

# State Representative, Pos 2

#### Kristine Reeves

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#### **Section 1: Business and Economic Issues**

8. In your role as an elected official, how do you plan to enhance and support the business climate in Federal Way?

As an economic developer in my day-job, I spend most days thinking about how we build an economy that works better for working families in our state. As an elected official, I am grateful to have the chance to bring that knowledge to my public service in South King County & partner with organizations, like the chamber, in creating and implementing strategic economic development initiatives.

Businesses are the economic engine of our community & without a strong business climate & tax base, the other elements of economic growth & sustainability are not possible.

I am proud to have fought for funding that supports the chamber in its mission, to support infrastructure investments in STEM education at TAF at Saghalie so students can be a better prepared workforce for high tech jobs of the future, to have encouraged investments in public transportation and more, because it is all of these things working together that enhance & support a strong business climate in our community.

9. Homelessness is a national and state-wide problem impacting both business and their communities. What are you going to do legislatively to address this issue?

As someone who has experienced homelessness, I know first hand the value of having a roof over your head in being able to put the rest of your life in place and remain a contributing member of the community. It's why I voted against increased property taxes, voted for property tax rebates, supported legislation to help seniors, veterans & others on fixed incomes with the property tax burden, and pushed for millions of your tax dollars to return to the community to support organizations like FUSION in the work of transitioning families and others out of homelessness.

Homelessness is an indicator of an economy that isn't working for everyone. Housing affordability isn't happening because supply and demand aren't meeting. We are tens of thousands of housing units short. We must work with our cities to promote permitting of housing development and support strategic urban growth that allows us to maintain our unique quality of life.

10. How will you clarify legislative intent on the salary negotiation between competing school districts in Washington?

I was the first legislator in the state to introduce a bill that would have addressed the salary regionalization factor for our school districts. Unfortunately, I was not able to move the bill in the larger solution that became the final McCleary bill. But I am committed to making sure that teachers in Federal Way can make the same as teachers in Auburn and I intend to keep working to correct this issue.

11. Given challenges in social services (i.e., Western State), transportation and education funding, will you be willing to support revenue enhancements? If so, briefly explain how you will address the difficult revenue/expense budget decision that must be made.

I am committed to finding a path forward that ensures we can keep our promises to those struggling the most among us, to our seniors, our veterans, those with mental health needs, our kids, and the hard working families of our communities. However, we can not focus on raising revenue in a system that disproportionately impacts middle and working class families in our district. If revenue is needed, we must look at addressing it by closing corporate tax loopholes (yes there are still some out there), discussing capital gains as a tax on your portfolio, not your paycheck, and looking at B&O tax reform to support small businesses that are also working hard to support families. This is not about taxing people more but rather making sure everyone is paying their fair share and right now, middle class and working families are paying more than their fair share.

12. If elected, how will you work legislatively with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce on economic development and other business initiatives? Please note any past or present engagement with Chamber projects and programs.

As someone who has worked in economic development for over a decade, I know that chambers play a pivotal role in supporting small businesses in our communities, in creating strategic visions for the growth and sustainability of communities and promoting workforce development plans that meet growing business' needs. I was

proud to bring your tax dollars home to support the work of the chamber in their efforts to build a strong market driven plan for sustainable business growth and their work to provide technical support to minority, women, and veteran owned businesses in our region.

I believe strongly that our chamber is well-positioned to help us build an economy that works better for our middle class, working families and their small businesses here in the South Sound. That's why I look forward to continuing to partner with the chamber, collaborate on projects and support their efforts to grow our economy in Federal Way.

### **Section 2: Political Engagement**

13. What elected offices have you held and how has that experience prepared you for the Legislature?

I am serving my first term as an elected official. It has prepared me to fight harder for the middle class and working families who are struggling to make ends meet in our community, who are feeling priced out of their homes because of Seattle's growth, and who are feeling budgets break over increased costs.

I learned a lot about how Olympia works in my first two sessions and am now better prepared to go back and keep fighting for families by putting real people first.

14. How often does your campaign engage with the community? Please note the type of contact: local office, door-to-door, Town Hall meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. Do you plan the same involvement if elected?

In the two years I have served this community, I and my team have knocked on tens of thousands of doors (over 22,000), made tens of thousands of calls (over 25,000), hosted dozens of Coffee with Kristine constituent coffee hours, held 5 town halls, are hosting an education forum, hold regular office hours, hosted weekly district leadership calls while in session, conducted surveys, and sent weekly emails.

My philosophy is that you can't accurately represent your neighbors if you don't know who they are, what matters most to them and their family and you aren't easily accessible.

I will continue to host these forums, send emails, knock on doors, call you, put out surveys, and meet with you to hear what matters most to you and your family. Because that is my number one job as YOUR state representative.

15. Does your Campaign use local District 30 businesses in the production of marketing collateral? Why or why not?
Yes.

## **Section 3: Campaign Activity**

16. What are your primary sources of funding? Please note the top five business contributors within District 30 and the top five business contributors outside District 30. Please also note the top five individuals within District 30 and the top five individuals outside District 30.

**INSIDE DISTRICT TOP 5 BUSINESSES:** 

Weyerhaeuser

AT&T

WEA

East India Grill

**OUTSIDE DISTRICT TOP 5 BUSINESSES:** 

PSE

Eli Lily

**BNSF** 

Boeing

**BECU** 

TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS INSIDE DISTRICT:

Pat Montgomery

Judy Featherstone

Brenda Musick

Terry Quinn

John Felleisen

TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE DISTRICT:

Heidi Stolte

Chris Stolte

Nick Hanauer

17. Please share your major endorsements from the south sound region. In addition to Federal Way, this scope should include South King and Pierce counties.

http://electkristinereeves.nationbuilder.com/endorsements

To name a few:

FW Mayor Jim Ferrell

FW Councilmember Jesse Johnson

FW Councilmember Martin Moore

Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier

King County Exec Dow Constantine

**US Senator Patty Murray** 

Congressman Adam Smith

The Seattle Times

18. Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual.

No.

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#### Mark Greene

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2. **Position you are seeking:** State Representative, Position 2

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#### Section 1: Business and Economic Issues

8. In your role as an elected official, how do you plan to enhance and support the business climate in Federal Way?

My motto will be the same as the late, great president Calvin Coolidge, who once said "the business of America is business." I will work to expand the business climate in Washington and the 30th District through promoting solution-based, problem solving businesses in Washington that want a profitable base, or a non-profit environment, and will find solutions to a host of 21st century problems, such as environmental and housing, that are of concern now or may eventually become a concern. This expansion would be a major job source for the people of the 30th District.

9. Homelessness is a national and state-wide problem impacting both business and their communities. What are you going to do legislatively to address this issue?

To solve homelessness, the Legislature needs to come up with incentives for private developers and builders to build at least 500 YMCA-style buildings throughout the state of Washington that would specialize in low-cost single room occupancy rooms, and provide services and benefits for those trying to upgrade their lifestyle. There are a

plethora of other ideas that would help, but the focus now should be on relatively easy-to-implement-ideas, and fast planning and action to address this problem quickly.

10. How will you clarify legislative intent on the salary negotiation between competing school districts in Washington?

Work with all the districts throughout the state and find a consensus that will benefit, most importantly, children's education, and then the ability of the state to hire teachers at good, middle-class salaries in properly maintained school buildings and facilities.

11. Given challenges in social services (i.e., Western State), transportation and education funding, will you be willing to support revenue enhancements? If so, briefly explain how you will address the difficult revenue/expense budget decision that must be made.

Generally, as long as the business climate in Washington is good, sufficient revenue will follow, so the state should have good relationships with businesses and organizations that promote policies that enable businesses to run efficiently and effectively. I will offer a voluntary revenue enhancement bill that would enable any business or anybody who wants to donate, a simple way to allocate funds to whatever state department or program they want.

12. If elected, how will you work legislatively with the Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce on economic development and other business initiatives? Please note any past or present engagement with Chamber projects and programs.

My line will be open 24/7 and my availability to meet with the GFWCC and discuss policies and opportunities for business development in Federal Way and the greater 30th District and state will be extensive.

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No elective offices held.

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Several times a week, including door-to-door outreach, organizational and editorial meetings, and attendance at forums.

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Yes, of course, because we want to get to know businesses in the 30th District and enhance their sales and marketability.

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Candidate self-funding.

17. Please share your major endorsements from the south sound region. In addition to Federal Way, this scope should include South King and Pierce counties.

King County G.O.P. and Human Life Political Action Committee.

18. Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual.

Yes, I have a campaign manager.

Kenneth Pearson has been on board with the campaign since August.