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## Seattle Members - GOTV!

It's that time of year again – election season! You should have received your ballot in the mail by now. If not, go to [www.VoteWA.gov](http://www.VoteWA.gov) to print a replacement ballot or contact the King County Elections office at [elections@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov) or 206-296-8683. If you or anyone in your household are eligible to vote but not registered, it's not too late. You can register in person at an elections office through election day (November 7) or [online](#) through October 30.

There are several items on the ballot this year that are especially important to our union because they directly impact funding for the work our members do.

1. The renewal of the **Seattle Housing Levy**, also known as **City of Seattle Proposition No. 1**. If you work for a housing provider such as **Plymouth Housing, YouthCare, Solid Ground, or Low Income Housing Institute**, this levy provides some of the funding for the work you and/or your coworkers do. If you don't work at a housing agency but another OPEIU 8 workplace, this is a wonderful opportunity to support our union siblings doing this critical work in our community. **Please be sure to Vote Yes on the Seattle Housing Levy.**
2. **The outcomes of the Seattle City Council races are also very important, and local elections are often decided by just a handful of votes.** Here are the candidates endorsed by MLK Labor in those races. Here is the [full list of MLK Labor endorsements](#).

### Seattle City Council endorsements

- **Maren Costa** for Seattle City Council, District 1
- **Tammy Morales** for Seattle City Council District 2
- **Joy Hollingsworth** for Seattle City Council District 3
- **Ron Davis** for Seattle City Council District 4
- **Cathy Moore** for Seattle City Council District 5
- **Dan Strauss** for Seattle City Council District 6
- **Andrew Lewis** for Seattle City Council District 7

Once you've completed your ballot and signed the envelope on the outside, be sure to return it either by mail or in a ballot drop-off box. **Your ballots must be postmarked by November 7 or dropped in the box by 8pm on November 7 to be counted.** Find your [nearest ballot drop-off box](#).

Mailed in your ballot and feeling inspired to continue exercising your democracy muscles? Here are 3 ways OPEIU members can get involved in the local advocacy work of our union:

1. **Come to a PAC (Political Action Committee) meeting!** They are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm by Zoom. Find out more [here](#) or email [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org)
2. **Testify at an upcoming Seattle City Budget hearing!** It is also budget season in City of Seattle and King County, and we want to make sure deficits are not filled by reducing funding for the essential housing work our members do. There is an important hearing on November 13 at 5pm, and testimony can be given in person, on zoom, or by email. Contact your Union Representative for more information
3. **Help with GOTV (Get Out the Vote)** to our fellow union members through the Labor Neighbor program. MLK Labor is knocking doors on weekends until election day. Contact [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org) to sign up!

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**Questions? Contact your Union Representative. If you need assistance finding the Union Representative for your workplace, please contact OPEIU 8 Main office at 1-800-600-2433 or 206-441-**

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