



## 2024 Debates Program:

**Seattle City Council  
WA Attorney General  
WA OSPI**

**General Election Debates**



**Building Resilient Communities**

Your support creates space for critical discourse on issues that matter. Take a stand for an informed community, respectful civic dialogue, and leader access and accountability.

**Presented By:**



# Our History



The WA State Debate Coalition (WSDC) was founded in 2016 by Seattle CityClub and has served **thousands of live debate attendees and over 3 million people through broadcast, print and online platforms**. The WSDC is a public service made possible through the joint efforts of civic leaders, nonpartisan organizations, civic groups, colleges and universities, donors, sponsors, and a strong group of media partners.

All Coalition members are committed to ensuring free, public access to live, moderated debates between candidates holding and/or seeking elected office. This program demonstrates Seattle CityClub's commitment to providing civic information, fostering civil, non-partisan engagement and enabling access to candidates for statewide offices such as **Governor, Attorney General, OSPI, and U.S. Senate, though they vary each cycle depending on candidates decision to participate.**

# Mission & Vision

Our mission is to inform, connect, and engage the public to strengthen the civic health of the greater Seattle region and beyond. It's our vision that, along with natural wonder, innovative business, and vibrant culture, the Puget Sound region is defined by informed people engaged with their leaders in effective democracy.

As part of Seattle CityClub's Building Resilient Communities initiative, local or state-wide debates will be held annually, according to the needs of the community. Thank you to our generous supporters for helping the WSDC address polarization through civil, public debate. **Sponsorship of our debates helps to ensure constituents have free, public access to live, moderated debates between candidates holding and/or seeking elected office.**



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## 2024 Fall Debate Schedule\*

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 – 7 p.m.

**Seattle City Council**

Seattle Central College, Seattle

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 – 8 p.m.

**Attorney General**

Seattle Central College, Seattle

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 – 7 p.m.

**OSPI**

Edmonds Center for the Arts, Edmonds .

***\*as of September 3, 2024. Subject to additions  
through our partnership with the  
Spokesman-Review.***

# Our Sponsors

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# Our Debate and Media Partners



*Click on our media partner logos below for their debate broadcast and live stream viewing options.*



"Streaming Solutions to always stay connected"

# Debate Rules & Guidelines

## For the candidates / campaigns:

We encourage the candidates to treat this as a discussion, engaging with each other in exploring the issues. However, candidates will refrain from asking each other direct questions. Candidates are requested to answer the questions posed and stick to the subject of the question at hand. Candidates will refrain from leveling accusations, charges or attacks of a personal nature, or that are irrelevant to the office or issues pertaining to the office. Moderators may interrupt any time to enforce the rules and format requirements.

If a candidate demonstrates disruptive behavior and/or repeatedly violates the rules, moderators shall have the right to stop the program, turn off the candidate's microphone and ask him/her to leave the debate. The remaining candidate shall be allowed to continue to the end of the program. Moderators will have the right to allow the expelled candidate to re-enter the debate.

**FULL BALLOT  
FULL VOICE**



## For the in-person audience:

- Hold all applause and other audible commentary until the end of the program.
- Silence electronic devices.



ALEXIS MERCEDES RINCK

TANYA WOO

## Seattle City Council Debate



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**Wednesday, September 18, 7pm**  
**Broadway Performance Hall**



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TANYA WOO

## Rinck's Priorities\*

- Progressive Revenue
- Housing and Affordability
- Safe Communities
- Worker Protections
- Climate Action
- Transit and Mobility
- Seattle for All
- Arts, Culture, and Business

## Woo's Priorities\*

- Public Safety
- Homelessness
- Affordability
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Climate and Environmental Justice
- Senior Care and Elderly Support
- Arts and Culture

*\*per their campaign websites*



NICK BROWN

PETE SERRANO

## **WA Attorney General Debate**



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**Thursday, September 19, 8pm  
Broadway Performance Hall**



**NICK BROWN**

**PETE SERRANO**

## **Brown's Priorities\***

- Safeguarding Democracy and Upholding Civic Rights
- Tackling Climate Change
- Honoring Tribal Nations
- Ensuring Abortion Rights and Access to Healthcare
- Commitment to Military Personnel and Veterans

## **Serrano's Priorities\***

- Stopping Human Trafficking
- Responsible Firearm Ownership
- Balancing Environmental Preservation with Energy Innovation
- Government Accountability and Transparency for Washington

*\*per their campaign websites*



**CHRIS REYKDAL**

**DAVID OLSON**

## **WA OSPI Debate**



**Thursday, September 26, 7pm**  
**Edmonds Center for the Arts**



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### **Reykdal's Priorities\***

- Comprehensive Funding for Basic Education
- Enhanced Mental Health Support
- Safeguarding LGBTQ+ Students
- Ensuring Student Safety from Gun Violence
- Expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE)

### **Olson's Priorities\***

- Addressing Mental Health and Discipline
- Expanding Options for Skilled Trades
- Achieving Financial Sustainability
- Commitment to Equitable and Practical Funding
- Special Education

*\*per their campaign websites*



# Participate and Support Our Civic Engagement Programs



## Civic Boot Camp

A unique, full-day experience connecting with local leaders, network across sectors.



## Civic Cocktail

Civic Cocktail is a monthly event featuring in-depth discussions with community leaders, policymakers and journalists about important issues impacting the Puget Sound region.



Civically Engaged Youth Council

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Led by its peers, the CEYC will be provided opportunities to challenge and discover ways in which they can actively participate in public life.



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## Legislative Preview

Moderated by leading regional journalists, our discussion takes an in-depth look at the top priorities for the upcoming session and the impact it will have on individuals and the community at large.



## Washington State Debate Coalition

A healthy democracy and a strong community depend on active, informed and interested citizens. The Coalition will host free, nonpartisan, publicly accessible debates.



## Year In Review

Seattle CityClub's annual Year in Review is the time to reflect on the pressing issues and major headlines of the previous year, revisit predictions and see how events changed or stayed the course.