



30 Seattle-Based Groups Every Mover and Shaker Should Know

Greens

American Rivers - 4005 20th Avenue West STE 221 Seattle, WA 98199
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Senior Director: Rob Masonis - rmasonis@americanrivers.org

Founded in 1973 with the specific focus of increasing the number of rivers protected by the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and preventing the construction of large new dams on our last wild rivers. Over the years the mission has broadened substantially to address a wide variety of issues affecting people and rivers.

Audubon Society - 8050 35th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98115
206.523.4483 / www.seattleaudubon.org
Executive Director: Shawn Cantrell - shawnc@seattleaudubon.org

Since 1916, Seattle Audubon members and volunteers have continually worked for the protection, restoration and preservation of natural habitat for birds and other wildlife. Volunteers work hand-in-hand with dedicated staff to provide education programs to children and adults, to engage neighborhoods in citizen science projects, and to protect birds and nature through conservation activities.

Climate Solutions – 1402 Third Avenue, STE 1305 Seattle, WA 98101
206.443.9570 / www.climatesolutions.org
Executive Director: Gregg Small - gregg@climatesolutions.org

Climate Solutions was founded to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming by galvanizing leadership, growing investment and bridging divides. Their regional organizing approach is transforming the global warming debate in the region and laying the groundwork for a successful, multi-stakeholder climate action agenda. They are generating fresh political momentum for energy and transportation solutions that benefit the region's economy and quality-of-life.

Earth Share of Washington - 1402 Third Avenue, STE 817 Seattle, WA 98101
206.622.9840 / www.esw.org
Executive Director: William Borden - wborden@esw.org

Earth Share is comprised of 66 organizations that work to protect the environment locally, nationally, and internationally. Twenty-seven of these organizations are based here in Washington State and offer current and ongoing volunteer opportunities. A donation to Earth Share of Washington is divided equally among all of these organizations. In addition to workplace giving programs, ESW plays a pivotal role as a communication and coordination nucleus.

Futurewise – 814 Second Ave STE 500 Seattle, WA 98104
206.343.0681 / <http://www.futurewise.org>
Acting Executive Director: Aisling Kerins – aisling@futurewise.org

A statewide public interest group working to promote healthy communities and cities while protecting farmland, forests and shorelines today and for future generations. In 2005, the organization changed its name from 1000 Friends of Washington to Futurewise to better represent the work that they stand for.

ONE/Northwest – 1402 Third Ave STE 1000 Seattle, WA 98101
206.286.1235 / www.onenw.org
Executive Director: Gideon Rosenblatt – gideon@onenw.org

ONE/Northwest is a nonprofit consulting firm that helps environmental groups connect with people. Their constituent engagement work focuses on helping groups use websites, email newsletters, membership databases, and online civic engagement tools. Their collaboration work focuses on extranets and other communication tools aimed at coalitions and less formal collaborations between organizations as well as large-scale services aimed at strengthening connections across the entire progressive movement.

Washington Conservation Voters – 1402 Third Ave, STE 1400, Seattle, WA
206.374.0760 / <http://www.wcvoters.org>
Executive Director: Kurt Fritts - kurt@wcvoters.org

The “statewide political voice for the environment.” WCV works to elect environmentally responsible candidates to state and local offices. They advocate for strong environmental policies and hold elected officials accountable during the legislative session. Through their political work they are strengthening laws that safeguard the health of our communities, the beauty of our state and our economic future.

Washington Environmental Council – 1402 Third Ave, Suite 1400 Seattle, WA 98101
Program Director: Brendon Cechovic - brendon@wecprotects.org
206.631.2600 / <http://www.wecprotects.org>

A statewide advocacy organization that works at the state level to improve and enforce our environmental laws. WEC engages the public and decision makers to improve and enforce protections for the health and well-being of our communities. Their work ensures that we will all enjoy natural areas, clean air and clean water for generations to come.

Sierra Club (Cascade Chapter) – 180 Nickerson Street, STE 202 Seattle, WA 98109
206.378.0114 / <http://cascade.sierraclub.org>
Executive Director: Trevor Kaul - cascade.chapter@sierraclub.org

"Enjoy, explore, and protect the planet." Thousands of people in Washington State participate every year in events dedicated to the "enjoy" and "explore" parts of that mission. The priorities of the Cascade Chapter also encompass the crucial third part of the Sierra Club mission: Protect the planet that we love to explore and enjoy. Our volunteers work hard to achieve a broad range of well-defined conservation goals, in ways ranging from hands-on habitat restoration to active lobbying for better legislation.

Women

League of Women Voters - 4710 University Way, NE STE 214 Seattle, WA 98105
206.622.8961 / www.lwvwa.org
President: Barbara Seitle - lwvwa@lwvwa.org

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

NARAL - 811 First Avenue STE 456 Seattle, WA 98104
206.624.1990 / www.prochoicewashington.org
Executive Director: Karen Cooper - karencooper@prochoicewashington.org

The Mission of NARAL Pro-Choice Washington is to develop and sustain a constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children, and choosing legal abortion.

Washington NOW - P.O. Box 17886 Seattle, WA 98127
www.wanow.org
President: Teresa Sykora Lovaas - president@wanow.org

NOW has been at the forefront of the fight for women's rights for decades. Elevating the status of women involves many issues and that is why NOW is a multi-issue organization. They strive to protect women's reproductive rights, including the right to obtain a safe, legal abortion; they are trying to close the salary gap that still exists; and they work to put an end to sexual discrimination and harassment.

Washington State Women's Political Caucus –
206.720.9922 / www.wpcnet.org
Chair: Linda Mitchell - linda@wpcnet.org

The WPC is a multi-partisan grassroots membership organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected and appointed office at all levels of government. Their mission is to identify, mentor, educate and support women leaders in our community who demonstrate a commitment to Reproductive Freedom and Women's Economic and Social Equality.

Labor

Washington State Labor Council - 314 First Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119
206.281.8901 / www.wslc.org
Political Director: Diane McDaniel - dmcdaniel@wslc.org

The Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO is the largest labor organization in Washington State. It represents and provides services for hundreds of local unions and trade councils throughout Washington state. The WSLC's core programs are legislative advocacy, political action, communications and media relations, and assistance with organizing campaigns.

SEIU Washington State Council – 150 Denny Way Seattle, WA 98109
President of Local 775: David Rolf - drolf@seiu775.org

The SEIU Washington State Council coordinates the joint political and legislative work of SEIU Locals in Washington State, together representing over 100,000 members in the fields of health care, long-term care, public services and education, and property services.

Washington Federation of State Employees - 1212 Jefferson Street SE STE 300 Olympia, WA 98501
800.562.6002 / www.wfse.org

WFSE, AFSCME Council 28, is the largest union representing state agency and higher education employees in Washington. WFSE's purpose is to organize and empower individuals to create a powerful collective voice; achieve and maintain excellent wages, benefits and working conditions; ensure the union is a positive force in workers' lives, families and communities; and unite the WFSE Locals of AFSCME for mutual protection and advancement of workers.

Human Rights

El Centro de la Raza - 2524 16th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144
206.957.4605 / <http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org>
Executive Director: Roberto Maestas – ?

El Centro de la Raza seeks to raise the awareness level of the general public, politicians, business and civic leaders toward the needs of the Chicano/Latino community in the United States and to help the Chicano/Latino community in the Seattle/King County area empower itself.

Equal Rights Washington – Seattle, WA
206.443.5566 / www.equalrightswashington.org
Executive Director: Connie Watts - cwatts@equalrightswashington.org

Equal Rights Washington is a statewide political advocacy organization for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community of Washington State. ERW works to end discrimination against LGBT people throughout the state. The ERW political action committee works to elect pro-equality senators and representatives to the state legislature.

Hate Free Zone - 1227 S. Weller Street STE A Seattle, WA 98144
206.723.2203 / www.hatefreezone.org
Executive Director: Pramila Jayapal - pramila@hatefreezone.org

HFZ strives to bring together immigrant communities with more mainstream communities. They work at the local and regional level, addressing the specific needs of those in Washington State, a re-emerging gateway where more than 10% of the 5.89 million residents are foreign born, and approximately 17% of Seattle/King County residents are immigrants and refugees. They act against the injustices perpetuated in schools, workplaces, and in society against immigrants. They bring immigrant communities and allies together to build a strong voice for rights and justice.

Urban League - 105 14th Avenue Seattle WA, 98122
206.461.3792 / www.urbanleague.org
President: James Kelly - jkelly@urbanleague.org

The Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle strives to empower, enable and assist African Americans, other people of color, and disadvantaged individuals in becoming self-sufficient through public advocacy, providing services and developing strong business and community partnerships.

Out of the Box Thinkers

Democrats Work - 1402 Third Avenue STE 520 Seattle, WA 98101
206.420.0134 / democratswork.org
Executive Director: Thomas Bates - tbates@democratswork.org

The mission of Democrats Work is to mobilize grassroots Democrats to perform community service projects as Democrats. DW connects Democratic volunteers with visible, tangible service projects in their communities—cleaning up neighborhoods and parks, supporting schools and teachers, planting trees, sponsoring soccer clinics, and working at food banks. Through DW Democrats have a sustainable infrastructure to keep our volunteers and supporters visible and active throughout the year.

Fuse - 1402 Third Avenue STE 510 Seattle, WA 98101
206.420.0133 / www.fusewashington.org
Executive Director: Aaron Ostrom – aaron@fusewashington.org

Fuse is a state-based online advocacy group working to provide a cutting edge online organizing and communications hub for Washington State. Fuse is focused primarily on securing major advances in progressive public policy for Washington State.

League of Education Voters – 2503 3rd Avenue STE 326 Seattle, WA 98121
206.728.6448 / www.educationvoters.org
Executive Director: Chris Korsmo - chris@educationvoters.org

The League of Education Voters works to improve Washington’s public schools through a grassroots statewide network of advocates. LEV is a 501(c)4 social welfare organization that has been registered as a Washington State not for profit organization since 2001.

Progress Alliance of Washington - 1402 Third Avenue STE 515 Seattle, WA 98101
206.909.4737 / www.washingtonprogress.org
Executive Director: Sarah Jaynes - sarah@washingtonprogress.org

The Progress Alliance provides funding for progressive organizations in Washington.

Progressive Majority - 615 2nd Avenue STE 500 Seattle, WA 98104
206.443.5566 / www.progressivemajoritywashington.org
Executive Director: Edie Gilliss - egilliss@progressivemajority.org

Progressive Majority recruits, trains and elects a new breed of candidates—leaders willing to stand up and fight for progressives values. They are the nation's only political organization dedicated exclusively to electing progressive champions at the state and local level.

Washington Bus – 2017 E. Spruce St. Seattle, WA
206.325.1889 / www.washingtonbus.org
Executive Director: Thomas Goldstein – Thomas@washingtonbus.org

So, here's the idea: The Washington Bus finds progressive candidates running for local and state office. They fill a (literal) bus with volunteers. The bus drives into a legislative district and the volunteers go door-to-door on behalf of the progressive candidate. The candidate wins or at least makes a serious dent in the debate. The volunteers love that they felt valued, had fun, and made a difference. They stay involved, become active, grow into leaders, and someday run for office. All thanks to the Bus.

Win/Win Network – 1402 Third Avenue, STE 515 Seattle, WA 98101
Executive Director: George Cheung – george@washingtonprogress.org

The goal of the Win/Win Network is to defragment progressive issue communities at the state level so that they can work more powerfully together. Progressive organizations and campaigns can more effectively advance their agenda through the sharing and aggregation of information (e.g. the use of voter mobilization tools like the Voter Activation Network).

Think Tanks

Sightline Institute - 1402 Third Avenue, STE 500 Seattle, WA 98101
206.447.1880 / www.sightline.org
Executive Director: Alan Durning – alan@sightline.org.

Sightline Institute is a nonprofit research and communication center—a think tank—based in Seattle and founded in 1993. Sightline's mission is to bring about sustainability—a healthy, lasting prosperity grounded in place. Nonpartisan and wholly independent, Sightline's only ideology is commitment to the shared values of community, fairness, responsibility, and opportunity. Our focus is the Pacific Northwest.

Washington Budget and Policy Center – 1402 Third Avenue, STE 1215 Seattle, WA 98101
206.262.0973 / www.budgetandpolicy.org
Executive Director: Remy Trupin - info@budgetandpolicy.org

Founded in 2005, the Budget & Policy Center provides credible, independent and accessible information and analyses of state fiscal issues—including both revenue and spending policies—with particular attention to the impacts on low and moderate-income persons. Their products inform state fiscal and budget policy debates and contribute to sound decisions that improve the well-being of individuals, communities and the state as a whole. They are an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization.

Washington Tax Fairness Coalition – 1402 Third Avenue, Suite 1211 Seattle, WA 98101
206.621.8209 / wataxfairness.org
Executive Director: Christy Margelli - margelli@wataxfairness.org

The Tax Fairness Coalition believes the tax system in Washington State should be accountable to the people, and should adhere to the following principles: The tax system should be fair, people and businesses with higher income/profit should pay at least as high a percentage of their income as people/businesses with moderate and lower incomes, the tax system and the use of tax revenue should be clearly understandable to the people of this state. the tax system should provide a more stable stream of revenue during times of economic growth and economic recession, and the tax system should be easy to comply with and easy to administer.