

State of Washington

Secretary of State



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Education: BA, Psychology and Theatre, Wesleyan University

Occupation: State Representative; Former Microsoft Program Manager

Professional Qualifications: Six years in the Legislature, working across party lines to protect our privacy, improve schools and expand access to health care. Former Manager at Microsoft with the experience needed to prevent fraud and tampering with electronic voting.

Personal Information: I volunteer with an organization that provides small loans to low-income women so they can start their own businesses and become self-sufficient.

Community Involvement: Boards: King County Library System Foundation; Digital Learning Commons; K-20 Educational Network

Personal Views: My top priority as Secretary of State is a **Voter's Bill of Rights** guaranteeing every vote is counted – *and counted correctly*. I'll require every electronic voting machine produce a **voter-verifiable paper trail**, and that voting machine companies remain neutral in elections. I will protect our future by increasing voting participation. Because when people vote, they vote for better schools, affordable health care, and government that delivers more for less of our money. I will protect more than our votes – by cracking down on fraudulent charities, strengthening enforcement of address confidentiality for victims of domestic violence, and cutting the waste necessary to direct adequate resources to libraries. I know how to work across party lines to achieve success.

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