



Candidate Alignment 2026

Spokane County GENERAL ELECTION

Use this Guide, along with other trusted sources, to make informed voting decisions. Alignment score (1-100) is based on how well a candidate aligns with a Biblical worldview & Biblical principles. The higher the score, the more aligned they are. **Note: Only contested races are listed.** Ballots will be mailed on Oct. 16. **Return ballots PRIOR to Tuesday, Nov. 3.**

Office	Candidate	ALIGNMENT	Office	Candidate	ALIGNMENT
US Representative			Legislative, con't.		
Congressional Dist. 5	Carmela Conroy	15	Dist. 4, State Rep., Pos. 1	Trent Maier	68
	Michael Baumgartner	90		Hillary Q. Pham	90
Spokane County			Dist. 4, State Rep., Pos. 2	Rob Chase	96
Co. Commissioner- Dist. 4	Suzanne Schmidt	95		Rob Tupper	20
	Rachelle Miller (write in)	45	Dist. 6, State Rep., Pos. 1	Michaela Kelso	31
Auditor	Callie Gee	33		Alan Nolan	95
	Michael Cathcart	76	Dist. 6, State Rep., Pos. 2	Jonathan Bingle	100
County Clerk	Dave Lucas	98		Julia Payne	3
	Elliot Robison	12*	Dist. 7, State Senator	Shelly Short	98
Prosecuting Attorney	Preston McCollam	100		Ronald L. McCoy	35
	Danny Tarkenton	11	Dist. 9, State Rep., Pos. 2	Joe Schmick	79
Pub. Util, Dist. 1, Comm.#2	Howie Kubik	50*		Karina Wallace	17*
	Andrea Morgan	14*	Judicial – State Supreme Court		
District Court Judge, Pos.2	Mike (Michael) Valerien	93	Justice Position #01	Colleen Melody	12
	Deanna Kathleen Crull	73		Scott Edwards	85
District Court Judge, Pos.4	Nicholas Ulrich	84	Justice Position #03	David Stevens	95
	Michael R. Addams	80		Jaime Michelle Hawk	8
Legislative			Justice Position #04	Ian Birk	23
Dist. 3, State Rep., Pos. 1	Natasha Hill	25		Sean O'Donnell	45
	Tony Kiepe	77	Justice Position #05	Theo Angelis	30
Dist. 3, State Rep., Pos. 2	Natalie Poulson	82		Dave Larson	90
	Luc Jasmin III	23	Justice Position #07	Debra L. Stephens	15
Ballot Initiatives:				Todd A. Bloom	70

Three statewide citizen initiatives are on the ballot.

1. IP26-645 — Repeal the “millionaires tax” and ban income taxes

A YES vote repeals the 2026 law's 9.9% tax on household income over \$1 million (starts on 2028 income; collections 2029; projected on the order of ~\$3 billion a year for the operating budget). It also prohibits future state and local taxes measured by individual income; defines “income” broadly. Supporters say it blocks a first in-state income tax that will expand; opponents say it is a “tax cut for the rich.”

Alignment: YES

2. IP26-001 — Parental rights in public schools

A YES vote re-enacts the 2024 Parents' Bill of Rights (I-2081) and repeals 2025 legislative changes (ESHB 1296). In practice that restores a statutory list of parent/guardian rights: review textbooks and materials, inspect certain student records, get specified notices, and opt students out of sex education and certain surveys. Supporters say it restores notice before non-emergency medical/mental-health services at school.

Alignment: YES

3. IP26-638 — Girls' school sports / sex verification

A YES vote bars students defined as “biologically male” from competing in K-12 (& participating WIAA-style) events designated for females, & requires a health-care provider statement verifying sex by anatomy, genetics, or endogenous testosterone. Applies to girls' teams/events only. Current WA policy generally allows participation consistent with gender identity.

Alignment: YES

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NOTE: *Score affected by lack of available information and/or non-response to survey questions.