

2010 Ballot Measures
This Election Will Decide Who Calls The Shots

The choices we make on these initiatives will determine whether we can educate our children and provide health care for our seniors and our kids.



Big lobbyists and special interests are behind five initiatives this year. Only one – 1098 – is a true citizen initiative. The one referendum – R52 – is also home grown. Because I-1098 and R-52 would do what's best for Washington, they deserve a YES vote.

The five special interest initiatives deserve a NO. We can't trust big, out of state, lobbyists and special interests to do what's right for Washington. Five initiatives (1053, 1082, 1100, 1105, 1107) would give big lobbyists and special interests control of our state coffers and cost our communities over \$1.2 billion – that's money that should go to things we all value like education, public safety and healthcare¹.

This election will test our values as Washingtonians. We know that protecting education and health care from further cuts is the right thing to do.

Don't let big lobbyists and special interests call the shots
Vote NO on I-1053, 1082, 1100, 1105 and 1107

Do take control of our investments in education and health care
Vote YES on I-1098 and Approve Referendum 52

No on 1053 – No to California-Style Gridlock

- I-1053 would allow just 17 legislators to block the majority from taking action on a responsible, balanced approach to the budget.
- Because a small minority could prevent the majority from closing tax loopholes, 1053 will lead to even further cuts in state services like education, healthcare and safety.
- California has a similar two-thirds requirement and it has caused a mess of partisan gridlock.
- This Tim Eyman initiative that flips democracy on its head by letting a small, partisan minority control our entire state budget.
- Special interests like BP and Bank of America are behind I-1053 because they want to keep their special tax breaks and loopholes.

No on 1082 – No to Insurance Industry Fine Print

- I-1082 was written by the insurance industry, so it's loaded with fine print that will help Wall Street giants like AIG unfairly profit from our workers' compensation system.
- It allows private insurers to set their own rates with virtually no oversight.
- I-1082 will cost state and local governments \$250 million over the next five years. Small businesses would be left to pay skyrocketing rates after insurance companies cherry-pick large and less risky businesses.

¹ Initiative fiscal impacts from the Washington State Office of Financial Management

Yes on 1098 – Cuts Your Taxes, Raises Money for Education and Healthcare

- I-1098 cuts the state property tax by 20%, eliminates B&O taxes for small businesses, and establishes a strictly limited income tax on the wealthiest 1% of households.
- It raises \$2 billion a year dedicated to education and health care.
- By law, the first \$200,000 (\$400,000 for couples) of income is exempt.
- It includes accountability measures like regular audits.
- The tax rates or who pays them cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

No on 1100/1105 – No Risky Liquor Initiatives

- Initiatives 1100 and 1105 are too risky and go too far – threatening communities, families and important public services like law enforcement.
- Hard liquor stores in neighborhoods and communities across the state would increase ten-fold, from 315 to at least 3,300.
- Every gas station, mini-mart and convenience store would be allowed to sell hard liquor near schools, parks and in high crime areas – from 6 am to 2 am. We would see an increase in underage drinking, drunk driving and other related crimes.
- The risky liquor initiatives will cost the state and local governments more than \$700 million over the next five years. That means more cuts to services like education, health care, police and firefighters.

No on 1107 – No to DC’s Big Soda Lobby

- I-1107 would repeal the small, mostly temporary tax on non-essential items like soda pop, candy, bottled water and gum.
- It’s worth 2-cents more for a can of soda to raise \$100 million per year to fund schools, health care and services for seniors and kids.
- The American Beverage Association – the national lobbying arm of the big soda companies – is behind 1107 and they are running a highly deceptive campaign. Don’t be fooled – there is no food or grocery tax in Washington. Soda and candy are not food. In fact, 99 percent of the funding for I-1107 comes from soda lobbyists.

Approve R-52 – For to Healthy Schools

- Many of our aging school buildings are riddled with problems like mold, rusty pipes, and asbestos filled walls that are interfering with the learning environment.
- R-52 would provide funding so that local school districts across the state could retrofit and renovate school buildings so that they are safe and energy efficient.
- Retrofitting and renovation work will create 30,000 good construction jobs for Washington families, putting people back to work immediately.

Voter’s Cheat Sheet

NO on 1053
NO on 1082
YES on 1098
NO on 1100/1105
NO on 1107
YES on R52

Ballot measures are listed in the order that they appear on the ballot.
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