

# Candidate Scorecard Profiles

## SEATTLE 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Each election, DSA scores and ranks contenders in key races based on their responses to a questionnaire. This year, given the pressing challenges currently facing downtown, mayoral, city council and city attorney candidates were asked one question: What's your plan for downtown's recovery? Candidates were then rated by a panel of DSA members on how closely their responses align with DSA's mission to create a healthy, vibrant downtown. Considerations for candidate ratings include: knowledge, experience, qualifications, their plan for downtown's recovery and how they intend to achieve it. A summary of key races follows, and you can read full responses at: [downtownseattle.org/candidates](http://downtownseattle.org/candidates)

**Ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021.**

### Mayoral Candidates

#### ✔ Outstanding Alignment

**Bruce Harrell**  
[bruceforseattle.com](http://bruceforseattle.com)

- Plan for downtown based on three key priorities:
  - » Economic recovery
  - » Homelessness crisis
  - » Public safety
- Endorsements include:
  - » The Seattle Times Editorial Board
  - » Seattle Fire Fighters
  - » Congressman Adam Smith
  - » Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland
  - » Former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice

#### Not Aligned

**M. Lorena González**  
[lorenaforseattle.com](http://lorenaforseattle.com)

- Declined to answer DSA's question regarding a plan for downtown's recovery
- Endorsed 50% cut to SPD
- Opposed Compassion Seattle
- Endorsements include The Stranger

### City Attorney Candidates

#### ✔ Outstanding Alignment

**Ann Davison**  
[neighborsforann.com](http://neighborsforann.com)

- Recognizes the strain public safety has placed on businesses and residents
- Believes in utilizing diversion programs while centering victims in prosecution
- Endorsements include:
  - » The Seattle Times Editorial Board
  - » Former Governors Christine Gregoire and Gary Locke
  - » 30 retired judges

#### Not Aligned

**Nicole Thomas-Kennedy**  
[ntk4justice.com](http://ntk4justice.com)

- Declined to answer DSA's question regarding a plan for downtown's recovery
- Endorsed 50% cut to SPD
- Opposed Compassion Seattle
- Opposes prosecution of all misdemeanors
- Endorsements include The Stranger

### City Council Candidates

#### COUNCIL POSITION 8

##### Some Alignment

**Teresa Mosqueda**  
[teamteresa.org](http://teamteresa.org)

- Stated intention to work with DSA on issues impacting downtown
- Supports use of hotels and tiny homes to address chronic homelessness
- Endorsements include:
  - » Seattle Subway
  - » Attorney General Bob Ferguson
  - » King County Executive Dow Constantine

##### Not Graded

**Ken Wilson**  
[kenforcouncil8.com](http://kenforcouncil8.com)

Did not answer DSA's question regarding a plan for downtown's recovery

#### COUNCIL POSITION 9

##### ✔ Outstanding Alignment

**Sara Nelson**  
[saraforcouncil9.com](http://saraforcouncil9.com)

- Small business owner with priority on equitable economic recovery
- Believes current Council has failed to act on public safety and homelessness crisis
- Endorsements include:
  - » The Seattle Times Editorial Board
  - » Seattle Building Trades
  - » Rev. Harriett Walden
  - » Former Governor Gary Locke

##### Not Aligned

**Nikkita Oliver**  
[nikkitafor9.com](http://nikkitafor9.com)

- Called for abolition of the Seattle Police Department
- Endorsed 50% cut to SPD
- Opposed Compassion Seattle
- Endorsements include The Stranger

