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## Providence Everett nurses to strike starting November 14<sup>th</sup> demanding more staffing



Faye Guenther, President of UFCW3000, speaking at Monday's presser announcing on November 6 the strike of Providence Regional Center Everett nurses. Lynnwood Times | Mario Lotmore.

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**EVERETT**—Over 1,300 Providence Regional Center nurses, their families, and community members alike are headed to the picket line Tuesday, November 14 through November 19, on

an unfair labor practice strike against, what they call, “chronic understaffing” at the hospital which “threatens the safety and wellbeing of the community.”

“This [Providence St. Joseph Health] is

a nonprofit entity with billions in cash reserves and its own venture capital firm in front of jersey sponsorship of the Seattle Sounders. They’ve received hundreds of millions of dollars in fed-

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## Lynnwood awarded \$1.3 million federal grant to revitalize urban forests

By LYNNWOOD STAFF

**LYNNWOOD**—The City of Lynnwood is receiving \$1,308,198 of the Urban and Community Forest Grant for its South Lynnwood Urban Forestry & Stewardship Program. Overall, municipalities in Washington state were awarded a total of \$36,365,854 in funding from the grant for 2023. The United States Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service awarded more than \$1 billion in competitive grants this fall to plant and maintain trees, combat extreme heat and climate change and improve access to nature.

This five-year program aims to protect and enhance 12 acres of urban forest, riparian and wetlands and expand healthy urban tree canopies across the South Lynnwood Neighborhood, which is considered a disadvantaged community according to the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool and is home to a quarter of the city’s population.

A significant portion of the South Lynnwood Census Tract which includes Lynnwood City Center suffers from heat island severity, meaning that these areas are, on average, 1–7°F higher than temperatures in outlying areas. For Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Deputy Director Sarah Olson, increasing the greenspaces and tree canopy in areas like South Lynnwood is paramount to lowering the temperature in Lynnwood.

“This South Lynnwood Urban Forestry & Stewardship Program includes a goal to plant 750 trees on city-owned and city-managed properties, in street right-of-way, and providing more than 500 trees to residents they can plant on private property,” explained Olson. “This program will help the City of Lynnwood achieve that and its objective to address the effects of heat islands and climate change in our community, improving the overall health and quality of life of our community members.”

**Municipalities receiving the grant in Snohomish County**

City of Lynnwood, South Lynnwood Urban Forestry and Stewardship Program (\$1,308,198): This project will

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## Winners, losers and too close to call!

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**LYNNWOOD**—Over one hundred thousand Snohomish County ballots have been counted on 2023 General Election night for county and local elections. As of November 7, 26.39% of ballots have been returned – that’s 137,532 residents. According to the Auditor’s Office, projections for the election are up to a 45% voter turnout.

Arlington Mayor Barb Tolbert, Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson, Lynnwood City Councilman Jim Smith, and Mukilteo City Councilman



Mukilteo Councilman-elect Mike Dixon (right) with candidate Ashvin Sanghvi (blue), and supporters at Sabor A Mexico for an election party on election night. Lynnwood Times.

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# County commemorates opening of Index-Galena road

By KIENAN BRISCOE

**INDEX**—Snohomish County employees, elected officials, and community members gathered together at the Index-Galena Road, between milepost 6 and 7, to commemorate its official opening after being closed for the last 17 years.

The Index-Galena, which follows the scenic North Fork of the Skykomish River, was washed out when flooding damaged significant portions of pavement, roadbed, and culverts back in November 2006 but due the project location, proposed relocation on United States Forest Service (USFS) land, the road's repairs required extensive interagency coordination with multiple federal, tribal, state and county government agencies.

The road officially opened November 4 at 2 p.m., four hours after the ribbon cutting ceremony came to a close, providing local access and linking Snohomish County to the Wild Sky wilderness area.

"After 17 long years and the completion of a very complicated construction project, we are honored to announce that local and recreational access to this beautiful part of the county has been restored," said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. "Public Works and our partners minimized disruption to the Skykomish River and the many species who call it home. The new stretch of road is as beautiful as it is functional. Many thanks to everyone who helped complete this project and provide a lifeline for first responders and the local community."

Construction on the road was conducted over a three-year period from 2021 through 2023. Given its seasonal and environmental limitations, construction crews worked through the months of April and November, removing asphalt and manmade debris, clearing trees and excavating earth and rock, erecting five geosynthetic slopes with structural earth walls, installed an on-site mitigation features and engineered log jams, built 15 culverts and one ar-



Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers (center) at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Index-Galena Road on November 4, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe.

mored concrete box culvert, stabilized and planted roadside slopes, and constructed a new 180-foot bridge with recreational access and clearance for wildlife passage.

"The decision was made to relocate the road out of the North Fork Skykomish River 100-year floodplain to help reduce the risk of future flooding," Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. "Given the severity of past flood events, it was important to engineer a roadway that was resilient but also enhanced the river conditions for fish and other wildlife. Our teams worked closely with local tribes and environmental agencies to ensure the design and construction of this project minimized any environmental impacts and allowed for the opportunity to repurpose natural resources, including the harvesting of cedar bark."

The total cost of the project was approximately \$29 million, paid for from the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funds (\$16.5 million), Federal Highway Administration Federal Lands Access Program Funds (\$5 million), Washington State County

Road Administration Board (CRAB) Rural Arterial Program Funds (\$1.2 million), and the Snohomish County Road Funds (\$6.3 million).

"Since the road was washed out, residents, emergency services, and visitors have been using a 40-mile detour over Beckler River Road (Forest Rd 65) and Jack Pass," Public Works Deputy Director and County Engineer Doug McCormick said. "Not only is this detour closed seasonally but it diverts guest access away from the town of Index and its stunning views of the Cascade Mountains."

At Saturday's ceremony Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder took the mic to share a few words about the project before passing the mic on to State Representative and County Councilman Sam Low, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, and Skykomish District Ranger at Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Joe Neal.

Also in attendance was State Representative Carolyn Eslick (R-39), Index Mayor Norm Johnson, and a represen-

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protect urban forests, riparian areas, and wetlands to expand healthy urban tree canopy within the South Lynnwood Neighborhood in Lynnwood, Washington. This project will develop a robust stewardship program and an intensive outreach and education component for the residents.

Snohomish Conservation District, Growing Urban Forest in Snohomish County (\$2,480,761): The Snohomish Conservation District will collaborate with the cities of Everett, Marysville, and the Tulalip Tribes to develop urban forest management, monitoring, and maintenance plans. The district will add trees and provide long-term maintenance of urban tree canopy in its communities.

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# November 17 Event for Rainbow City Performing Arts

By RAINBOW CITY

**SEATTLE**—Rainbow City Performing Arts, a nonprofit organization that promotes the equity and visibility of LGBTQIA+ people through music, invites you to join them for an evening of diverse and colorful music on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Benaroya Hall.

The concert will feature the Rainbow City Concert Band and Orchestra, two of the many ensembles in Rainbow City, performing music inspired by a spectrum of colors that highlight the diversity of the music and performers. You will hear a solo performance by pianist Abel Lifschutz in the seminal classic, Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin and a performance by flutist Dr. Sarah Bassingthwaigite in a movement of the flute concerto, Silver Lining by Frank Tichelli.

Additionally, the concert will include the world premiere of a new composition, Connections, by Caleb Gomes, commissioned by Rainbow City with funding from 4culture, in celebration of 25 years of building community through music.

Rainbow City’s mission is to create a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ musicians and allies to express themselves through music. Rainbow City was founded in 1998 as a concert band that provided a safe space for LGBTQIA+ musicians and allies.

This concert aims to provide an equitable stage for the talented members of the community who have been underrepresented or discriminated against in the mainstream musical scene. The performance of the Rainbow City Concert Band and Orchestra in this space will help make it accessible to all and increase the diversity of those using the public facility.

This concert is part of Rainbow City’s 2023-2024 season, Spectrum, which showcases the diversity and inclusivity of Rainbow City’s music and community. The season will continue with Spectrum of Identity on February 2, 2024, featuring the Seattle Trans and Nonbinary Choral Ensemble (STANCE), a choir that provides a vocal space free of gendered expectations, by and for transgender and nonbinary singers. The season will conclude with Spectrum of Cul-

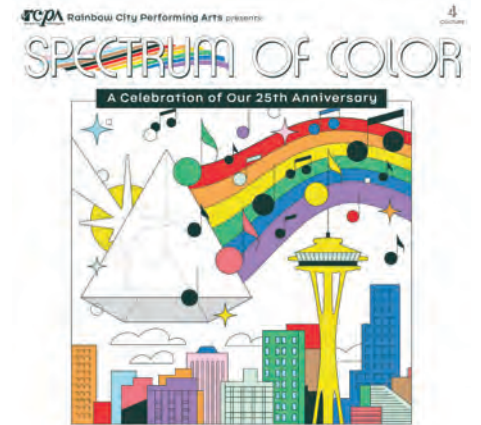
ture on April 12, 2024, featuring the Zje Mongolian Music Ensemble, a group that preserves and promotes the traditional music and culture of Mongolia, and the Tacoma Refugee Choir, a choir that fosters belonging and community for refugees and immigrants.

All concerts will take place at Benaroya Hall. Season tickets are available for the entire series with additional performances and perks included.

Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of wonderful music, learn about new emerging and diverse composers, and be a part of Rainbow City’s community on this special night.

Tickets are available online at [go.rainbowcity.org/color](http://go.rainbowcity.org/color), by phone from the box office at (206) 215-

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# NW Indian College opens nation's first tribal presentation sovereignty kitchen

BY KIENAN BRISCOE

**TULALIP**—Northwest Indian College (NWIC) held a soft open for its new Tribal Food Sovereignty Presentation Kitchen Friday, November 3 - the first tribal food sovereignty presentation kitchen in the nation, according to the College.

The kitchen is a state-of-the-art camera-ready space which students and instructors can utilize to study and make presentations based on the premise that Native Americans have all they need to sustain themselves within a 5-mile radius of where they live, grow their community, and raise their families.

“The new kitchen will allow our students a place where they can take instruction using traditional food sovereignty practices and create their own contemporary results,” said Lindsey Crofoot, a long time adjunct Native Environmental Science and Food Sovereignty instructor at the NWIC Tulalip site. The kitchen has quartz countertops,

floating islands with silver rain hoods, a big smart double-door refrigerator, and top-notch chef’s utensils including knives, mixers, and every utensil you could ever need - made possible by grants from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Trust, The Puyallup Tribe of Indians and 2020 Cares Act funding. It is located at the college’s Tulalip site - one of six extended campus satellite sites belonging to the Bellingham-based school.

At Friday’s event, NWIC President Justin Guillory, PhD. and the NWIC Board of Trustees caught first glimpse at what the kitchen has the offer while sharing a meal of Indian tacos and elderberry sweet grass lemonade with faculty, students, and community members alike. There were approximately 35 attendees in total.

The NWIC’s Board of Trustees were headed to the Tulalip site for their annual meeting last Friday so Colette Keith, NWIC Site Manager, Public Speaking Instructor, and brains of the operation, proposed they open the kitchen for an

impromptu soft opening to showcase what it has in store. “It went really, really well. It was really well received by the community,” said Keith. “It was just a night for everyone to get together, check it out. It was the first time anyone really got to lay eyes on the kitchen other than our staff people and contractors.”

The kitchen will be used for instructional purposes such as Environmental Science classes, Public Speaking classes, and rented out for certain events.

In Keith’s Public Speaking course, her final assignment is for students to present a “Food Network-style presentation”, she said, where they present a recipe from beginning to end. This is where the kitchen will come in to play with the Public Speaking program and where the idea for a kitchen came from in the first place.

Keith wanted to provide a space “you would see on television” she called a “presentation kitchen” - where someone could hold a presentation on how

to can salmon and they could record a video and put it on YouTube, she gave as an example.

Keith started writing several grants to secure the funding for her idea. While the COVID-19 pandemic had many negative consequences for the community at large, one of the positives was the COVID relief funds tribes were granted, which helped get the project up and running. After the NW Indian College pulled from wherever they could for the last five years to finish the project.

Before deciding on the modular building it now resides in, Keith looked at several places on the campus but none of the options seemed quite right - one was too small, another had a wall in the middle of it that couldn’t be torn down, and so on. Shortly after the Tulalip tribe granted the school permission to use an old modular building.

“Things just kind of worked out,” said

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eral COVID relief funds. They have the resources to invest in this community and they certainly have the responsibility to do so,” said Faye Guenther, President of UFCW3000.

The UFCW 3000 union, of which select Providence nurses are members, and Providence management finished a final bargaining session last Friday, November 3, without reaching a deal to address nurses’ issues that inadequate staffing is adversely affecting patient care. UFCW 3000 represents over 50,000 frontline essential workers across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. It is a chartered member of UFCW international with over 1.4 million workers in North America.

“I am here to let the community know that the nurses at Providence are going on an unfair labor practice strike starting on Tuesday, November 14 after going through a pandemic and years of sounding the alarm on how low staffing levels at our hospital are seriously impacting the care of the patients in this community,” said Juan Stout, 15-year Providence Emergency Room Nurse and Executive Member of UFCW3000 who was a member of the bargaining team negotiating with Providence since last April. “When there are not enough nurses to care for this community that’s a dangerous situation.”

Stout noted that he has witnessed many qualified nurses over the years leave for higher paying jobs with less stress. Providence said they offered a 13% wage increase to nurses, but nurses wanted to ensure their wage remained competitive for a number of years.

After many months of bargaining over a new union contract, the union says Providence management has refused to address staffing issues. as hundreds of nurses in recent years have left. Those that remain are demanding accountability from hospital management to create a safer environment for nurses

and their patients.

On October 19, nurses working at Providence voted to authorize an unfair labor practice strike (ULP) with 97% approval. 83% of all nurses working at Providence voted, which the union said is much more than normal.

Their primary demand is that hospital management engage in good faith bargaining and come to mutual agreement on a contract that includes provisions to ensure safer staffing levels as well as transparency and accountability measures meant to renew community trust in the local hospital.

Nurses held striking as a last resort but are saying they are left with no choice. Providence Everett nurses have been raising understaffing and safety concerns for years and even played a role in advocating for new statewide hospital staffing standards that were passed by the legislature this year.

On Monday, November 6, a press conference was held at UFCW 3000’s Everett headquarters detailing the dates and conditions of the strike featuring union members, nurses, and community members speaking in support of the cause.

“I support the nurses with the strike on their contract,” Everett City Council member Liza Vogeli, told the Lynnwood Times. “We support you, I support you. The people that need you support you. Keep it up, you’re doing what is necessary.”

After a quick introduction by Sarah Cherin, Chief of Staff at UFCW3000, Don Huffman, Everett Fire Fighter and Paramedic, spoke on how chronic understaffing at Providence has affected not only nurses’ ability to provide proper care but the community at large.

“The staffing crisis at Providence hospital has become so severe the long wait times at the emergency department tie up your firefighters for hours

at a time, keeping us from being able to put out fires and other emergencies,” said Huffman Monday. “When Everett firefighters are tied up at the hospital, fire engines and paramedic units are pulled into the city from surrounding areas to respond to calls leaving the communities they serve with reduced

fire protection. The staffing emergency at Providence hospital is an emergency to all of us.”

It is common for a patient transported to Providence by Everett Fire to wait

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# Unregistered popup Democratic PAC with ties to DelBene pours \$30,000 to salvage Johnson in Sheriff race in ‘dark money’ scheme

BY MARIO LOTMORE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Washington State Public Disclosure Commission records reveal that Waterfront Strategies, a K Street Washington, D.C. political firm that manages Super PAC ads for the Democratic Party’s House Majority PAC, had \$30,018.50 poured into it for the Snohomish County Sheriff’s race on Wednesday, November 1, just days before ballots are due. The House Majority PAC is a Democratic-aligned Super PAC that works closely with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) which King County resident, Representative Suzan DelBene (WA-01), is chair.

The President of the House Majority PAC is Mike Smith, who, prior to January of 2023, was the former Senior Advisor to the DCCC, where he helped support the organizations’ fundraising, messaging, and political strategy. Smith previously served as the Deputy Executive Director of the DCCC, Political and Finance Director to former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Deputy National Finance Director to Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign.

Waterfront Strategies is a media-buying firm for left-wing political action committees that was incorporated in Delaware in 2006. It is an internal branch of parent powerhouse D.C.

Democratic political consulting firm Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, and Burns (GMMB Consulting).

GMMB Consulting, founded by Jim Margolis, specializes in public relations, brand strategy, and political campaigns for Democratic PACs and left-of-center groups such as Senate Majority PAC, House Majority PAC, Women Vote! and League of Conservation Voters. Margolis worked as senior advisor to then-U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) in her 2020 presidential campaign and to the presidential campaigns of former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2016, President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012, former Sen. John Kerry in 2004, and President Bill Clinton in 1992.

Between GMMB and Waterfront Strategies who share the same D.C. address, the two groups have combined to be the highest-paid consultant in the country in each election cycle since 2012 totaling \$2.986 billion. In 2022 alone, Waterfront Strategies expended \$328 million in ad buys of which, according to the Federal Election Commission, \$7 million was used against Republican candidate Tiffany Smiley in the 2022 Washington Senate race.

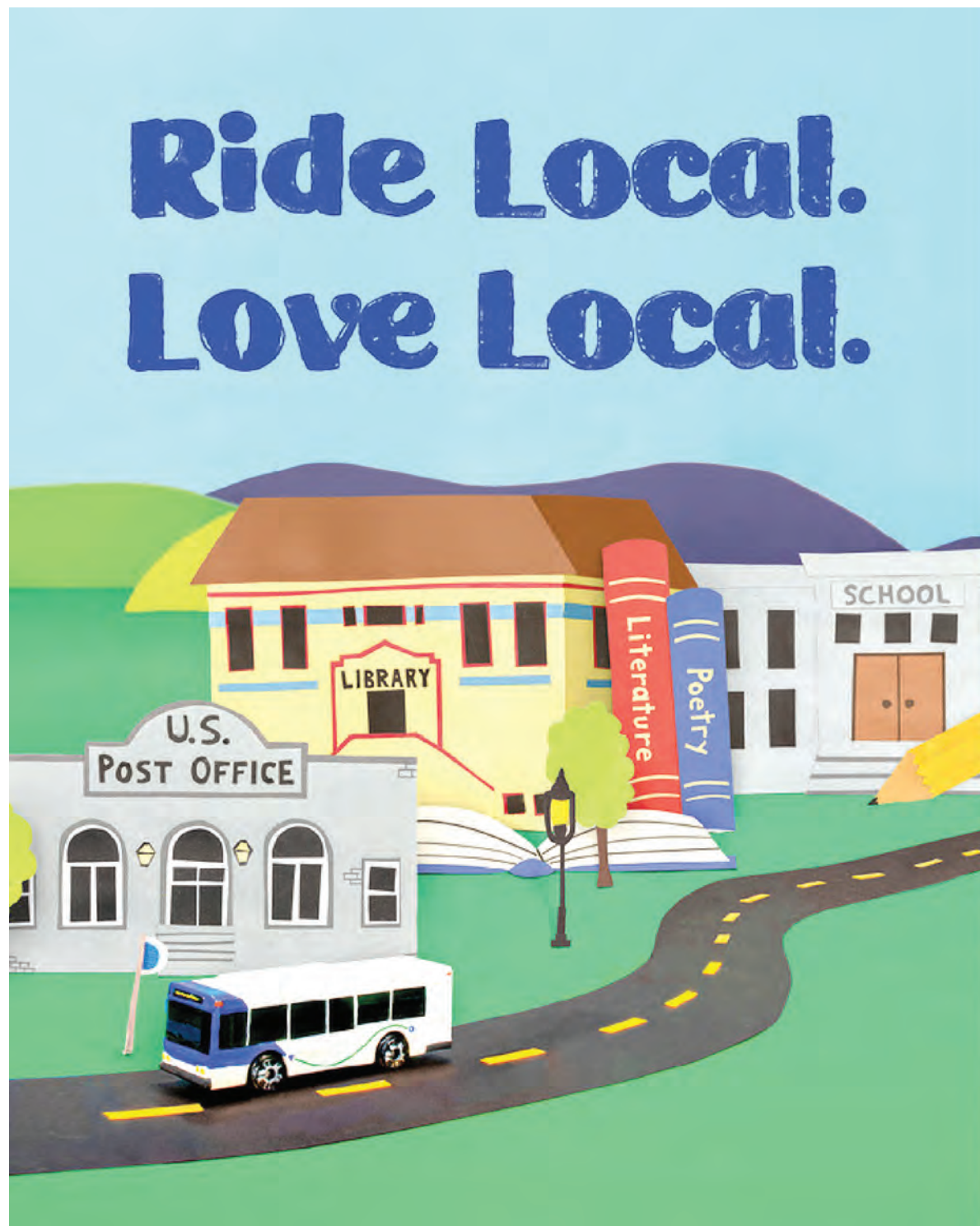
Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) records show Waterfront Strategies as an independent

expenditure for political advertisements that are financed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, a New York State Democratic PAC. This PAC recently spent on Wednesday \$20,075.01 in media buys against Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney and \$10,167.49 in favor of his opponent Susanna Johnson. The expenditures were recorded on November 1, just two days after Fortney took to the airwaves disclosing misinformation and false allegations against him and

the Sheriff’s Office by the Democratic-aligned Alliance for Gun Responsibility Victory Fund and political surrogates who support Johnson.

Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund is not registered with the PDC for 2023 nor with its New York State equivalent, New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE). Both state agencies track the disclosure reports of can-

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didates, ballot measures, PACs, and lobbyists. Any PAC doing electioneering in non-federal elections is required to register with these or similar state agencies and disclose their donors.

According to the PDC, Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund was registered only for the year 2014 where it performed electioneering for Initiative 594, Washington Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases. In 2014, this PAC with a Seattle address shows contributions of \$968,906.11 and was managed by Erika Soto Lamb who, according to her LinkedIn profile, was Chief Communications Officer for the New York non-profit firm Everytown for Gun Safety from 2012 to 2018.

In 2016 Lamb was the Senior Advisor for the Democratic National Convention Planning for the Hillary for America campaign. Prior to this, she worked on the John Kerry campaign, and was a press aide for the 2004 Democratic National Convention. She is now the Vice President of Social Impact Strategy at Paramount Studios in New York City where, according to her profile, goes “beyond punchlines to leverage comedy for social change.”

Everytown for Gun Safety was founded in 2013 by former New York City Mayor and 2020 Democratic Presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg. The Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund is the PAC for Everytown for Gun Safety. Its website states it is a 501(c)(4) organization that works to promote gun safety legislation and initiatives and reducing gun violence through the education of policymakers, the public, and the media and organizing communities in support of gun safety.

According to New York State Board of Elections, Everytown for Gun Safety Victory Fund (an affiliate of the Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund) was last registered in 2018 for that year only and has contributions from the Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund. In 2021, Everytown Victory Fund New York shows contributions from Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund totaling \$11,211.43. These monies were used against incumbent Sheriff John Garcia (Republican) and in favor of challenger Kimberly Miller-Beaty (Democrat) in a hotly contentious race.

Unlike Snohomish County, the Erie County Sheriff’s race in New York

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Keith.

As for Environmental Science - which is the most popular degree nationwide for tribal colleges, Keith noted - in NW Indian College’s Environmental Science program students are beginning to learn about traditional food sovereignty so the kitchen provides the perfect setting for this curriculum.

By “tribal food sovereignty” Keith means harvesting, collecting, and preparing food from right where the tribe is located.

“At one point in time, within a five-mile radius of where you live, you were able to harvest, gather, fish, hunt - everything - right within that radius,” said Keith. “We were allowed to practice our traditional ways and of course today it’s not that way.”

state is partisan. In that race, Garcia won against challenger Miller-Beaty who touted her thirty-years in law enforcement as her key talking point.

As the same with the PDC, as of November 4, 2023, there is no PAC registered in the State of New York with the name Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund nor any of its affiliates. Therefore, this New York addressed PAC “popped up” on Wednesday, November 1, to spend over \$30,000 with Waterfront Strategies which is aligned with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee chaired by Washington state Representative Suzan DelBene (WA-01) to launch political ads benefiting Susanna Johnson and attacking Adam Fortney in the Snohomish County Sheriff’s race. Additionally, there is no transparency to determine who is donating funds to this East Coast PAC nor if these contributions are even legal within the state of Washington.

According to Center for Public Integrity, the tactic of a pop-up PAC is a campaign finance loophole used to influence elections without identifying donors until an entire month after Election Day. This “dark money,” they allege, usually cannot be traced back to its source.

The left-leaning Huffington Post was also critical of this loophole, Waterfront Strategies and its top two clients—House Majority PAC and Senate Majority PAC—stating that the surge of cash makes it harder to figure out who is behind attempts to sway voters and ensure that candidates are not circumventing campaign contribution limits by having donors funnel money through shell entities.

“Waterfront Strategies exists so that GMMB has a separate corporate entity where it can employ people to handle outside expenditures — in this case mostly from the House Majority PAC that aims to retake control of the House from Republicans, and the Majority PAC that is trying to preserve Democratic control of the Senate,” the article reads. “The arrangement keeps the money legally separate from people who may be working more directly with Senate or House candidates.”

As of the publication of this article, the Lynnwood Times has not received a response to our inquiry from the Office of Suzan DelBene for comment on her involvement with the DCCC and Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund financing political ads with Waterfront

The NW Indian College has a garden of its own in addition to being surrounded by several other community gardens that the kitchen can utilize for this purpose. The college has already received interest from many of these community gardeners to use the space for canning and other purposes.

“This will be such an asset not only for students but also the Tulalip tribe community,” said Keith.

The project cost about \$65 thousand in total, Keith said, with most of that funding coming from grants and COVID relief funds. Design began back in 2019 and the kitchen will officially open May 2024.

“There are other people that do food sovereignty work but as far as being a kitchen just dedicated to issues surrounding food sovereignty - it’s the first in the nation,” said Keith.

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SUSANNA, K JOHNSON	COUNTY SHERIFF/SNOHOMISH CO	NON PARTISAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 10,167.49	\$ 10,167.49

Snapshot of the WA PDC independent expenditure filing for Susanna Johnson with watermark added by the Lynnwood Times. (Top: Page 1, Bottom: Page 2)

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Filer Name:

4. If reporting an Electioneering Communication, it is necessary to disclose information concerning the source of funding for the communication. Select the description that applies:  
 a) \_\_\_ An individual using only personal funds.  
 b) \_\_\_ An individual using personal funds and/or funds received from others.  
 c)  A business, union, group, association, organization, or other person using only general treasury funds.  
 d) \_\_\_ A business, union, group, association, organization, or other person using general treasury funds and/or funds received from others.  
 e) \_\_\_ A political committee filing C-3 and C-4 reports. (RCW 42.17A.205 - 240)  
 f) \_\_\_ A political committee filing C-5 reports. (RCW 42.17A.250)  
 g) \_\_\_ Other

If (b), (d), (f), or (g) applies, complete section 5 below. If (e) applies, also complete section 5 if the committee received funds that were requested or designated for the communication.

5. Sources giving in excess of \$250 for the electioneering communication:

Date Received	Source's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	For Individuals, Employer's Name, City and State	Amount
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
		Occupation	\$
Sub-Total			\$ 0.00
Amount from attached pages			\$ 0.00
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED			\$ 0.00

Continued on attached sheet

Sponsor of Independent Expenditure or Electioneering Communication  
 I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this expenditure was not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized committee, or an agent of a candidate nor does it otherwise constitute a contribution under RCW 42.17A.005. I further certify that the above information is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: MICHAEL BROUILLARD  
 Street address: P.O. BOX 4184  
 City/State/Zip: NEW YORK NY 10163  
 Date Signed: 11/02/23  
 Place Signed (city and county): NEW YORK NEW YORK

Strategies benefiting Johnson in the Snohomish County Sheriff’s race.

The ultimate objective of the kitchen is to address issues surrounding food sovereignty and to teach Native Americans that tribes can sustain themselves if they practice traditional means of harvesting seasonal fruits and vegetables, fishing, and hunting - the “original farm to table,” as Keith put it.

Northwest Indian College’s student body is diverse, ranging from students straight out of high school, many attracted by its growing athletic pro-

gram, to returning adult learners of all ages. Over 75 percent of the college’s students come from a federally recognized Indian tribe and its students represent over 90 different Tribal nations. The Northwest Indian College proudly serves over 1,200 students annually.

To learn more about this project or how to get involved contact Colette Keith at: ckeith@nwic.edu

# Rapid Swift Orange Line launches March 2024

Community Transit announced on Thursday that March 30, 2024, is the launch date for the Swift Orange Line. The new bus rapid transit (BRT) line—the agency’s third—will provide fast, frequent service linking Edmonds College, Alderwood Mall and Mill Creek, with connections to Link light rail in Lynnwood when it opens in fall 2024.

## Swift Orange Line

The new, 11-mile BRT line, with easy connections to the Swift Blue and Green lines and other Community Transit routes, is a key part of the agency’s “Transit Changes in 2024 and Beyond” expansion plan. The greatly improved network will bring shorter waits on many local routes and better connections to local services, including Zip Alderwood Shuttle as well as regional transit services.

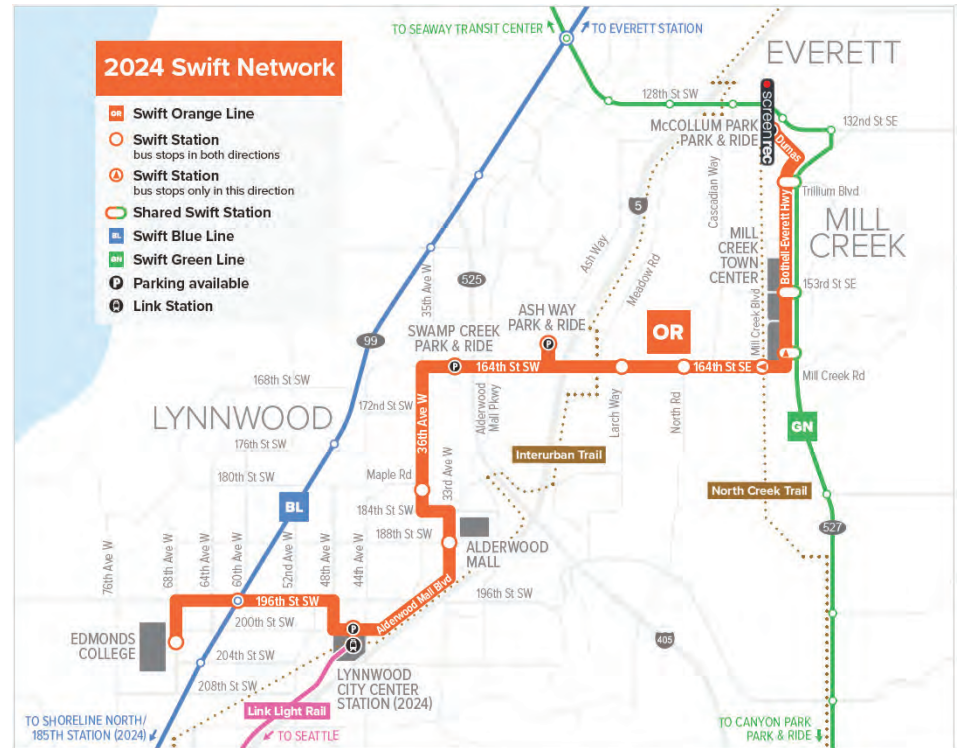
“The addition of the Swift Orange Line will open up a new world of possibilities for people who are looking for faster and easier ways to get

around our county, the region, and beyond,” said Community Transit CEO Ric Ilgenfritz. “Swift is truly the backbone of Snohomish County’s transit system with its high-capacity buses, accessible features, and iconic stations.”

The March 30, 2024 launch of the Swift Orange Line will be marked with a community celebration, with location and other details to be announced at a later date.

The Swift Orange Line is an \$83 million project that has received \$67.9 million in federal funding, including \$37.2 million from Capital Investment Grant funds and \$6.5 million of American Rescue Plan stimulus funding. The project also received \$5 million as part of the Connecting Washington package. The remainder is funded by local sales tax approved by voters.

As part of the expansion of the Swift BRT network, the Blue Line will be



extended south to meet with light rail in 2024 and the Green Line will be extended farther south into Bothell in coming years. The two existing Swift lines carry more riders each day than any other Community Transit route.

## About Swift BRT

- Buses stop at all stations, which are spaced farther apart than regular bus routes, and depart after about 10 seconds. Signal priority technology, bus lanes, and real-time information help keep Swift running swiftly.
- Buses arrive every 10-12 minutes on weekdays and every 15-20 minutes on early mornings, eve-

nings, and weekends. Service is so frequent riders do not need a schedule.

- Swift charges the same fare as other local buses. Riders pay at the station with an ORCA card or use a ticket kiosk before boarding at any door.
- Swift is accessible to wheelchairs, disabled passengers, strollers, carts, and bikes.

Community Transit provides bus and paratransit service, vanpool, and innovative transit options. The agency is expanding the Swift bus rapid transit network to connect people to light rail and provide fast, frequent service throughout the county.

**Fred Meyer, 12906 Bothell- Everett Hwy near SR 527 in Everett**

November 25 & 26, December 2 & 3, and December 9 & 10, from 10am – 4pm.

# Stuff a Bus

CHARITY FOOD & TOY DRIVE

## from page 1 2023 ELECTIONS

Riaz Khan are out!

Mukilteo picks two new City Council members: Mike Dixon and Dona Vago. Nick Coelho, in this third attempt, has won a seat to the Lynnwood City Council joining Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, David Parshall and Goerge Hurst.

Too close to call races (margin of 5 points or less): Snohomish County Sheriff, Mill Creek City Council Pos 5, and Everett School District No. 2 Director-at-Large Position 5.

These are the results as of Wednesday morning, November 8.

**Snohomish County Executive**  
Dave Somers: 61.42%  
Bob Hagglund: 38%

**Snohomish County Council District 2**  
Megan Dunn: 63.44%  
Georgia Fisher: 36.46%

**Snohomish County Assessor**  
Linda Hjelle: 69.68%  
Joe Wanagel: 30.08%  
**Snohomish County Auditor**  
Garth Fell: 59.70%  
Cindy L. Gobel: 40.03%

**Snohomish County Sheriff**  
Adam Fortney: 47.64%  
Susanna Johnson: 52.25%

**Snohomish Superior Court Judge Position 16**  
Brett Rogers: 44.51%  
Mary C. Anderson: 43.52%

**City of Arlington Mayor**  
Don Vanney: 62.62%  
Barbara Tolbert: 37.21%

**City of Edmonds Mayor:**  
Mike Nelson: 42.40%  
Mike Rosen: 57.33%

**City of Edmonds Council Position 1:**  
Roger Pence: 44.97%  
Chris Eck: 54.73

**City of Edmonds Council Position 6:**  
Susan Paine: 57.9%  
Kevin Fagerstrom: 42.26%

**City of Everett city-at-large Position 6:**  
Scott Bader: 59.12%  
Demi Chatters: 40.56%

**City of Everett city-at-large Position 7:**  
Judy Tuohy: 63.75%  
Judith Martinez: 35.36%

**City of Lynnwood Council Position 4:**  
Nick Coelho: 62.16%  
Jim Smith: 37.53%

**City of Lynnwood Council Position 5:**  
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby: 63.96%  
Robert Leutwyler: 35.44%

**City of Lynnwood Council Position 7:**  
David Parshall: 78.75%  
Derek Hanusch: 20.84%

**City of Mill Creek Council Position 5:**  
Tannis Golebiewski: 48.97%  
Vincent J. Cavaleri: 50.94%

**City of Mukilteo Council Position 4:**  
Richard Emery: 63.11%  
Ashvin Sanghvi: 36.58%

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**City of Mukilteo Council Position 5:**  
Riaz Khan: 40.26%  
Mike Dixon: 59.48%

**Alderwood Water and Wastewater District Commissioner Position 3:**  
Jack Broyles Jr.: 67.53%  
Mike Pivec: 32.18%

**City of Mukilteo Council Position 6:**  
Dode Carlson: 43.18%  
Donna Vago: 56.44%

**Alderwood Water and Wastewater District Commissioner Position 4:**

**Edmonds School District No. 15 Direct District 1:**  
Carin Chase: 70.37%  
Nicholas Logan: 29.37%

Larry Dean Jones: 56.99%  
Pat Peck: 42.65%

**Edmonds School District No. 15 Direct District 5:**  
Nancy Katims: 69.25%  
Nicholas Jenkins: 30.57%

**Port of Everett Commissioner District 2:**  
Tom Stiger: 62.90%  
Bob Champion: 36.75%

from page 2 **INDEX-GALENA ROAD**

tative of Congresswoman Suzan Del-Bene's Office.

"After 17 years I'm thrilled that we have this road open so we have an alternate to Highway 2," Rep. Eslick told the Lynnwood Times. "Had this been available had this open during the Bolt Creek Fire it would have been very helpful for us to get people in and out a lot easier."

Rep. Sam Low, who represents the district where the road resides, shared with the Lynnwood Times one of the things he is looking forward to the most about the road opening is being able to have easier access to the Blanca Lake trail head. He added that the project took a lot of partnerships to make it happen and he is so thankful for all of the hard work that went in to making it happen.

"This road is very significant to the town of Index, surrounding communities and emergency responders who de-

pend upon it," said Low. "Securing the necessary funds to bring this project to fruition required considerable coordination between multiple agencies and tribes. I'm grateful for all the work invested in this important access point."

Blaire Corson, Owner of the Bush House Inn and Outdoor Adventures Center in Index, shared with the Lynnwood Times when the flood swept the road away in 2006 it tore through one of his campsites and friend's property.

He recalls kayaking the river just a week before the flood. He heard the news while on vacation in Hawaii with his family from an article on AOL news which showed a photo of a tavern he owned about to be swept away.

Corson added is looking forward to how the opening of the Index-Galena Road will attract more tourism to the area.

"I've been swimming this river since I was 10 years old – Boogie boarding it, kayaking it, and guiding it since I



Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers (center left), Mayor of Index Norm Johnson (center), Council Councilman Sam Low (center right) and Representative Carloyn Eslick (right) cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony of Index-Galena Road on November 4, 2023. Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe.

was 14. It was devastating when we lost this section of the river because we lost 5-miles of rafting that was part of the company that we've been running since 1995," Corson told the Lynnwood Times. "When the campgrounds were completely damaged, we also lost the

ability to service those people but now that it's fixed the general store is going to do better, our adventuring company is going to be better, and we're going to be able to service the needs of the people."

from page 4 **PROVIDENCE STRIKE**

one to two hours for a room for medical services, Huffman continued.

Since 2021, approximately 600 nurses have left or retired from Providence Regional Medical Center. The hospital's chief nursing officer said the hospital would need to hire at least 400 more nurses to be at what they consider "fully staffed." At Providence, the union alleges that it is customary to have one nurse per patient but lately it's been closer to one nurse per seven or eight patients.

"If we do not have enough nurses on shift, we are running from room to

room providing sub care that we can barely get done," said Kristin, a registered nurse working at Providence. "We've been calling attention to this crisis during our contract negotiation, about staffing issues getting worse and worse over time, yet Providence has not considered our proposals in good faith. They've rejected proposals we've previously agreed upon and they've obstructed and undermined our bargaining process, stopping us for finding a resolution for our nurses and our community."

Nurses at Providence are required to give a 10-day notice before striking so patients in critical care can be moved to an appropriate place. The union

considers stepping away from these patients to strike a necessary sacrifice for the long-term and says it's the hospital's responsibility to ensure its patients are properly cared for. Community members can show their support for the strike by providing striking nurses with coffee and donuts at the picket lines, the union said.

Guenther shared with the Lynnwood Times some words of encouragement to those on the strike lines reminding them that workers are going out on the strike lines and winning so the process works. She adds "we're stronger together."

Legally, those participating in the strike

are protected by their right to strike and if any repercussions come from their participation the union will retaliate with filing more charges, she said. The union could consider extending their strike pass the November 19 date if a fair contract cannot be agreed upon but the decision would come at that time, Guenther told reporters.

Providence Regional Medical Center is Snohomish County's largest hospital and the largest faith-based healthcare system in the Northwestern United States with 3,000 employees and approximately 1,000 physicians on staff. It is currently licensed for 571 beds, with 448 at the Colby Campus and 123 at the Pacific Campus.

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