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Event to Support Bruce Harrell's Mayoral Campaign

1 message

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Dear Tim,

In the past, you have been a big supporter of efforts to make the Mayor's Office and Seattle City Council more moderate, responsive to our needs, and effective; you have supported efforts to work in a truly bi-partisan and inclusive manner toward effective City and regional government. Back in 2019, we joined together behind the People for Seattle PAC ("PFS") in an effort to move the voters in this direction, and we believe the PFS effort contributed significantly to voters eventually changing the make-up of City Council and to electing Mayor Bruce Harrell.

Recently, in large part due to the stresses our voters are feeling that have been put on "Blue States" by the current federal administration and through its policies, we experienced a Primary election in the City where non-centrist, unprepared and inexperienced voices grew support for candidates for City Council and for the Mayor's office that do not align with the moderate and bi-partisan vision we all had. Candidates who do not share the vision for a collaborative, balanced and centrist Council and Mayor's Office have re-emerged and taken electoral leads in critical races (including those of Mayor Bruce Harrell and Councilwoman Sara Nelson) that, if successful, will adversely impact the City and region for years to come. If we are to continue to make progress through effective City policy, this Mayor's Office's investment toward addressing critical needs and solving the region's and voters' highest priority problems, we again need to come together and support balanced, moderate City government candidates. We and a number of the sponsors of the People for Seattle effort are calling on you to again come to the table to support our original vision and to help keep Mayor Harrell and his agenda in office. We all worked so hard and invested so much to achieve the balance we've had in these City Offices that has driven the progress we've made on almost all fronts.

As we did in 2019 for PFS, we are holding a meeting beginning at 5:00PM on September 16th, 2025 with the Mayor and with: **Bruce Harrell for Seattle's Future**. The event will be held in the SparkEffect Offices at 801 Second Avenue, Suite 100, Seattle WA 98104

The Agenda on the 16th will be as follows:

- 5:00PM Arrival, refreshments and seating
- 5:15PM Mayor Harrell addresses the group regarding accomplishments, progress made, needs, policy priorities, and the campaign
- 6:00PM PAC Leader Tim Burgess addresses the current imperatives, leads discussion and Q & A
- 6:30PM Adjourn

We believe this year's City Mayoral election gives Seattle voters two choices.

1. Re-elect Mayor Harrell, the change agent who has the city headed in the right direction.
2. Or start over with a mayor who is inexperienced and unprepared.

Here's why this is so important.

The PAC, **Bruce Harrell for Seattle's Future**, needs to strongly remind voters of what Seattle was like when Bruce took office in 2022. You remember. The city was moving in the wrong direction as we emerged from the pandemic. Crime was rising rapidly. Tents appeared everywhere, in parks and on downtown sidewalks. Dilapidated RVs clogged the streets. Over 300 police officers had resigned, and recruitment efforts failed. Street crime was rising, businesses were closing, employees and customers were reluctant to come downtown, and shops were boarded up.

The job of the Mayor in Seattle is highly complex. It demands skill, strong leadership, practical realism, and the ability to get good things done. And Mayor Harrell has a proven track record of leading change.

Bruce led Seattle out of the pandemic and reversed many of the approaches that were holding the city back — tents removed from our parks to keep them clean and accessible for everyone, a significant decrease in dilapidated RVs on our streets, hundreds of millions of dollars invested in affordable housing, cutting red tape to accelerate new housing, record numbers of shelter referrals, placements, and connections to services, large increases in youth mental health services, and record numbers of new police officers. The new and impressive Waterfront Park is open, in part due to many of this group's efforts. The first mayor in over twenty years to enhance protections for our industrial and maritime lands, the historical backbone of our city's economy. Downtown has seen a strong recovery. The Pike Place Market is bustling, and Pike Place has been transformed into a safe pedestrian zone. Yes, there is still much more to do, but the city is finally moving in the right direction, and we can thank Mayor Harrell for enabling that.

We need to remind Seattle voters of the change Bruce has brought. Your contribution to **Bruce Harrell for Seattle's Future** will help us show voters what has happened and outline our future with Bruce as Mayor. Our targeted voter outreach will include TV and Internet ads, direct mail, and social media efforts. We have to do it all.

Tim, we hope you can join us for the event on the 16th and that you can match or even increase your PFS contribution made in 2019 to help re-elect Bruce so that he can serve a second term; he'd be the first mayor to do so in 17 years. Of course, you can give whatever you feel will help. There are no limits on contributions to the PAC, which is separate and independent from Bruce's personal campaign.

RSVP [here](#) if you plan to attend Mayor Harrell's presentation and discussion with our group regarding the Mayoral campaign.

In lieu of attending or as a donor preference, here is the link to donate to:
[Bruce Harrell for Seattle's Future](#)

(A service fee of 4% is deducted from your credit card contribution, so we prefer a personal check.)

Donations by check can be mailed to:

Bruce Harrell for Seattle's Future
509 Olive Way, Suite 1133
Seattle, WA 98101

A bit about Bruce's opponent:

Who is Katie Wilson?

One thing is clear. Katie Wilson is inexperienced and unprepared to serve as the mayor of Seattle. She lacks management experience, has no background in municipal finance, and has not shown the ability to oversee a city government with nearly 14,000 employees — a government responsible for your clean water, electricity, libraries, parks, community centers, streets, bridges, and our police, fire, and emergency medical services.

Katie moved to Seattle in 2004 from New York. At first, she held a variety of jobs, including laborer roles in boating, food preparation and construction, managing a small apartment building, and providing office support to a lawyer, none of which would prepare her for, or provide her the experience needed for good governance. In 2011, Katie founded the Transit Riders Union, a political advocacy group where she remains the General Secretary and only employee.

Now that she's running for mayor, Katie is trying to reverse some of her more extreme positions, but for the past five years, she has been one of the strongest voices advocating for defunding the police and allowing tent encampments throughout the city. She has also suggested that the city should impose a capital gains tax, a divisive local tax that would drive wealthier residents away and make Seattle the only city in the country with such a tax. Additionally, she has proposed using your tax dollars to fund non-traditional journalism, such as *The Stranger* and *Publicola*, among others.

I hope you agree with me that Seattle doesn't need a novice mayor, not now when we've made so much progress. Let's move forward with Mayor Bruce Harrell. We hope to see you on September 16th and will appreciate your donations and support.

Warm regards, Co-Sponsors and seed Donors,

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Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 11:59 AM

To: "councilmantim@gmail.com" <councilmantim@gmail.com>

Dear Tim

I need to correct and clarify what I wrote in my earlier email regarding the Harrell for Mayor Campaign. This upcoming event is for the Mayor's re-election campaign. After the mayor speaks and departs, we will discuss other ways in which we can support his re-election.

I'm sorry for any confusion my initial email and event invitation caused and looking forward to seeing you on the 16th September.

Warm regards,

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