



2025 SEATTLE CITY CLUB DEBATES

SEATTLE MAYORAL DEBATE



Katie Wilson



Bruce Harrell

DEBATE RESOURCE GUIDE

ABOUT THE DEBATES

Public debates are a cornerstone of democracy, offering voters the chance to hear directly from candidates before casting their ballots. This election season, Seattle CityClub will host a series of free, public debates that bring candidates and communities together for thoughtful, moderated conversations.

Highlights include the Seattle Mayoral Debate, co-hosted by Seattle CityClub and Formidable, where **Mayor Bruce Harrell** and **Katie Wilson** will share their visions for the city's future, and the King County Executive Debate featuring **Girmay Zahilay** and **Claudia Balducci** as they discuss priorities on housing, transportation, climate action, and more.

Audiences can expect dynamic exchanges on the most pressing issues facing our region, with opportunities to attend in person or watch through live broadcasts with our media partners.

With decades of experience producing trusted civic forums, Seattle CityClub and Formidable are committed to ensuring voters have clear, accessible, and reliable information as they make decisions that shape our future.



ABOUT SEATTLE CITYCLUB

Seattle CityClub was founded in 1981 as a nonpartisan, civics-focused nonprofit providing a platform for insightful and educational conversations that include a diverse range of perspectives.



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ABOUT FORMIDABLE

Formidable is a media and membership company aimed at high-level women. Our goal is to keep our audience informed while spotlighting diverse leaders who are experts in their fields and connecting these thought leaders to each other.

DEBATE MODERATORS



Emily Parkhurst

CEO, Formidable

Emily Parkhurst is the founder and CEO of Formidable, a media and membership organization aimed at high-level women leaders. She has nearly 20 years of journalism and media experience, including a decade with the Puget Sound Business Journal in Seattle, where she served as a reporter, managing editor, editor in chief, and president and publisher. She also served as the head of content for national digital media brand 6AM City, where she led the launch of 20 daily newsletters in cities across the U.S.



Hana Kim

Anchor

*FOX 13 Seattle's
Seattle News Tonight*

Hana Kim co-anchors Seattle News Tonight alongside David Rose and Sabirah Rayford. She is the station's principal anchor for election coverage, political interviews and coverage of local government.

Hana graduated from the University of Maryland-College Park. As a journalist she covered communities in Maryland and Tennessee before setting roots in Washington.



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Articles covering the Seattle Mayoral Race

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