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Shannon Braddock to Run for Seattle City Council District 1 West Seattle resident and County Councilmember Chief of Staff

Volunteer and mother of three to bring policy expertise and neighborhood priorities to City Council; if elected, Braddock will be the only Councilmember with kids in Seattle Public Schools

WEST SEATTLE— Shannon Braddock, a long time resident and active volunteer in West Seattle who has worked for the past four years as Chief of Staff to County Councilmember Joe McDermott, has announced that she will run for the open Seattle City Council seat in District 1. Incumbent Tom Rasmussen is not seeking re-election.

“After years of serving my neighbors as a PTA mom, volunteer and staff at the County, I am thrilled for this opportunity,” said Braddock. “We have unique challenges in our part of the city, starting with a need for improved transportation and transit access. We also have an affordable housing crisis for too many seniors, young families and our diverse, growing population. And we need to enhance the work being done to provide the safety and services every child needs to learn and grow.”

A mother of three Seattle Public School students, Braddock served as the Legislative Representative on the Lafayette Elementary PTA. Braddock currently serves on the board of WestSide Baby and spent more than three years on the West Seattle Food Bank Board where she led their strategic planning process. She received her Masters in Public Administration from the Evans School at the University of Washington. On the Council, she will focus on transportation and transit investments, affordability for families, and protecting the unique quality of life in West Seattle, South Park and the other neighborhoods of the newly created District 1.

At the King County Council, Braddock works alongside McDermott on a range of issues, including supporting strong investments in transit, viaduct mitigation, and critical funds for human services such as the Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Initiative and the Greenbridge Public Health Center.

“I am proud of the work I’ve done to improve the lives of local families, and I am ready for the challenge of the City Council,” said Braddock, who is making her first run for office. “I am excited about the incredible local support I have as we launch this campaign, and look forward to the months ahead.”

In addition to King County Councilmember McDermott, Braddock enters the campaign with a long list of community, neighborhood and 34th District Democratic Party endorsements, where she is an active member and Precinct Committee Officer.

“I will bring a needed combination of policymaking experience, progressive values, and the perspective of a public school parent to the Council,” said Braddock. “As Seattle grows, we need leaders rooted in our communities who can both advocate for everyday priorities and keep Seattle on the forefront of innovation and positive change.”

Endorsements include:

King County Councilmember Joe McDermott, Michael Culpepper, Ted Barker, Lisa Plymate, Chris Porter, Ted Hadley, Nancy Hadley, Michael Brown, Kasey Huebner, Jay Bisteff, Hope Broucek, Andre Tiffany, Ann Limbaugh, Corey Limbaugh, Chris Arkills, Cynthia Fein-Wallace, Julie Fein, Steve Karbowski, Dave Petronic, Max Vekich, Miles Ewing, Deborah Brunton Hazelgrove, Dana Robb, Chip Goss, Amanda Goss, Kim Beckund, Richard Bartlett, Angie Schroeder, Greg Schroeder, Sonya Khazaal, Carol McClure Frillman, Lou Frillman, Ann Huston, Michael Heavey, Cara Mohammadian, Sierra Hansen, Alice Braverman, Patrick Kafer, Colleen Harker, Christopher Panerello, Federico Montero, Linda Braddock, Gary Reifel, Lisa Persson, Steffan Persson, Gina Durnwirth, Alan Durnwirth, Megan Alatriza, Laura Carr Scales, Jena Kelleher, Christina O’Claire, Karen Boudour, Len Henzke, Nicole Henzke