are here to thrive.

—President Sergio Salinas

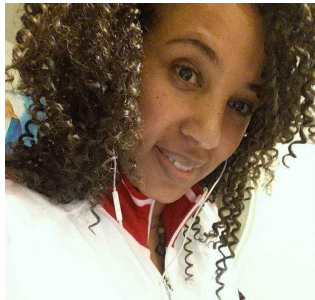
### SPEAKING OUT FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE AT SEA-TAC



"When I hurt my shoulder in March, I didn't know what to do without insurance. I just waited and hoped it would get better, but I still feel my injury today. All of us workers take care of the airport, but we need to take care of our health, too. Then

we'll be more equal, and we can focus on the big picture of how we work together. Good healthcare for us will have a positive impact on our employers, the passengers, and the Port."

—Farah Amin, Sea-Tac passenger services worker



"Two years ago when I had thyroid surgery, I paid everything out of pocket. It cost well over \$2,000. With other bills and expenses, it took me one year of monthly payments to finally pay down my medical debt from the surgery. I need healthcare

coverage so I can be treated without worrying about sinking deeper into medical debt." —Abeba Zemou, Sea-Tac passenger services worker



Pictured above: our union members and allies speaking out for quality healthcare for airport workers on October 2 at Sea-Tac. Do you have a healthcare story to share? Call 206-448-7348 ext 323 or message us on Facebook @SEIU6!