

Justice First Research Worksheet

Legislative District: 46

Candidates

Senate:

David Frockt

Beth Daranciang

Representative, Position 1:

Gerry Pollet

Jeff Patton

Representative, Position 2:

Javier Valdez

Jerry Zeiger-Buccola

Candidate Profile: David Frockt

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website: <http://www.davidfrockt.org/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

@dsfrockt

<https://www.facebook.com/frocktthevote/>

Campaign office address:

P.O. Box 2114

Seattle, WA 98111

Campaign office phone number: (206) 305-8083

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Why our blue state is more red when it comes to guns

<http://sdc.wastateleg.org/frockt/2018/02/24/new-bill-would-promote-school-safety-in-wake-of-mass-shooting/>: Senate Bill 6620, introduced by Sen. David Frockt, would align the age and background check requirements for the purchase of certain rifles with those already existing for handgun purchases. Also prioritizes school safety in the wake of a mass shooting in Parkland, Florida by creating mechanism for students to report dangerous behavior and by providing funding for emergency response systems.

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/mar/01/panel-approves-changes-for-semi-auto-rifle-restric/>,
<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/why-new-gun-restrictions-failed-this-year-in-the-washington-legislature/>: In an effort to get the Legislature to approve some restrictions against firearms

like the one used in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, Senate sponsors on Thursday removed specific references to those weapons from the latest gun safety measure.

It originally called for a ban on anyone younger than 21 from buying or possessing semi-automatic rifles or semi-automatic shotguns with “tactical” features, including pistol grip, folding stocks or flash suppressors. It also called for an additional background check for anyone buying such weapons.

At a meeting of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the bill removed all references to tactical features. Instead, it proposes a ban on the sale of any semi-automatic rifle to a person younger than 21 and expanded background checks for all sales of those weapons to those 21 and older. Semi-automatic shotguns are not covered in the bill.

Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, the bill’s sponsor, acknowledged it was an effort to get the votes the proposal would need to pass the Legislature in the closing days of the session.

http://www.yelmonline.com/news/local_news/article_1d42e6fe-1e58-11e8-b5a2-f762e084be8b.html: Senate Bill 5407, sponsored by Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, The Washington Law Against Discrimination (WLAD) prohibits housing practices that discriminate on the basis of disability or veteran status passed in senate in Feb 2018.

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

46th Democrat kick-off held July 9th

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate’s website, or in news articles.

From his web-site:

- To champion our schools
- To protect citizens
- To ensure health care access
- To safeguard our environment

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
 - supports Senator Dinghra bill to reform teen “sexting”; against the death penalty; sponsored bill to decriminalize driving without/suspended license. (attended 46th Precinct forum sponsored by FAN on 8/21/2018)
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - http://www.chronline.com/news/legislature-proposes-behavioral-health-bonds-to-expand-mental-health-treatment/article_f38886b2-fdae-11e7-8985-efb340a3272.html: Legislation sponsored by Sens. John Braun and David Frockt asks voters to approve \$500 million in state bonds that would expand community mental health treatment facilities.
- Immigrant rights
 - <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/education/undocumented-students-would-be-eligible-for-state-aid-under-new-bill/>, <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/jan/24/senate-expands-college-aid-for-dreamers-with-or-wi/>: The bill, sponsored by Frockt, that passed the senate to allow students who have been here for at least three years before earning a state high-school diploma eligible for College Bound. Its sponsor, state Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, called it an important

bill symbolically, at a time when the fate of the nation's Dreamers — children brought to this country illegally as children — dominate the national debate on immigration.

- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Since Nov 2011: The Metropolitan King County Council today gave its unanimous support to the appointment of State Representative David Frockt to the vacant Washington State Senate seat in the 46th Legislative District. The vacancy is a result of the death of Senator Scott White last month.

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

- Currently: Senate Higher Education, Ways and Means, and Law and Justice Committees
- Previously: Transportation Committee, the Trade and Economic Development Committee, and the Health Care Committee

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

From his FB: Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation and friends from the LFP Council to celebrate the opening of the 5 Acre Woods, the last undeveloped parcel of urban forest in LFP. The public and private partnership that came together to preserve this beautiful land for hiking and exploration is remarkable. Thanks to Javier Valdez and Gerry Pollet for joining to support our state capital contribution to help acquire this open space for generations to come.

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Other information:

<http://sdc.wastateleg.org/frockt/news/>: Sen. David Frockt, who served this year as capital budget writer, was instrumental in breaking gridlock in January, and in drafting the supplemental budget signed today.

“With the new Democratic majority in the Senate, we were finally able to complete the first phase of the capital budget in January,” said Frockt, D-Seattle. “This supplemental budget builds upon those efforts, focusing on mental health in particular. We also have significant investments in clean water projects to help Puget Sound and the endangered Orca. Additionally, the budget invests in metro Seattle, which is something I have always tried to prioritize during my eight years in Olympia.”

Frockt is particularly pleased with the \$2.5 million investment in the modernization and renovation of the Lake City and Magnuson community centers in the North End, the support for Mary's Place and families experiencing homelessness in the area, and the record investments made in Seattle public schools in both of this year's capital budgets.

From his web-site:

- Earned a lifetime 97% voting score, including 100% in 2015-2016 from Washington Conservation Voters
 - Washington State Labor Council – Lifetime 90% score; 100% in 2012, 2013, & 2016.
 - NARAL Pro-Choice Washington – Reproductive Freedom Scorecard – “A”
 - Washington Community Action Network Score For Overall Leadership on Racial Equity (2015) – A++
 - Washington Alliance For Gun Responsibility – 2016 – A+ – Overall ranking and recognition as a “Star”
 - Recognized as a Housing Hero by the Low Income Housing Alliance for work on the homeless document recording fee bill and the Fair Tenant Screening Act
 - Earned an early learning “Golden Crayon” award from the Early Learning Action Alliance for leadership on early learning issues in the legislature
 - Recognized by the Foster Parents Association of Washington as a legislative award winner for sponsoring and passing the Prudent Parent Bill to give foster kids an opportunity to participate in a broader range of after school and normal childhood activities
 - Washington Ceasefire Ancil Payne Civic Leader of the Year Award – 2016
 - MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) Washington – Legislative Champion – 2016
 - Washington State Medical Association – Legislator of the Year – 2015
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Candidate Profile: Elizabeth (Beth) Daranciang

Basic Information

Running for: State Senate

Campaign website:

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/bethforsenate>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/bethdaranciang>

Campaign office address:

12722 8th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

Campaign office phone number: (206) 979-1543

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate’s website, or in news articles.

She is “committed to supporting lower taxes, transparency in government, public safety, rights of the vulnerable, freedoms of conscience, speech, and religion”

Opposes “a jobs tax, higher property taxes, ineffective homelessness plans, and dangerous heroin injection sites.”

Opposes abortion

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Opposes abortion. Related to Health Care, her LinkedIn page includes experience described as “Fifteen years of comprehensive research experience in public health and injury prevention. Contributed to the planning, coordination and management of diverse injury prevention and other research projects. Wide-ranging administrative background in both the academic and private sectors. Specialties: Injury Prevention Research, Global Health, Research Coordination, Dataset management”
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

No

What is their professional background?

Employed as

Program Manager - Violence & Injury Prevention

Company Name Public Health - Seattle & King County

Dates Employed Feb 2013 – Present Location Seattle, WA

Employed to “Coordinate county’s Child Death Review which includes eliciting cooperation from multiple agencies and organizations; research firearm injuries and fatalities; coordinate injury prevention efforts with other agencies and professionals”.

What community activities do they engage in?

Treasurer at Friends of Ingraham High School

Former Volunteer at Marty McClendon for State Senate

Opposed Washington State Democrats vote to legalize commercial surrogacy

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Gerry Pollett

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: <http://gerrypollet.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Campaign office address:

7750 17th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Campaign office phone number: (206) 528-0078

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

[Media page on campaign website](#) links to local coverage.

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

No upcoming events found, but campaign website mentions a traveling town hall meeting he tries to hold monthly at a minimum. Refers to [his Facebook page](#) for schedule.

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

- [Education](#): funding K – 12, affordable higher education, special education.
- [Environmental protection](#): Hanford and other toxic waste cleanup, protection, and conservation.
- [Healthcare](#): Healthcare as a fundamental right, family planning, reproductive rights, student access to accurate sex education.
- [Workers' rights](#): Raise the minimum wage, paid family and sick leave, and collective bargaining.
- [Open government](#): Open meetings.
- [Public safety](#): Increase police and fire department budgets, police accountability and training to work with communities, gun violence, change insurance requirements that lead to staff at homes for seniors calling fire departments to help residents up when they fall.

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- [Criminal justice reform](#)
 - Voted yes on I-940
- [Healthcare access](#) (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- [Immigrant rights](#)
- [Policing](#)
- [Student discipline](#)
- [Surveillance](#)

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

7 years (since 2011)

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

Vice-Chair of the House Higher Education Committee

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

Education and Finance Committees

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

Heart of America Northwest – Hanford cleanup group

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

Public interest lawyer and faculty member at UW School of Public Health

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

No

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

No

Candidate Profile: Jeff Patton

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 1

Campaign website: www.JeffPattonForWashington.org

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/JeffPattonForWashington>

Campaign office address:

19034 53rd Ave NE
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Campaign office phone number: (425) 284-9010

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

<http://www.bothell-reporter.com/news/candidates-file-for-state-federal-office/>
<http://progressivevotersguide.com/washington/2018/primary/gerry-pollet?src=pvg2016general>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

None found; campaign web site suggests meeting with Jeff at his home during “office hours.”

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate’s website, or in news articles.

Strong supporter of second amendment. Thinks solution to violence is enforcing existing gun laws and strengthening mental health.

Opposes bike lanes on 35th Avenue



Opposes Seattle Head Tax

Opposes sugar tax on soda

Opposes state income tax

Believes state legislature should not have exempted itself from Public Records Disclosure

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

None

What is their professional background?

Engineer, corporate procurement

What community activities do they engage in?

Firearms safety instructor

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Candidate Profile: Javier Valdez

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website: <http://javiervaldez.com>

Social media accounts (if applicable):

<https://www.facebook.com/javiervaldezforstaterep/>

Campaign office address:

Javier Valdez for State Representative

P.O. Box 25873

Seattle, WA 98165

Campaign office phone number: (206) 548-9510

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

Rep. Javier Valdez appointed to Pesticide Application Safety Work Group (SB 6529 created work group):
<https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/category/javiervaldez>

Rep. Javier Valdez primary sponsor of HB 2700 which aims at protecting children's privacy. Passed the 2018 legislative session.
<https://legiscan/WA/bill>

Rep. Javier Valdez sponsored WA HB 2282 that protects the open internet in WA State.
<https://legiscan/WA/bill>

End of session newsletter: <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/javier-valdez/2018-end-of-session-newsletter-from-rep-valdez/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/democrat-javier-valdez-picked-to-fill-legislative-seat-vacated-by-seattles-jessyn-farrell/>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

46th District Picnic, Saturday, July 14th

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

"I will never standby and let our schools go underfunded, our healthcare systems decline, immigrants be terrorized, or our social safety net be ripped to shreds."

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
 - voted "Yes" to abolish the death penalty in WA State
 - (<https://nwprogressive.org/weblog/2018/02/victory-house-judiciary-committee-advances>) also voted "Yea" on HB 1298-2017-18; HB 1783-2017-18; SB5987-20017-18.
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - reproductive rights (NARAL Prochoice WA gave him an "A" rating; voted "yes" on HB 1523; also voted "Yea" on SB 5722-2017-18; SB 6219-2017-18; SB 6037-2017-18' and sponsored HB 2909-2017-18 (it did not pass out of House Committee)
 - Supported Washington's Reproductive Parity Act
- Immigrant rights
 - Rep Javier Valdez's parents were immigrants from Mexico and worked in agriculture in Moses Lake, WA. Voted "Yea" on E3SHB 1488. Not listed on HB 1022-2017-18 because not in House at that point.
 - Supported Washington's Dream Act 2.0
- Policing
 - Voted "Yes" on House Initiated Legislation 940 (<https://nwprogressive.org/weblog/2018/02/victory-house-judiciary-committee-advances>) and endorsed De-escalate WA
- Student discipline
 - Sponsored HB 2700, protecting child forensic interviews from public records disclosure
- Surveillance
 - Voted "Yea" on SB 6408-2017-18

Candidate Background

If the candidate is the incumbent:

How long have they been in office?

Since June 12, 2017. Replaced Jessyn Farrell who was candidate for Mayor.

Have they held leadership positions in the legislature? Which one(s)?

I do not believe so.

What legislative committees have they served on in the past?

House Education, Judiciary, and Transportation committees.

When not in Olympia, what community activities does the candidate engage in?

Only thing I found was a leader in the Latino community

What employment, if any, does the candidate have outside the legislature?

Until Mayor Ed Murray left office he was a WMBE programming aide to Mayor Ed Murray. Previous to that worked 20 years for Seattle City Light. <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/javier-valdez>

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Yes, Town Hall prior to 2018 Legislative Session (Jan 3, 2018 at Nathan Hale H.S.)

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Met with Valdez as small group as constituents to discuss Initiative 940 and Voting Rights Act prior to Legislative session. Valdez was planning on voting "Yes" on both issues.

Other information:

Primary sponsor HB 2343 Vulnerable Adults/"willful"; HB 2587 Special Prosecuting Attorney; HB 20606 FAST Act Compliance; HB 2696 – CDL Medical Expenses; HB 2700 Child Interview Recordings.

Voted "yes" on bill to keep many legislative records out of the public's eye

Website to find out how Javier Valdez voted during the 2018 legislative session:
<https://www.washingtonvotes.org/MyLegislatorsKeyVotes.aspx>

Endorsed by the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO

NARAL Prochoice WA gave him an "A" rating

Candidate Profile: Jerry Zeiger-Buccola

Basic Information

Running for: State Representative, Position 2

Campaign website:

Social media accounts (if applicable):

Campaign office address:

Campaign office phone number: (206) 940-2814

What news articles have been written about the candidate? Include links if you find them.

From the article below: Mr. Zeiger-Buccola is a fundamentalist Christian who said his religion superseded civil law in the area of abortion. "We asked the Lord what more we could do for him, and this what he came up with," he said.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1989/06/23/us/judge-gives-abortion-protesters-a-painful-choice.html>

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

No events are on his calendar.

Issues

What priority issues is the candidate running on? You might find this information on the candidate's website, or in news articles.

Traffic congestion and property rights infringements deeply concern me. He is actively involved with his church, several public policy think tanks, and education.

Overall, he believes "Our government was designed to be limited... our freedom is threatened by over-taxation and over-regulation...our current 46th District representatives voted for legislative secrecy (SB 6617)! New taxes are added continually. There is a move toward adding an income tax, head tax and soda tax, jeopardizing high tech jobs. These must be stopped!... before each vote, I will consider: "Will this bill enhance liberty? Or merely grow government?"

Has the candidate expressed views (positive or negative) on any of the following ACLU issues?

- Criminal justice reform
- Healthcare access (e.g. reproductive rights, LGBTQ care, end of life care)
 - Strong anti-abortion stance
 - Was arrested in an anti-choice protest in 1989
- Immigrant rights
- Policing
- Student discipline
- Surveillance

Candidate Background

If the candidate is not the incumbent:

Has the candidate held other political offices previously? Which one(s)?

No

What is their professional background?

Owner, Buccola Homes Real Estate, 25 years, before that series of positions: Hewlett-Packard, Greenpoint Technologies (Aerospace), Philips Medical employment.

What community activities do they engage in?

Getting to Know the Candidate



Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

No, he hasn't held any to date.

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

No, I have a request in for a meeting.