

# King County Democrats 2015 Legislative Agenda

## 1. Revenue & Tax Reform:

- Pass a capital gains tax on the wealthy to raise additional revenue to fund Basic Education and meet *McCleary* obligations
- Close corporate tax exemptions that lack accountable performance objectives and results in terms of living-wage jobs and other measurable community benefits
- Require the Legislature to adopt a Tax Expenditure Budget as part of the state biennial budget appropriations process

## 2. Transportation:

- Authorize sustainable local, regional and state funding for transit
- Move people and freight safely and efficiently while minimizing carbon pollution

## 3. Election Reform:

- Send a resolution to Congress calling for a constitutional amendment that corporations are not people and money is not speech
- Require campaign disclosure of “dark money” spending by nonprofits
- Support initiative reform

## 4. Education:

- Fully fund K-12 Basic Education consistent with the *McCleary* order
- Restore 70% state share of higher ed funding (2002) vs. students’ share 30%
- Support school construction in the state capital budget
- Support funding for two free years of college or technical school

## 5. Environment:

- Pass a carbon pollution cap and trade system to make polluters pay
- Pass the Oil Transportation Safety Act

## 6. Labor:

- Pass a capital budget focused on repairing infrastructure to create jobs
- Raise the minimum wage statewide towards a goal of a living wage
- Provide paid sick leave for workers statewide
- Pass wage theft bills

## 7. Housing and Human Services:

- Maintain the social safety net: Homeless, hungry, sick children can’t learn.
- Fund low-income housing in the capital budget at the highest level possible, with \$100 million recommended
- Create a Medicaid Supportive Housing Services benefit

## 8. Criminal Justice:

- Pass sentencing and juvenile justice system reform
- Pass a workable medical cannabis regulation that respects the needs of patients
- Repeal the death penalty

## 9. Reproductive Rights:

- Pass the Reproductive Health Act
- Oppose parental notification requirements for reproductive health services