



BELLEVUE PTSA COUNCIL OCTOBER 15, 2018 CANDIDATE FORUM



Lisa M Shank, Bellevue PTSA Council President 2018-19

Come hear about
education topics:
Funding,
Advancing Learning, and
so much more



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**The Bellevue PTSA Council invites you to the
2018 Elections Candidate Forums with
representatives from the 41st & 48th Districts**

***** Monday, October 15th *****

Rainer Room, WISC (Wilburton Instructional Service Center)
12241 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98005

12pm – 1pm

or

6:30 – 7:30pm

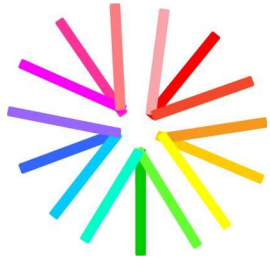
For questions, please contact:
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REMEMBER TO VOTE--



- **October 17th –Ballots are mailed to electorate**
- **October 18th –Ballot Drop Boxes Open**
- **October 29th—In person Voter Registration for New Voters**
- **November 6th—Election Day –Deadline for ballots to be postmarked or left in ballot dropbox**



41ST LD CANDIDATES



- **Legislative District 41, Representative Position 1**
 - Tana Senn (Prefers Democratic Party)
 - Tim Cruickshank (Prefers Republican Party)
- **Legislative District 41, Representative Position 2**
 - My-Linh Thai (Prefers Democratic Party)
 - Michael Appleby (Prefers Republican Party)



TANA SENN—41ST LD POSITION 1

Elected Experience: State Representative 41st Legislative District, former Mercer Island City Councilmember

Other Professional Experience: Twenty years experience as a communications and government relations professional for nonprofits and foundations

Education: Master of Public Policy and Administration from Columbia University. Bachelor's in education from Washington University in St. Louis.

Community Service: Hopelink board member. Served on Island Park Elementary PTA, Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation, Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, and National Breast Cancer Coalition boards. Legislative Representative on the State Building Code Council. Children's Mental Health Workgroup Co-Chair. Board member of the National Association of Jewish Legislators.

Statement: I've served as your state representative to help make life better for families. With two kids in public schools, I know the importance of high-quality education from early learning through higher education. My recently passed equal pay legislation will have a positive impact on women and families. Expanding children's mental health in schools and reducing gun violence are issues I will continue to champion. I ask for your vote to again represent you and your family in Olympia. *Endorsed by NARAL, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, King County Realtors, Washington Conversation Voters, State Labor Council, Dow Constantine, more...*

ElectTanaSenn.org



TIM CRUICKSHANK—41ST LD POSITION 1

Elected Experience: First-time candidate for the legislature.

Other Professional Experience: Honorably served 25 years as a highly decorated US Navy SEAL and Medical Service Corp Officer, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Liaison to NATO Special Operations Forces, Head Quarters. Officer in Charge and Navy Dean to the Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center.

Education: Graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School. Bachelor of Science and Masters of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska. Bachelor of Science from Regents College, NY.

Community Service: Eastside Catholic Booster Club, Mercer Island VFW, Advisor to NSW Kids and Stronger Families (Non-profit), Veteran Advocate.

Statement: Politicians claim they need to continually increase *your* taxes but tax fatigue is taking its toll - car tabs for ST3, 10% sales tax, increasing property taxes, threats of an income tax and now a head tax. Lack of results, fiscal mismanagement, and identity politics are polarizing and endangering our state. Enough is enough. There is an urgent need for proven, disciplined leadership on issues facing the Eastside: quality schools, reducing traffic, support for small businesses and lower taxes. I'm running to be your next state legislator because *we need mission focused, goal driven positive disruption in Olympia.*

www.votecruickshank.com



MY-LINH THAI—41ST LD POSITION 2

Elected Experience: President, Bellevue School District Board; Vice President, Washington State School Board Directors Association

Other Professional Experience: Pharmacist; built Wyoming first pediatric neurology practice from the ground up; Refugee Advocate, King County Public Health; Instructor, Viet-nam Nursing Master Program

Education: BS, Pharmacy, University of Washington; Federal Way High School

Community Service: Board of Directors, Vietnamese Scholarship Foundation; School Board Liaison: Bellevue School Foundation, YouthLink, Eastside Pathways; recipient, Washington State PTA Outstanding Advocate Award

Statement: As a young Vietnamese refugee, I learned the value of hard work from my parents and the importance of education from outstanding teachers. As Bellevue School Board President, I strive to give every child opportunities to reach their full potential.

As your Representative, I will seek equitable school funding, advance Public Health and safety, and bring innovative solutions to address traffic, affordability and our regressive tax code. Sole Endorsements: 41st LD Democrats; King County Democrats; NARAL Pro-Choice WA; Attorney General Bob Ferguson; Senators Wellman and Dhingra; former Representative Maxwell; County Councilmember Balducci; local elected leaders; and many more!

www.my-linhthai.com



MICHAEL APPLEBY—41ST LD POSITION 2

Elected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer

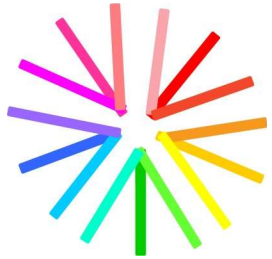
Other Professional Experience: Current Small Business Owner; Retired Regional Vice President, Prudential Financial, 19 years; Machinist, 11 years, UAW.

Education: University of Bridgeport, CT, Bachelor of Science, Business Economics, Finance minor; BH Technical High School.

Community Service: Board Member, Tillicum Middle School PTA; President, Cougar Crest HOA; supporter and volunteer for local non-profit groups, including Jubilee Reach. Charitable activity: Childhaven, Imagine Housing, Hopelink, Eastside Academy, Vision House, Union Gospel Mission.

Statement: Our families deserve the best quality of life at a price everyone can afford, with an education system for our children second to none. That requires transparency, government efficiency, and a commitment to equality. It also requires active leadership, which comes from firsthand experience. As a member of the Tillicum PTA Board, I see the critical needs in our schools. As a businessperson, I value a transportation system that keeps traffic moving. With a family of my own, I know what's required to live within a budget. I commit to these shared values, and I ask for your vote.

www.voteappleby.com



48TH LD CANDIDATES



- **Legislative District 48, State Senator**
 - Patty Kuderer (Prefers Democratic Party)
 - Rodney Tom (Prefers Democratic Party)
- **Legislative District 48, Representative Position 1**
 - Vandana Slatter (Prefers Democratic Party)
- **Legislative District 48, Representative Position 2**
 - Amy Walen (Prefers Democratic Party)
 - Cindi Bright (Prefers Democratic Party)



PATTY KUDERER—48TH LD SENATE

Elected Experience: State Representative, 2015-2016, State Senator January, 2017-present.

Other Professional Experience: An attorney with 30+ years of experience, Patty represents those facing discrimination and sexual harassment at work, and those injured by texting, drunk or other negligent drivers.

Education: BA, University of Minnesota. JD, William Mitchell College of Law.

Community Service: Awarded the “Golden Acorn” for her volunteer service with Chinook Middle School PTSA. Volunteered with Sacred Heart Social Concerns, Congregations for the Homeless, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Virtue’s Children Nepal, and Chrysalis Domestic Violence Clinic. Current boardmember with the Anti-Defamation League Seattle, serving on its Civil Rights Committee.

Statement: As an attorney and our State Senator, Patty Kuderer fights for us every step of the way.

While too many politicians pander to special interests, Patty stands apart in her commitment to our community and her leadership in delivering bipartisan results. This session she worked to pass legislation to reduce gun violence, increase affordable housing, improve our public schools, and raise teacher pay.

Patty works tirelessly to ensure every person in our community has access to affordable and quality healthcare. *She opposed last year’s statewide property tax hike and is committed to fixing our broken tax system.* Patty also advocates for a public bank, which will save taxpayer dollars while funding critical infrastructure across our region. Her leadership on education means hungry kids can eat breakfast at school and hard of hearing students will receive the support they need to be successful. Patty is a fighter, committed to improving our schools, building safer communities, and reducing taxes for families and seniors.

Endorsed by U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Planned Parenthood Votes, Washington Conservation Voters, 48th LD Democrats, our teachers, firefighters, labor, and more.

www.pattykuderer.com



RODNEY TOM—48TH LD SENATE

Elected Experience: We elected Rodney four times as our State Representative and Senator. His record of leadership includes serving as Senate Majority Leader of a bi-partisan coalition focused on education reform and funding, and transportation improvements, keeping taxes in check. *Rodney Tom was one of the first sponsors of marriage equality and has a stellar voting record defending reproductive and women's rights.*

Other Professional Experience: Successful business owner, Realtor.

Education: Newport High School. University of Washington. University of Southern California, MBA

Community Service: Won funding for Maydenbauer waterfront park, currently under construction in Bellevue. Former Board member, March of Dimes. Rodney and Deborah have two grown children.

Statement: *I'm returning to public life for two main reasons: to advocate for education reforms; and to keep taxes in check. As your Senator, I led the effort to fully fund education, resulting in an additional \$9 billion for our schools. But without reforms, this additional money won't get our students to the high standards demanded in a high tech, global economy. I'll work to enact reforms that put the best teachers and technology, in every classroom.*

I've personally knocked on over 34,000 doors in our community. People tell me, "We aren't Seattle, we're the Eastside." Eastside voters want balance and practical solutions from their Senator; socially-progressive, fiscally-responsible leadership.

Since the Great Recession, state revenues are up 72%, and will increase another \$4.1 billion next year. For my opponent, that's still not enough. She sponsored and pushed every new tax conceived in Olympia. I believe we should properly fund government, but your bank account is not an unlimited piggy bank.

Divisive partisan politics are making people unfriend each other on social media, and in real life. This must change. While I can't help you with Facebook, *I can offer you a chance to vote for a thoughtful, moderate, independent Senator.*

www.rodneytom.com



VANDANA SLATTER—48TH LD POSITION 1

Elected Experience: State Representative serving on Education, Health Care & Wellness, Technology & Economic Development Committees; Co-Chair, Science, Innovation & Technology Caucus; former Bellevue City Councilmember

Other Professional Experience: 25 years in healthcare as a medical scientist in leading biotechnology companies including Amgen and Genentech; licensed clinical pharmacist

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy, UW; Master of Public Administration, UW; Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, UBC

Community Service: Eastside Transportation Partnership; King County EMS Advisory Task Force; Cascade Water Alliance; Environmental Services Commission and Youth Link Board Liaison; Overlake Hospital Foundation Board; Washington State Board of Pharmacy; NARAL Pro-Choice Foundation Board; CHILD School Board; Lake Hills Urban Farm Project

Statement: As a biotech professional and former Councilmember, I've learned to analyze data and solve complex problems. As a community volunteer, I've tackled issues with passion and teamwork. As a mom, I've learned to focus on the future.

In Olympia, I sponsored legislation to help build affordable housing, improve access to services for families in need, reduce prescription drug costs, and address climate change. I'll continue to stand for an innovative economy, property tax relief, and diverse, healthy communities. *Endorsed: Firefighters; Conservation Voters; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; AG Bob Ferguson; Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib; Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond Mayors; and more!*

Vandanaslatter.com



AMY WALEN—48TH LD POSITION 2

Elected Experience: Kirkland Mayor since 2014; City Councilmember 2009 - present

Other Professional Experience: CFO, Ford & Hyundai of Kirkland. Over 20 years of experience as a business executive.

Education: Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland Law School; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Queensland

Community Service: Having received help during difficult times in my life, I remain committed to giving back. This includes helping organizations like HopeLink, Youth Eastside Services, Attain Housing, Kirkland Downtown Association, and securing scholarships for students to attend Lake Washington Institute of Technology. As a cancer survivor, I also make it a priority to fundraise for the Evergreen Hospital Cancer Center.

Statement: Our dynamic, growing region needs experienced leadership to address housing affordability and advocate for environmental protections, keep our kids and communities safe from gun violence, and invest in proven mental health and addiction services. Committed to helping working families, seniors, and small businesses, I'll work to replace high property taxes with solutions that tax wealth, not jobs and hard work.

Endorsed: Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, County Executive Dow Constantine, State Senator Patty Kuderer, State Representatives Joan McBride and Vandana Slatter, Mayors of Bellevue and Redmond, WA State Labor Council, and The Alliance for Gun Responsibility.

Amywalen.com



CINDI BRIGHT—48TH LD POSITION 2

Elected Experience: First-time candidate.

Other Professional Experience: Former HR Executive in many Fortune 500 companies; now a small business owner who advises governments, nonprofits, and corporations on diversity and inclusion. Diverse Community Broadcasting Radio Host, Rainier Avenue Radio

Education: University of Washington, Master in Business Administration

Community Service: Board of Directors of Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, former Co-Chair of the Board of Directors for Mentoring Works Washington.

Statement: Equity is paramount to elevate people in our constituency. My platform is Equity. Education. and Acceleration. As a business executive, I have focused my career on progressing diversity to propel all people. I will take my skills to Olympia to accelerate progress.

As your representative in Olympia, I will address the issues of income disparity, which directly impact access to education, affordable housing, healthcare, teacher, and nurses pay. Furthermore, student wellness and security are a must for me! Gun laws must be strengthened, and we must fully fund education. Endorsed by the LD 48 Democrats.

Votecindibright.com