

# 2021

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR WA?

**NOV 12, 2020**

Climate Solutions

Transportation Choices Coalition

Front & Centered

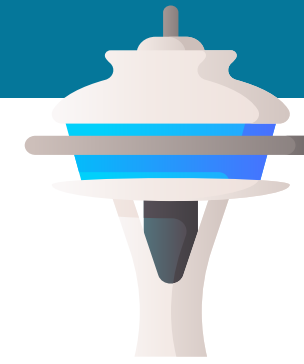


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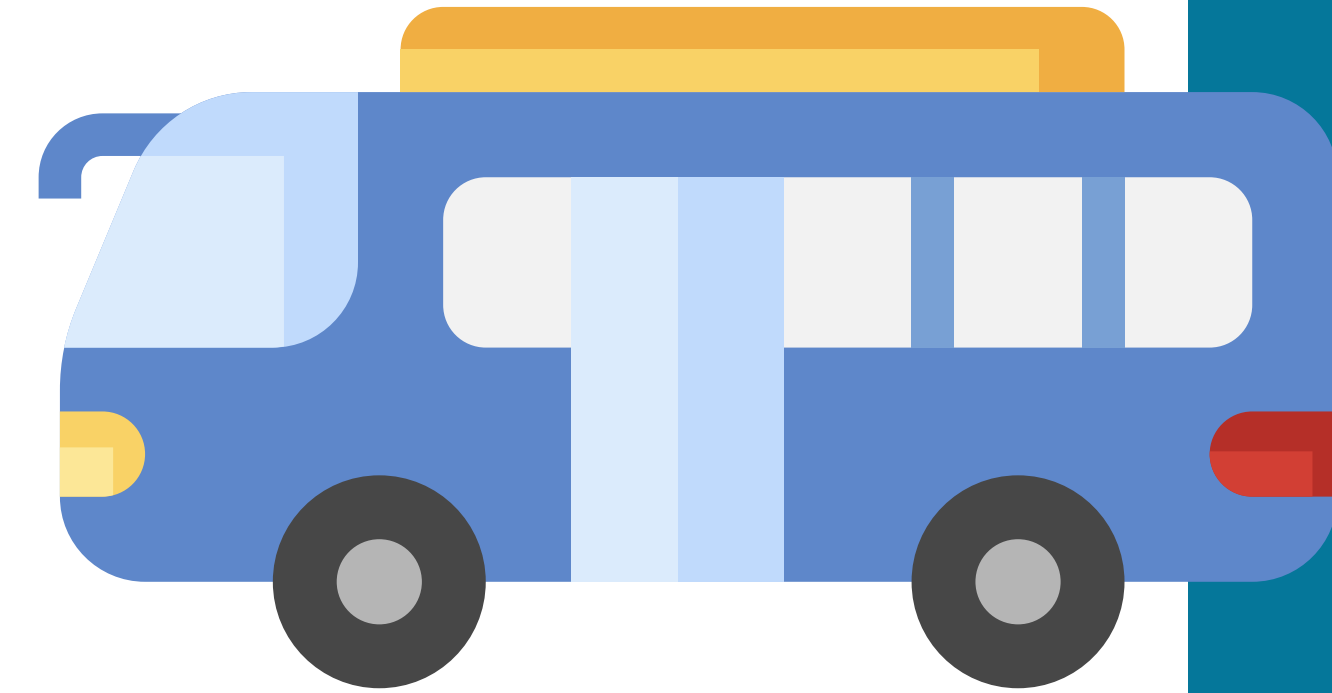
# ELECTION RESULTS

## NOTABLE 2021

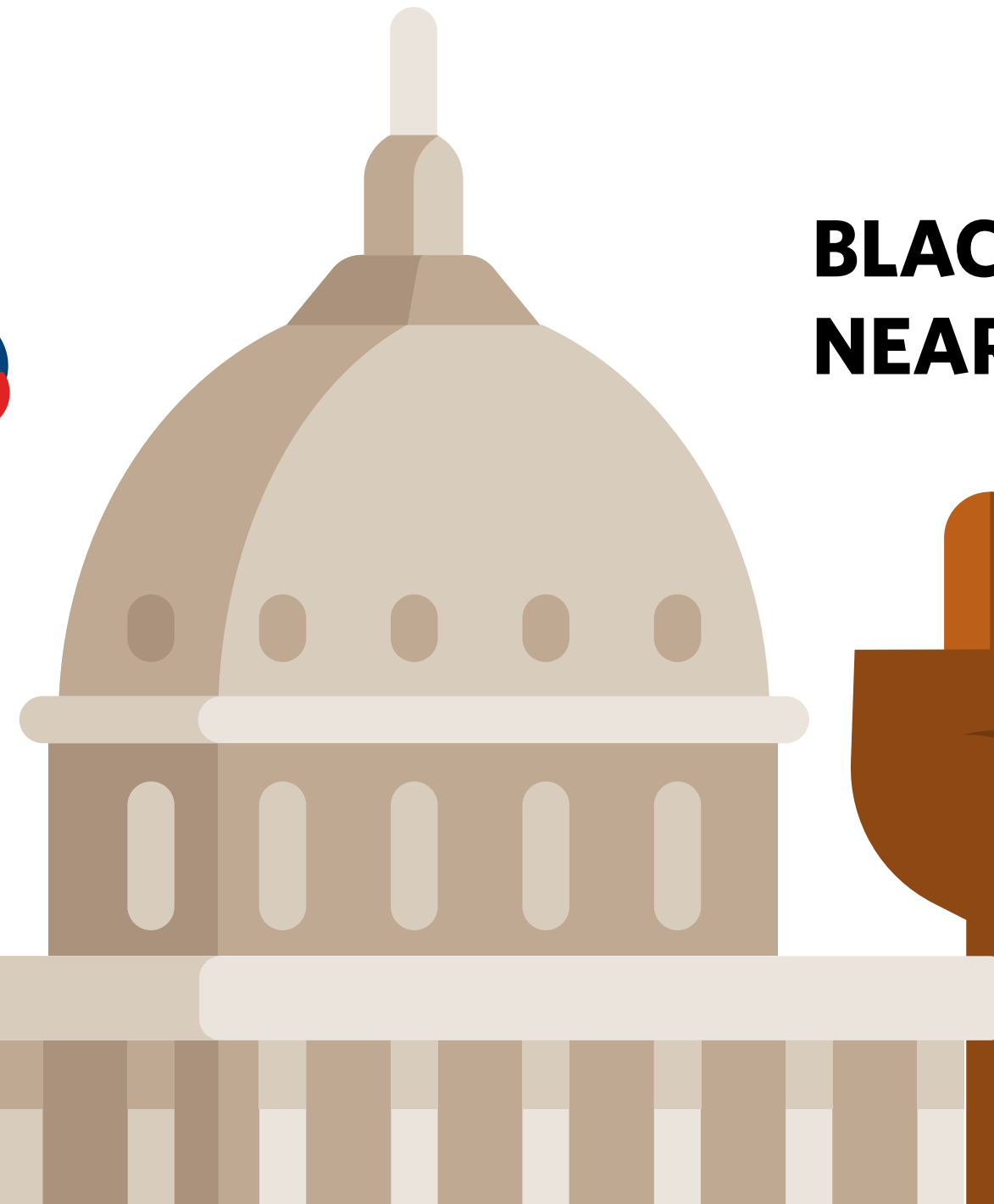
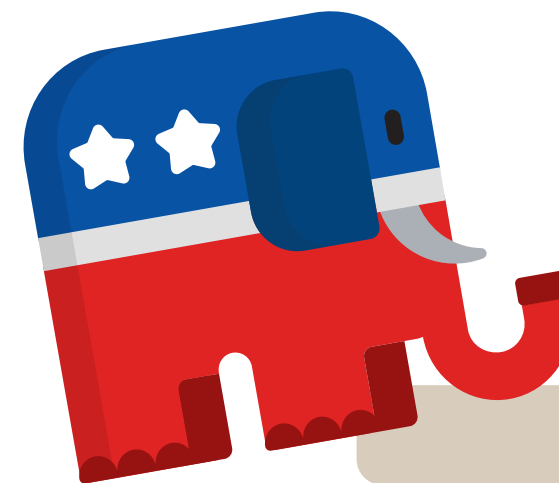
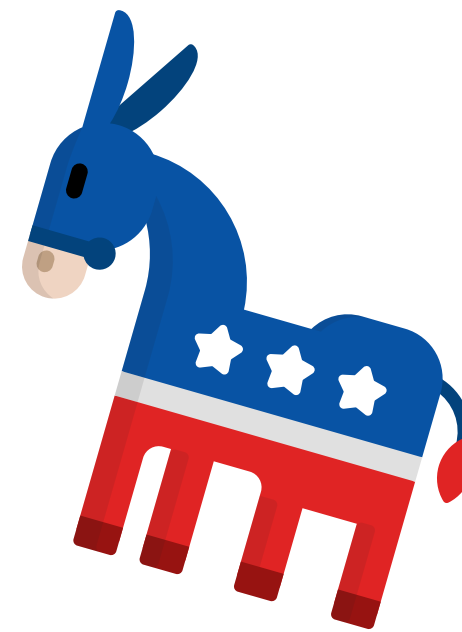
**GOVERNOR INSLEE RE-ELECTED  
BY A WIDE MARGIN**



**IN SEATTLE, PROPOSITION 1 (YES  
FOR TRANSIT) PASSED EASILY**



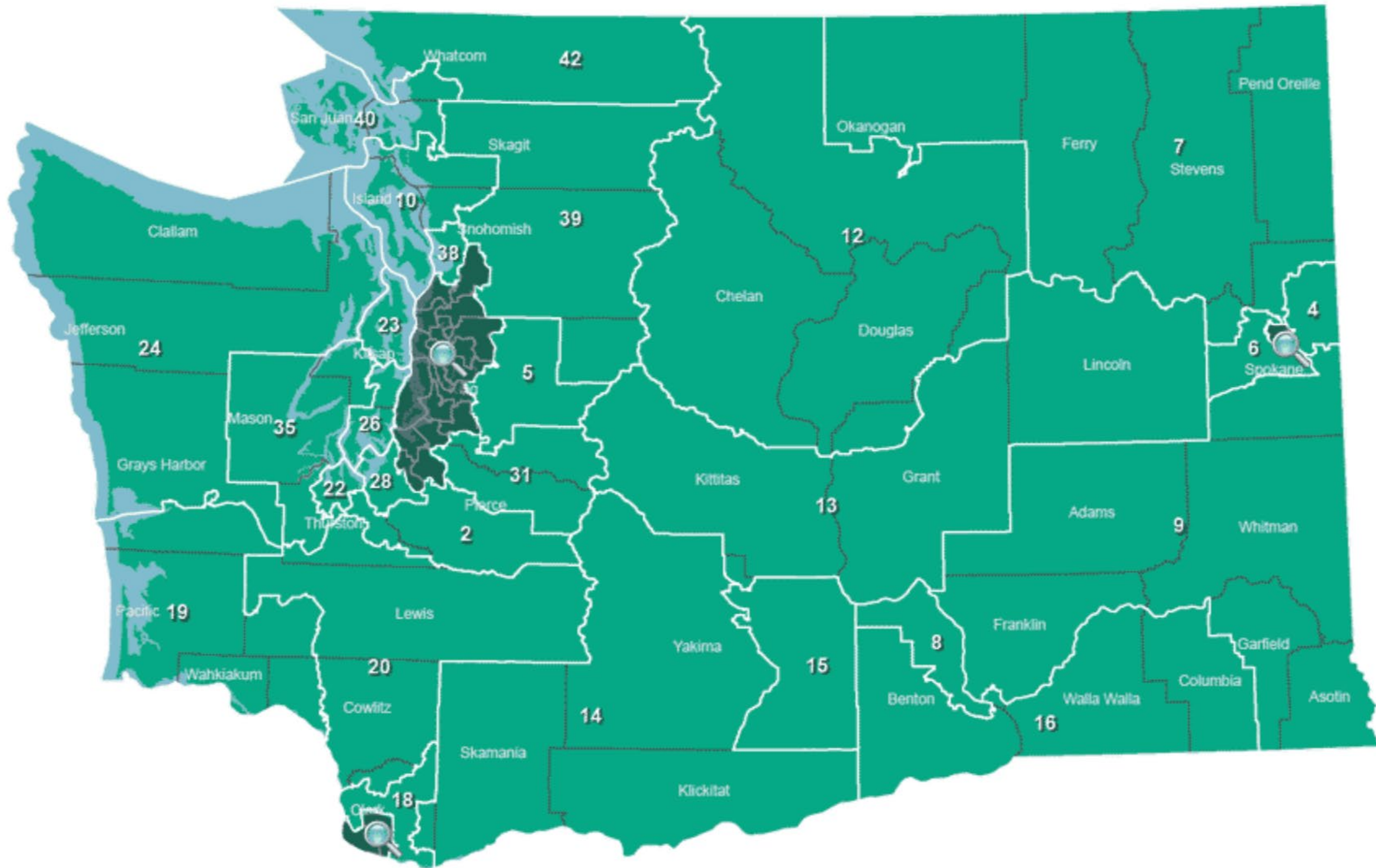
**NO NET GAIN BY  
PARTY IN HOUSE  
OR SENATE**



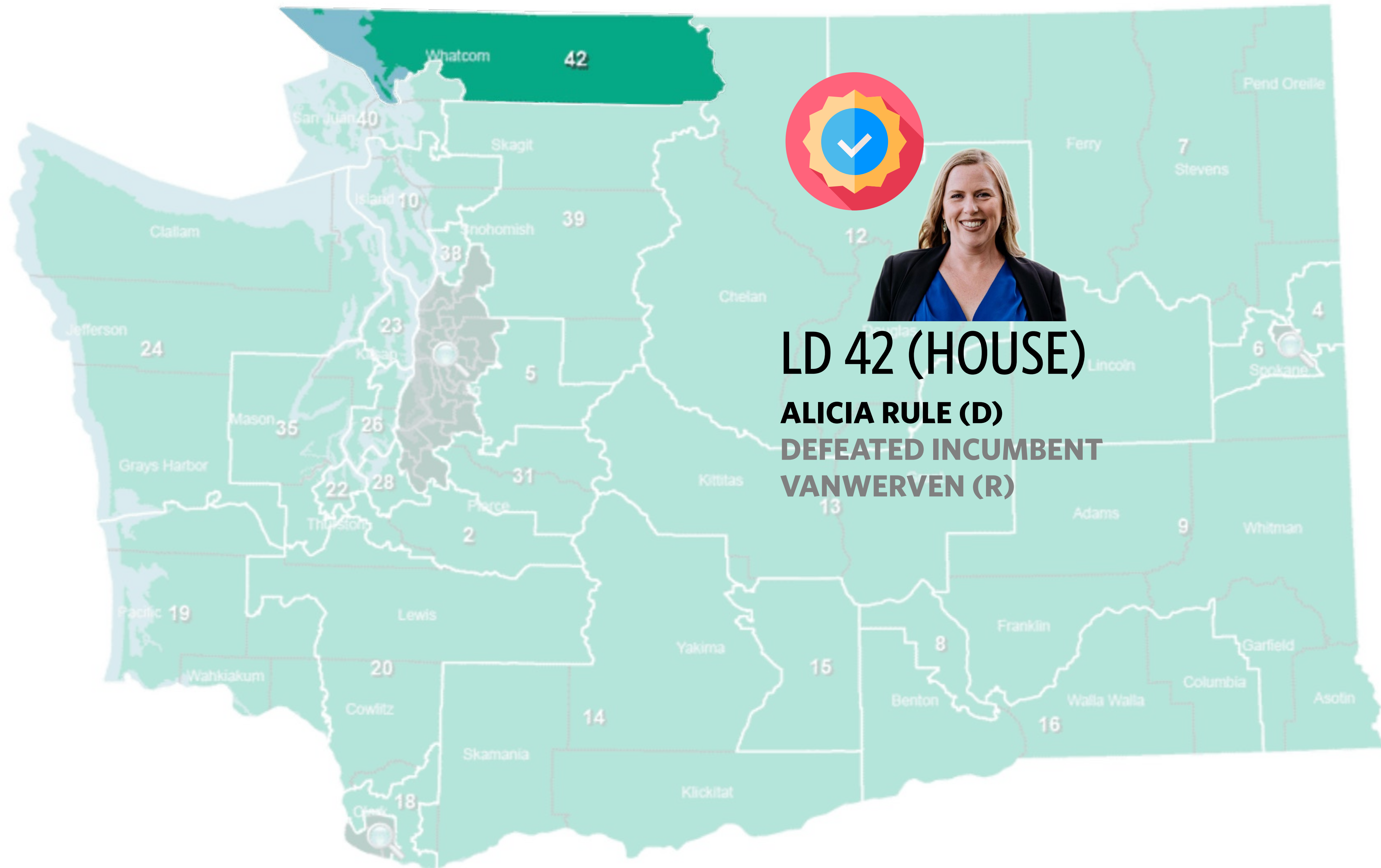
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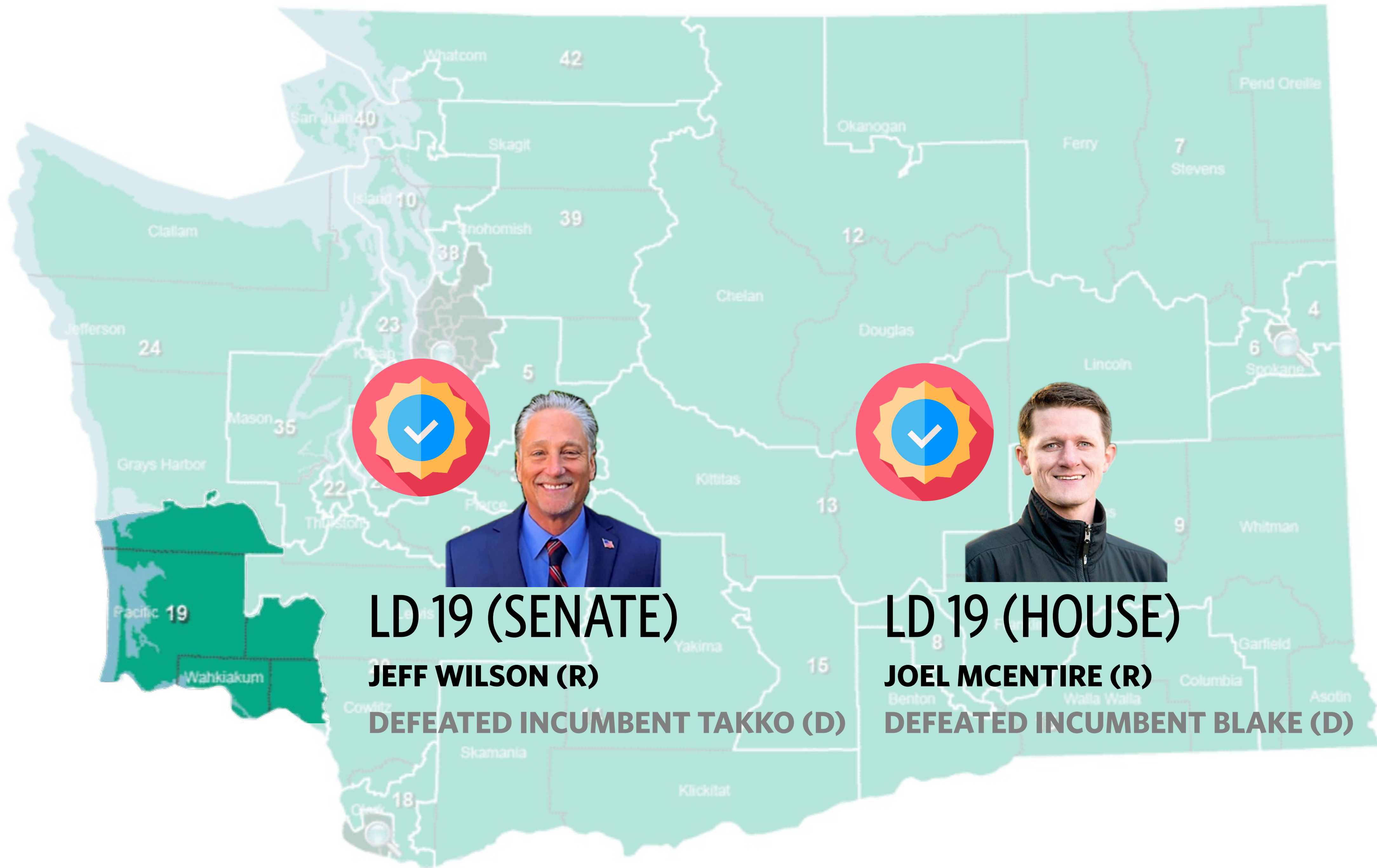


**LD 42 (HOUSE)**

**ALICIA RULE (D)  
DEFEATED INCUMBENT  
VANWERNEN (R)**







**LD 19 (SENATE)**

**JEFF WILSON (R)**

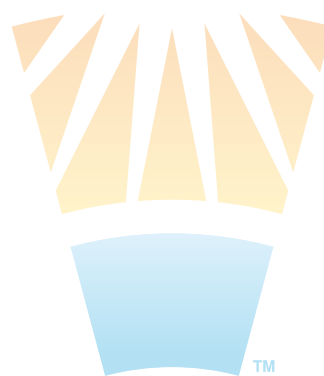
**DEFEATED INCUMBENT TAKKO (D)**



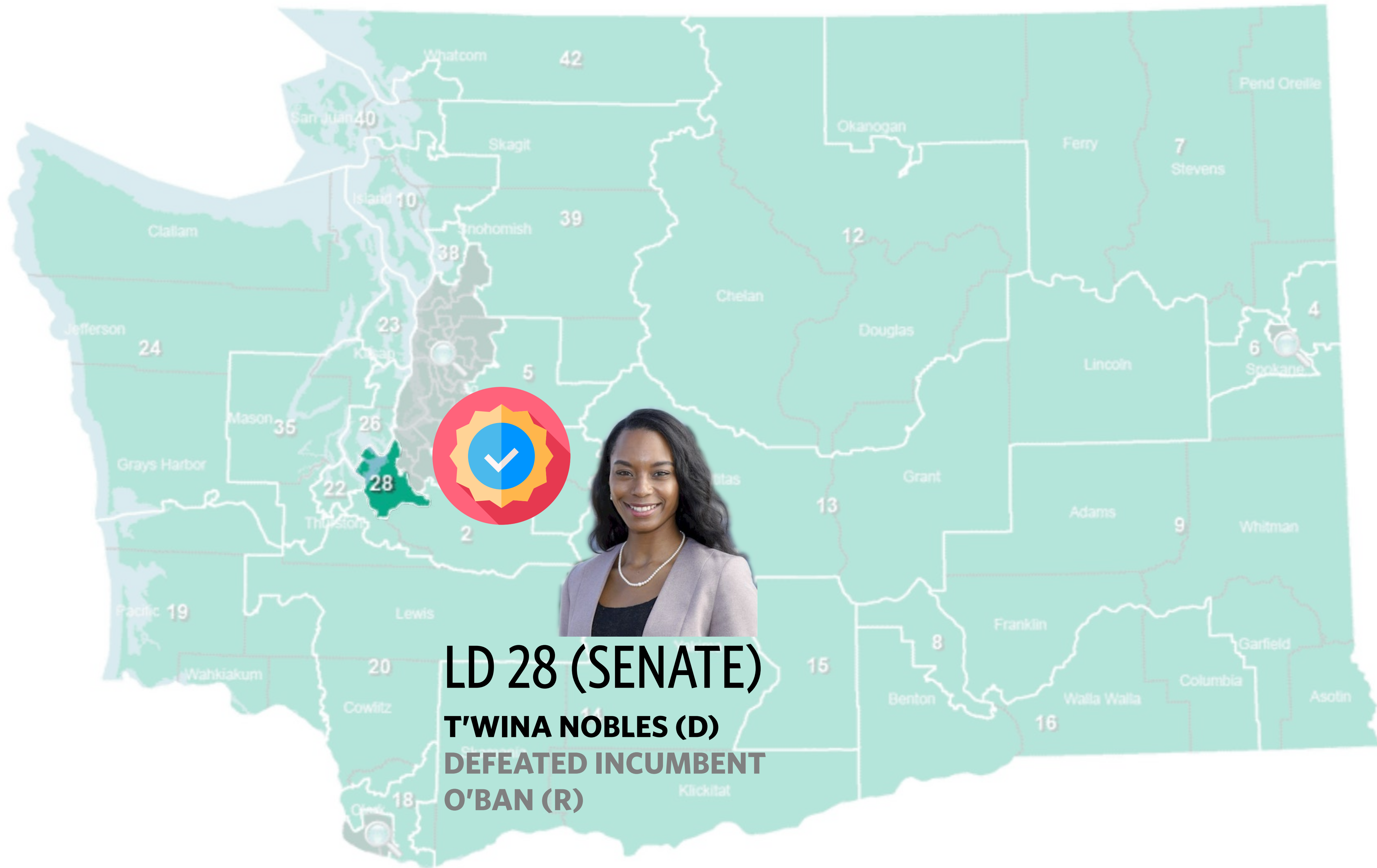
**LD 19 (HOUSE)**

**JOEL MCENTIRE (R)**

**DEFEATED INCUMBENT BLAKE (D)**



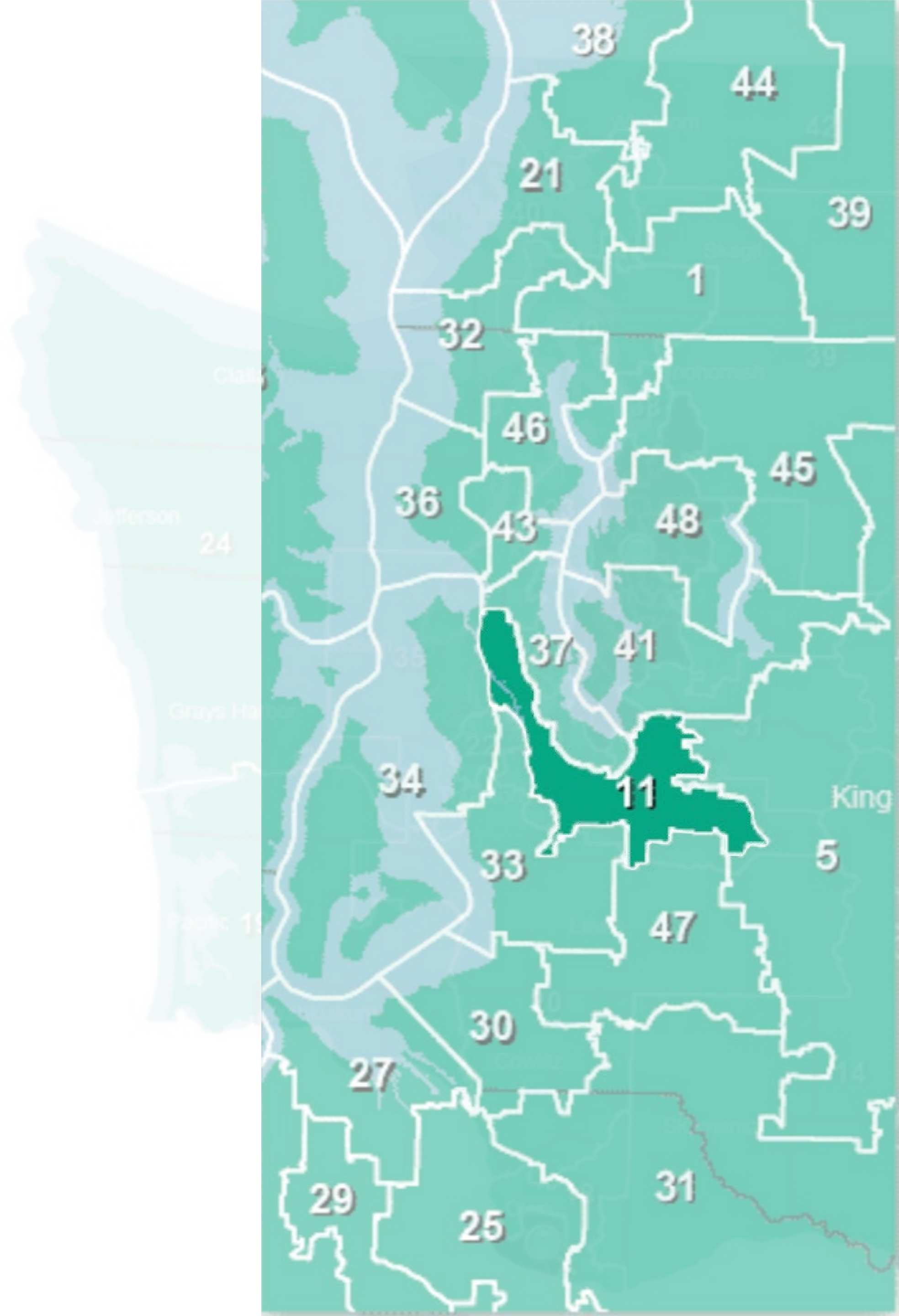




**LD 28 (SENATE)**  
**T'WINA NOBLES (D)**  
**DEFEATED INCUMBENT**  
**O'BAN (R)**

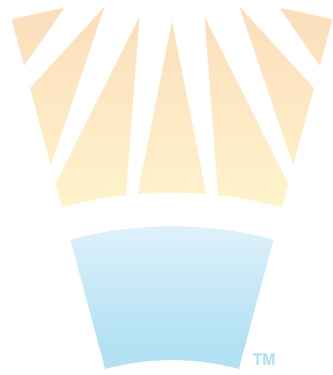
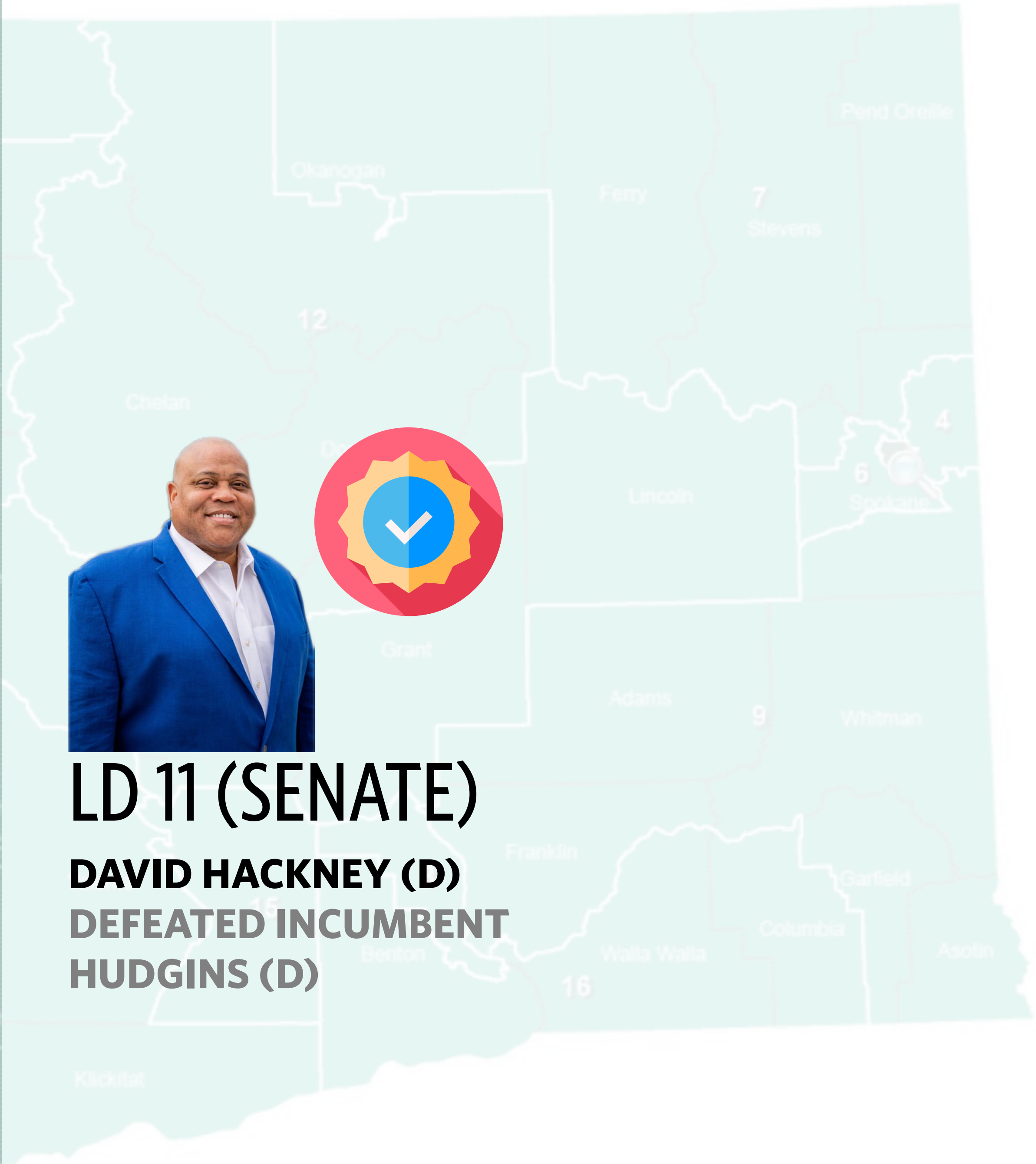




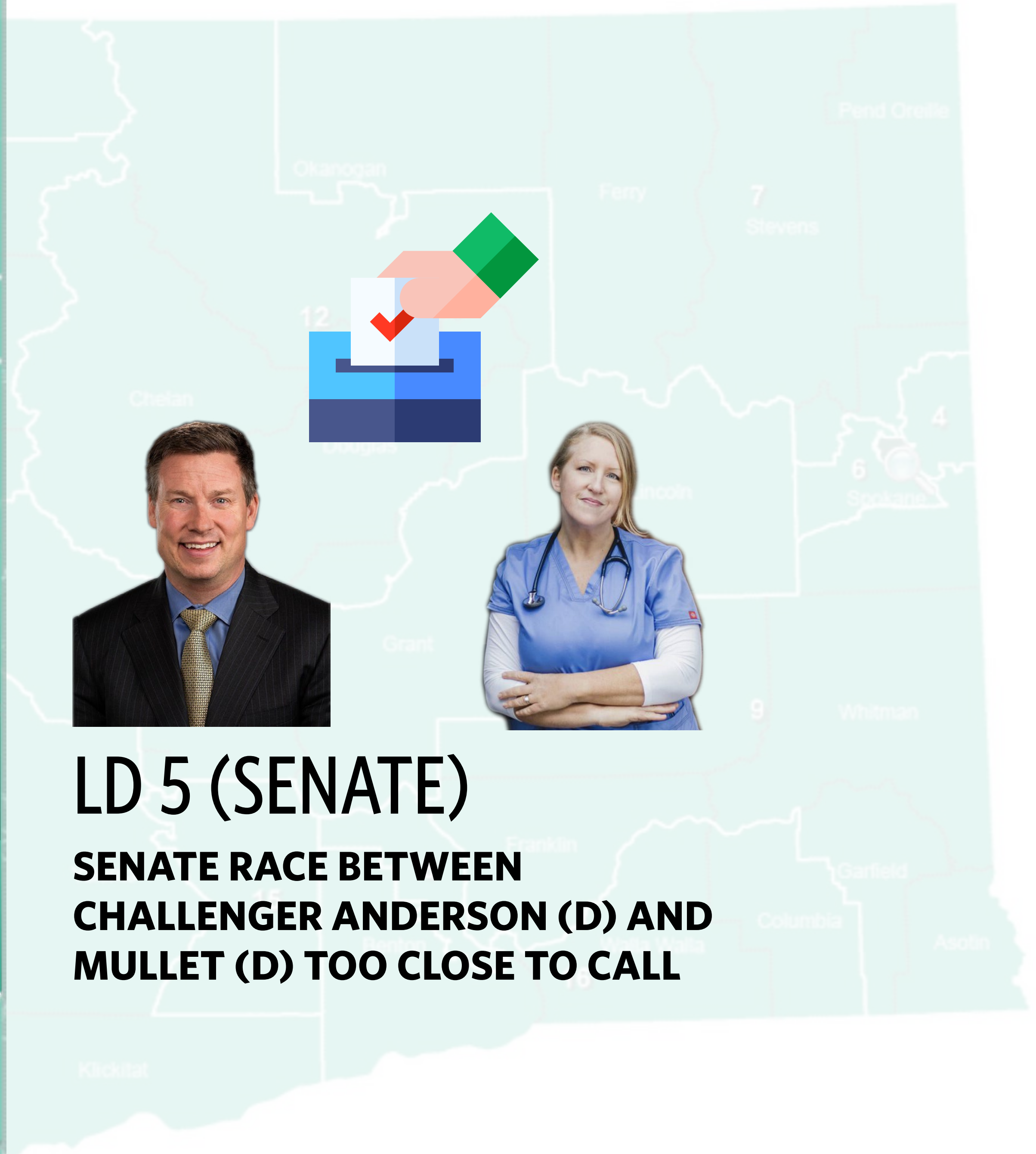
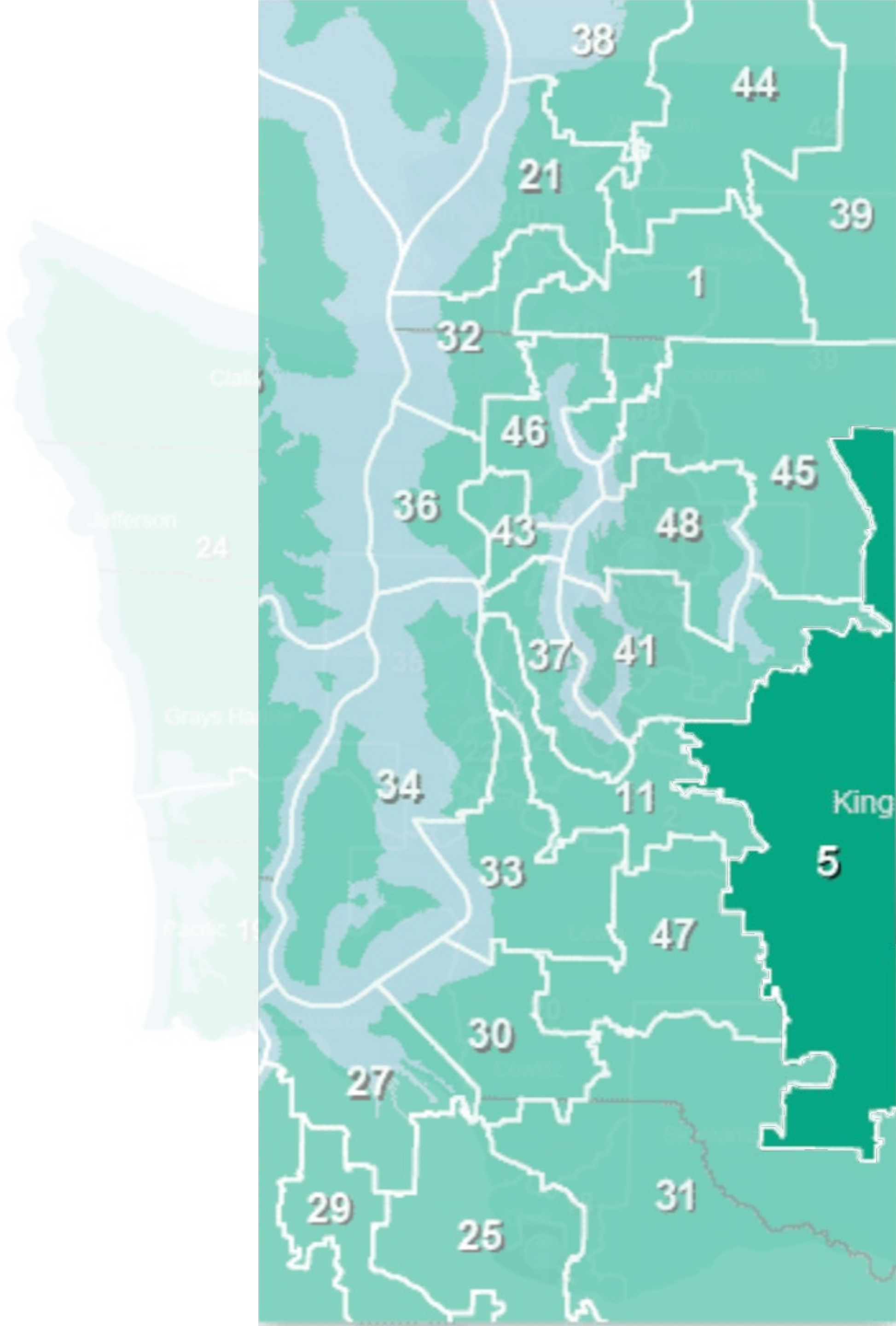


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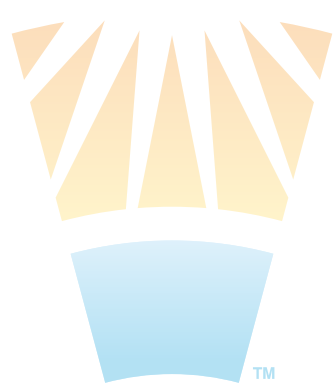
**DAVID HACKNEY (D)**  
**DEFEATED INCUMBENT**  
**HUDGINS (D)**







**LD 5 (SENATE)**  
**SENATE RACE BETWEEN**  
**CHALLENGER ANDERSON (D) AND**  
**MULLET (D) TOO CLOSE TO CALL**





# CLIMATE ACTION IN 2021



# CLIMATE PRIORITIES



## TRANSPORTATION

Clean Fuel Standard

Funding and investments

- Air Quality Surcharge
- Transit

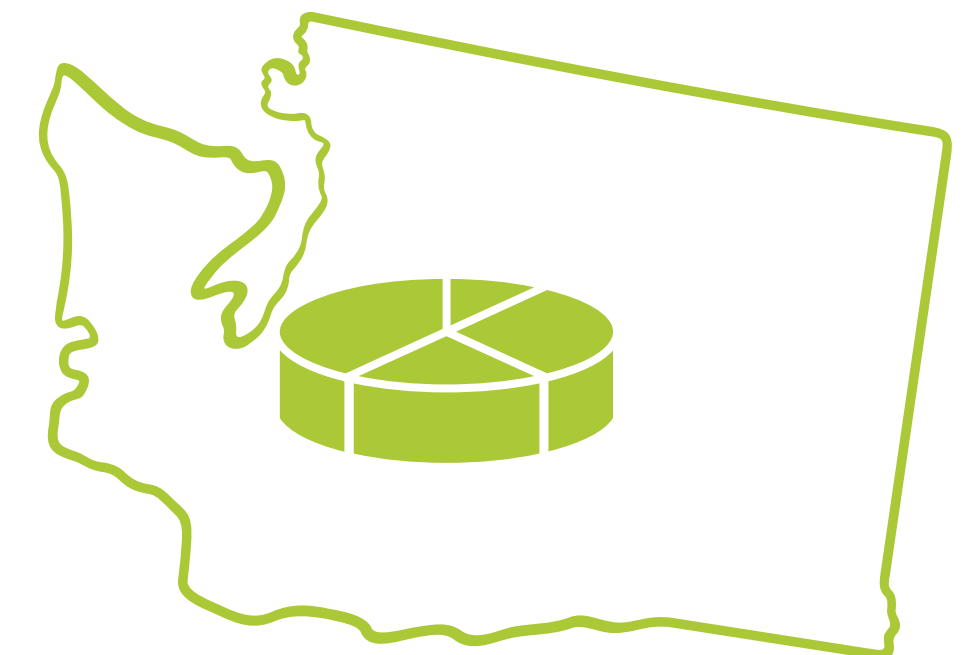


## BUILDINGS

Home heating electrification

Remove preferences and incentives for gas

Growth Management Act



## CROSS SECTOR

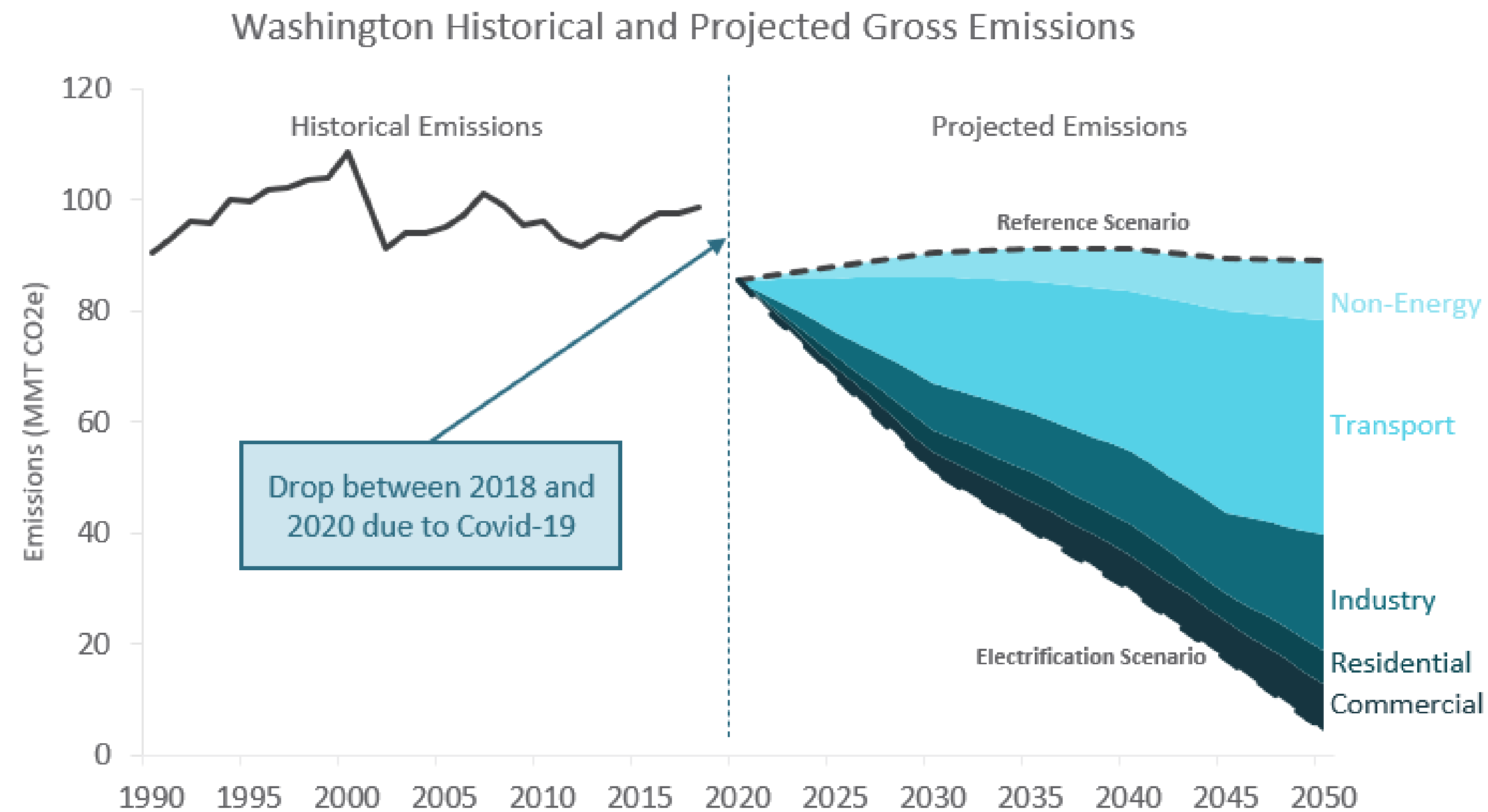
Buy Clean, Buy Fair

Carbon pricing



# CLIMATE PRIORITIES

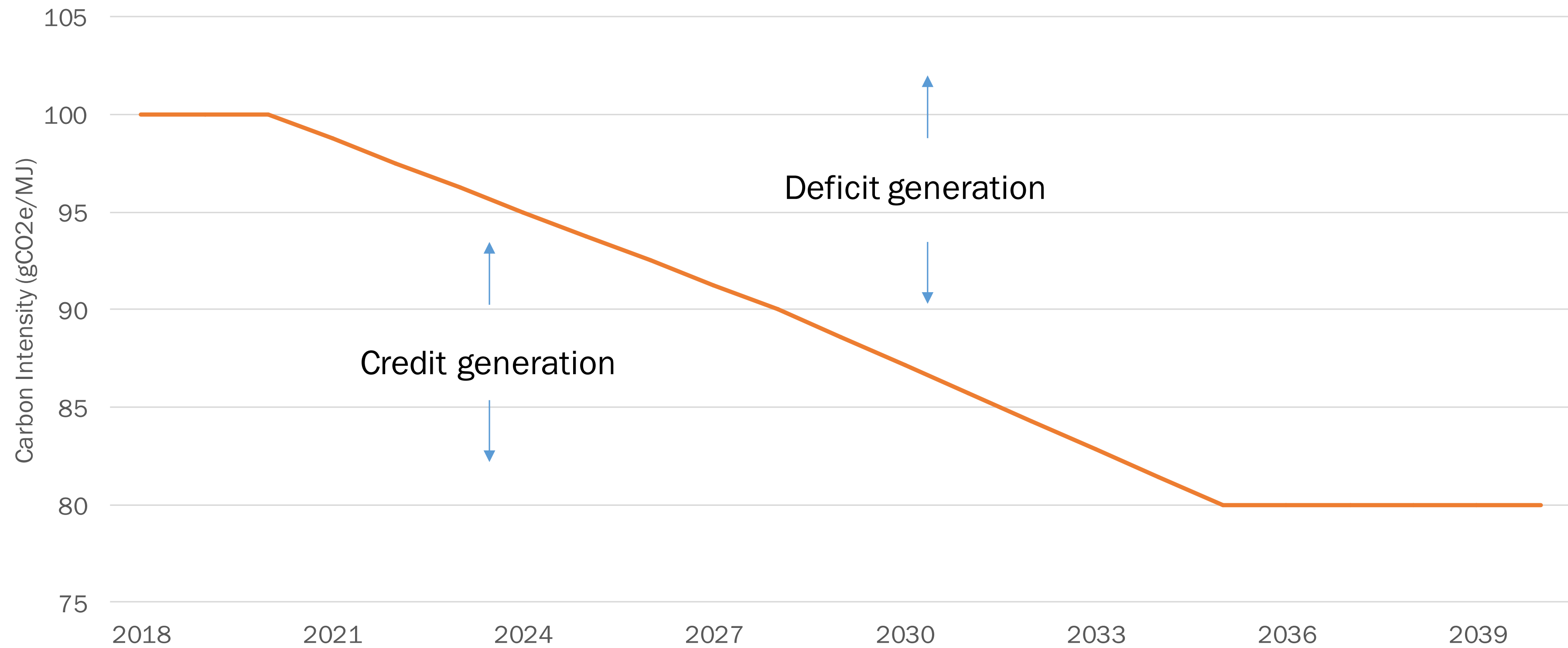
## WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Source: Washington State Department of Ecology for historical emissions. Washington State Energy Strategy Deep Decarbonization Pathways model for projected emissions (p. 26).

# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

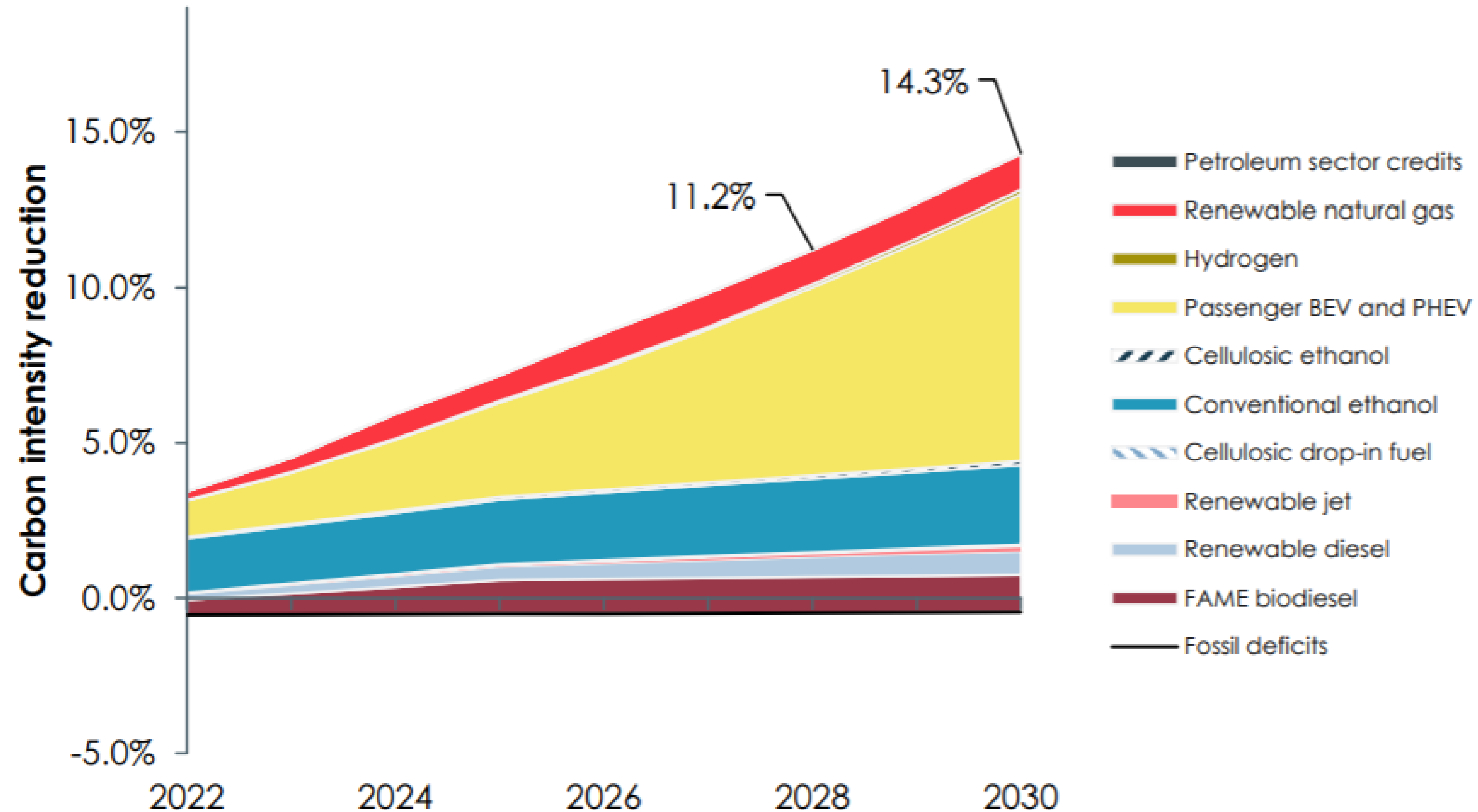
## HOW DOES IT WORK?





# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

## DEPLOYMENT & FUEL TYPES



# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

## HOW DO COMPANIES COMPLY?



Improve operations efficiency



Blend cleaner fuels



Purchase credits



# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

## HOW DO COMPANIES COMPLY?



Policy is technology neutral, companies can choose how to comply



Carbon intensity of fuel is evaluated on a lifecycle basis



# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

## WHAT DO WE GET?

**Real progress** to reduce emissions and climate pollution

**Cleaner fuels = cleaner air**

**More freedom to choose** fuels beyond oil

**New revenue** for low carbon fuel producers

**Invests money in our communities:** transit, electric fleets, and more

**Supports both urban and rural economies**

**Already working** in CA, OR, and BC!



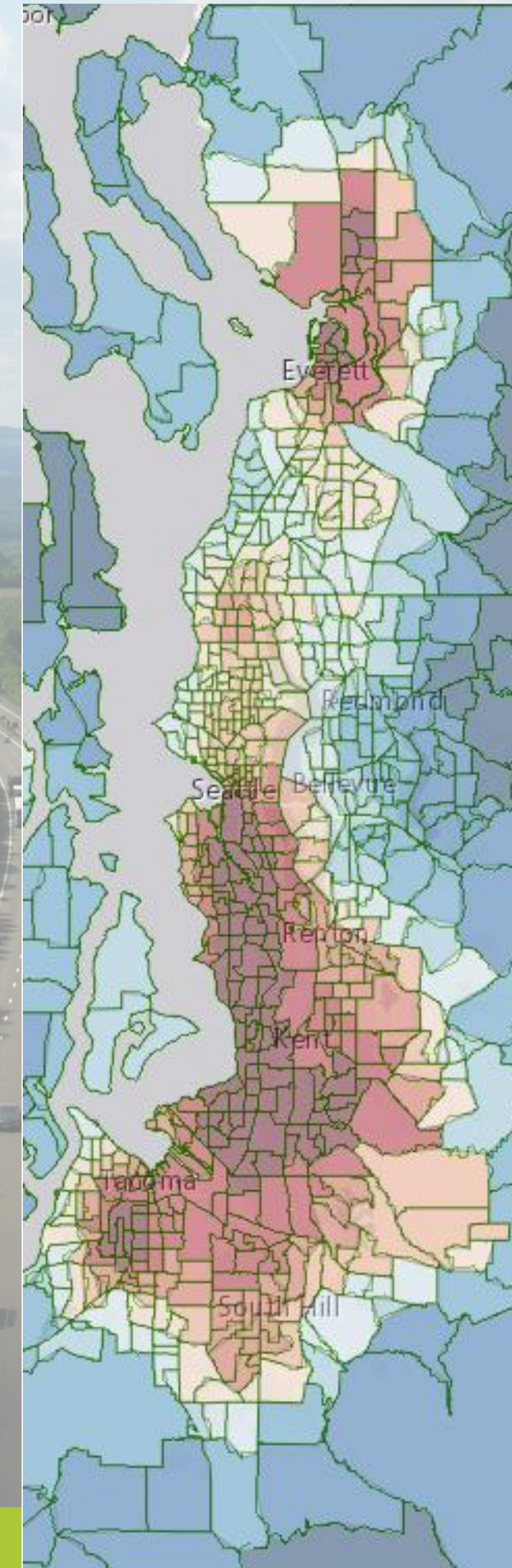


# CLIMATE PRIORITIES: CLEAN FUEL STANDARD

## WHAT DO WE GET?

**Pollution is more heavily concentrated in BIPOC communities. American Lung projects \$8.3 billion in avoided public health costs from CA's standard by 2025.**

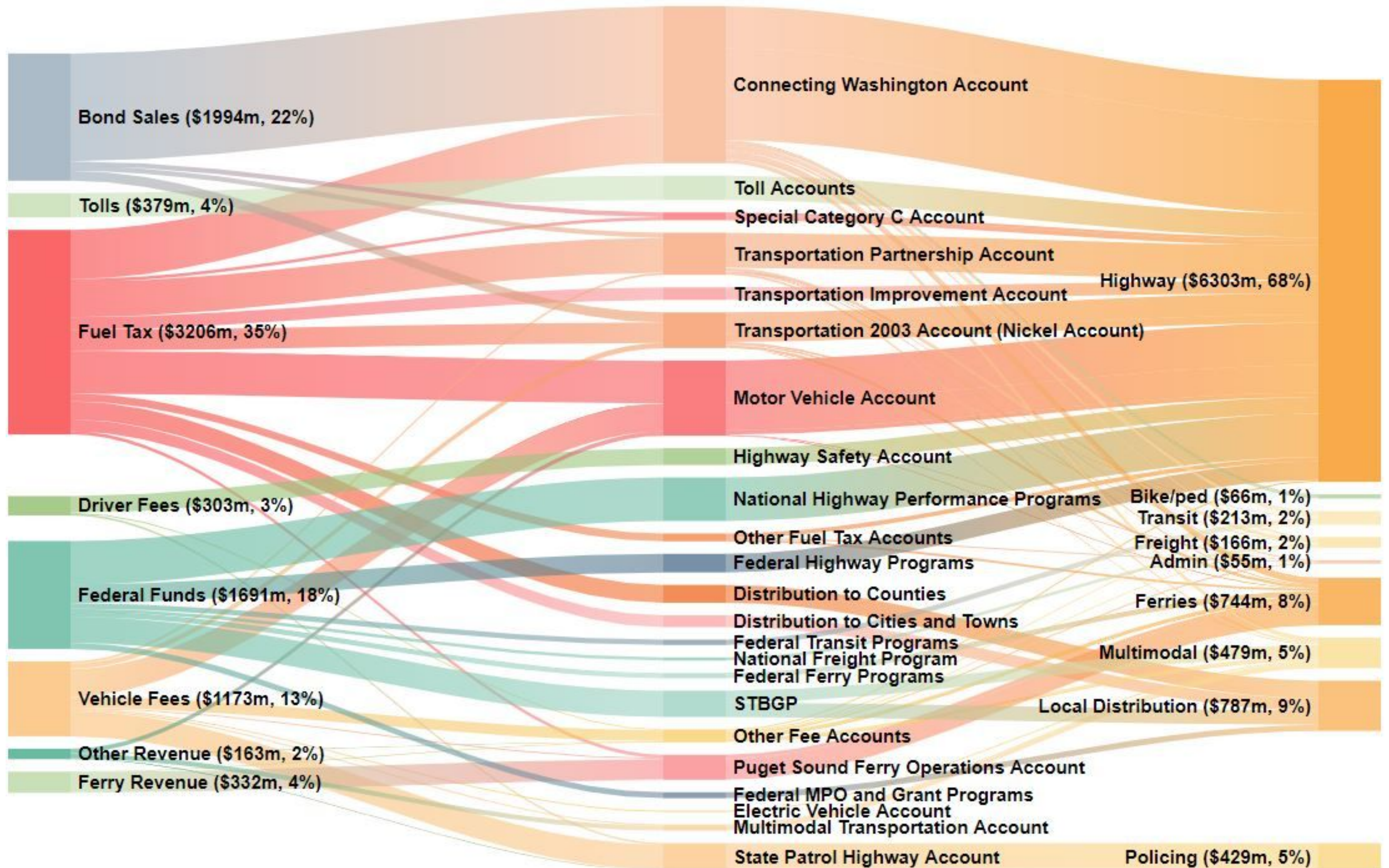
**30% of Washington's total utility credit revenue must be spent on transportation electrification projects that directly benefit highly vulnerable communities in their territory.**





# **FUNDING THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WE NEED**







## WHAT NEW REVENUE OPTIONS CAN HELP CREATE A CLEAN & JUST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?



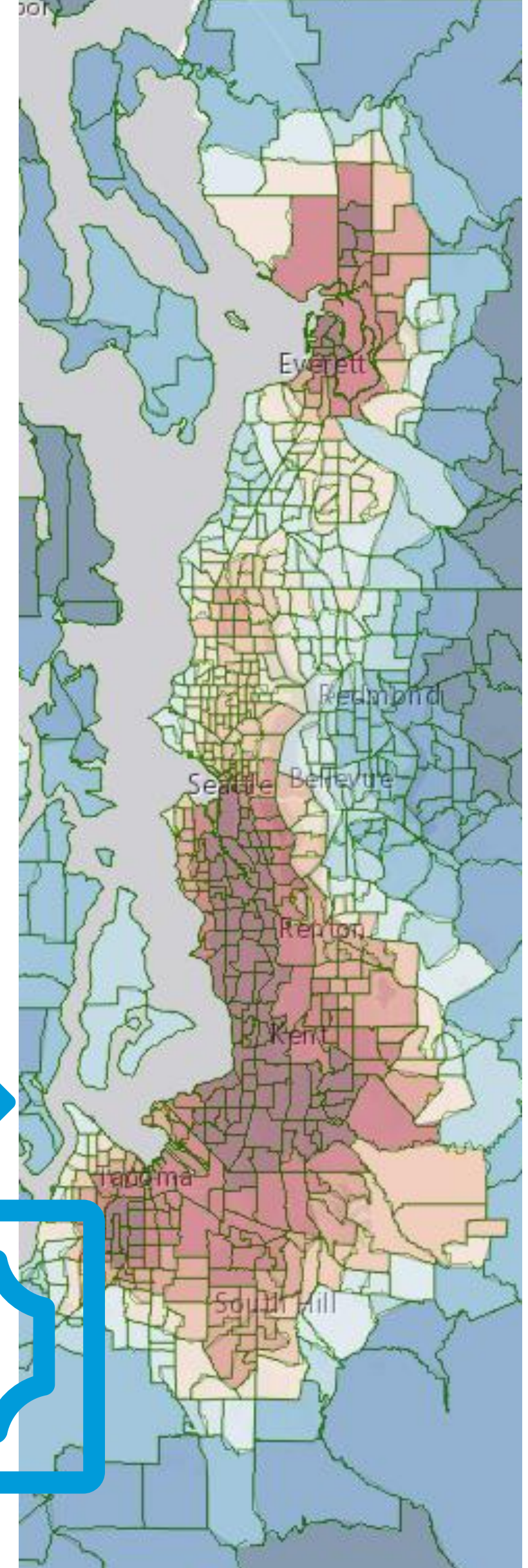
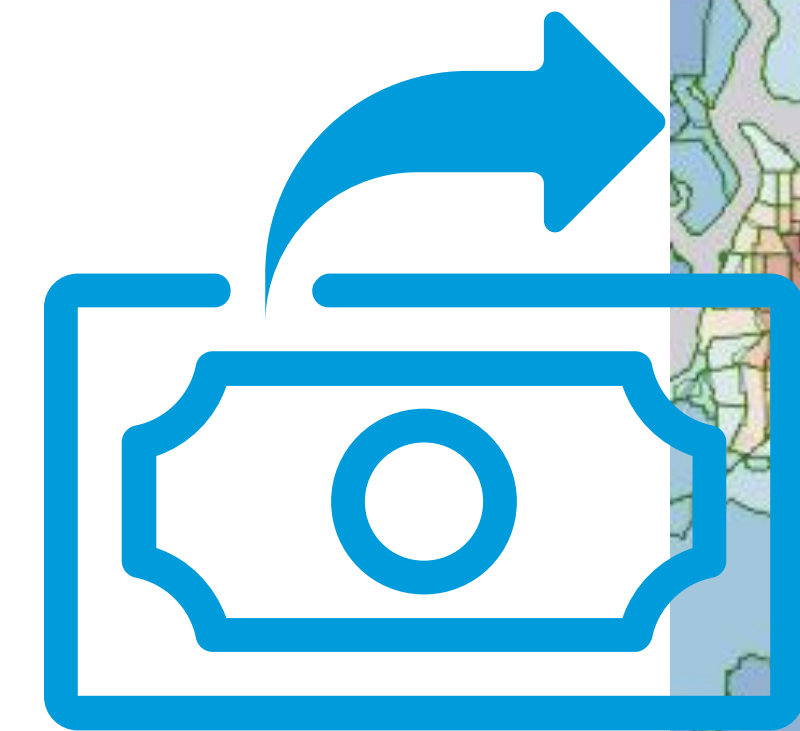
**Move away** from volatile taxes  
and restricted revenues.

## WHAT NEW REVENUE OPTIONS CAN HELP CREATE A CLEAN & JUST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?



**Ensure revenues and implementation do not exacerbate disproportionalities** for people of color, immigrants, refugees, as well as low-income, disabled, elderly, and unbanked residents **or negatively impact** workers or small business.

Use charges and rate structures to **address environmental and social impacts of transportation.**





# WHAT INVESTMENTS WILL CREATE A CLEAN & JUST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?



**Invest in structural equity**

**Reduce vehicle miles traveled**

**Transition to clean transportation**

**Ensure current transportation assets  
are safe, efficient and modernized**





A statewide coalition of 70+ organizations and groups rooted in communities of color and people with lower incomes

As thought leaders and organizers we build our agenda and strength with our grassroots community.

Together we are focused on building power and capacity for a Just Transition to a clean energy economy that centers equity and is led by frontlines communities - including people of color.



Front & Centered Steering Committee retreat, summer 2019



## **Goal for 2021 Legislative Agenda:**

Accelerate a Just Transition toward Climate and Environmental Justice

- Increase the self-determination of frontline communities – those disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change – in environmental decision-making
- Restore frontline communities connection to each other and to the places they live
- Create and sustain livelihoods that are regenerative and shift us away from the extractive economy
- Transition to renewable resources





## 2021 POLICY PRIORITIES

### **Make Justice a State Environmental Priority**

- Pass the Healthy Environment for All Act
- Enshrine Environmental Justice in Land-use Planning
- Advance Just Climate Investments and Prevent Pollution Trading Schemes

### **Create Clean and Just Transportation for All**

- Fund state transportation investments that reduce pollution and increase access to opportunity in frontline communities
- Create new state transportation revenue sources that are just, not restricted to roads, and structured to reduce environmental and social impacts
- Track the Clean Fuels Standard to ensure all clean fuels meet high social and environmental standards





# HEAL Act History

- HEAL Act first introduced in the 2019 Legislative Session
- Bill did not pass but the Environmental Justice Task Force was created as a budget proviso.
- EJTF met from Summer 2019 to Summer 2020
- FC led community listening sessions across WA
- Report was handed to Governor's office end of October
- Now F&C is working to make the bill a policy and budget priority for Governor Inslee
- Also working with legislative sponsors on a HEAL Act 2.0





# What is environmental justice?

- Environmental justice is the belief that where you live, your income, race or language ability should not determine how healthy or safe you are.
- The environmental justice movement has been primarily led by African-Americans, Latinos, Asians and Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.





# Environmental Justice Task Force Responsibilities

**I. Measurable Goal Recommendations:** “Measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities for each community in Washington state and ways in which state agencies may focus their work towards meeting those goals.”

**II. Model Policy Recommendations:** “Model policies that prioritize highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations for the purpose of reducing environmental health disparities and advancing a healthy environment for all residents.”

**III. Environmental Health Disparities Map Recommendations:** “Guidance for using the Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map to identify communities that are highly impacted by EJ issues with current demographic data.”

**IV. Community Engagement Recommendations:** “Best practices for increasing meaningful and inclusive community engagement that takes into account barriers to participation that may arise due to race, color, ethnicity, religion, income, or education level.”





# HEAL Act Outline

- Define environmental justice, in state law and require its application, using a racial justice lens, in agency strategic plans, goal and metric setting, program implementation, enforcement, and reporting affecting the environment.
- Direct funding with environmental benefits toward investments in and determined by communities highly impacted by pollution and climate impacts.
- Ensure Tribal Communities sovereignty and rights in Environmental Justice [placeholder for consultation].





# HEAL Act Outline

- Advance equitable community participation in planning, resource allocation, programs, and enforcement, make permanent temporary COVID measures.
- Create and fund a community- interagency work group and EJ staff and training at state agencies
- Fund and apply the Washington Environment Health Disparities Map to identify cumulative impacts and overburdened communities, and develop additional tools to measure the link between environmental quality and human health, disaggregated by race.
- Require EJ analysis of proposed and historic environment bills, rulemakings, budgets using the environmental health disparities map and other tools.





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**Questions**



# CLIMATE LEADERS LIVE

Thanks for joining us! Don't miss these upcoming events....

**Nov 17 What's next for OR in 2021?**

**Dec 3 Inflection Point: Climate Leaders Live Tonight (with special guests Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Majora Carter)**

[www.climatesolutions.org/events](http://www.climatesolutions.org/events)



# HOW CAN ROAD PRICING ADVANCE EQUITY?

Transportation  Choices

**Adrienne Hampton**, Duwamish River  
Cleanup Coalition

**Giulia Pasciuto**, Puget Sound Sage

**Midori Valdivia**, Transportation  
Policy and Strategy Consultant

**Vivian Satterfield**, Director of  
Strategic Partnerships, Verde

NOVEMBER 17, 2020, 2-3 PM PST

**#TRANSITCHAT**

**Chat #3: How can road pricing advance equity? November 17, 2020. 2:00 – 3:00 pm PST**

**Is road pricing a solution for traffic congestion, climate pollution, and insufficient funding for transportation?  
How can road pricing also prioritize advancing racial equity?**

**[transportationchoices.org/transit-chat-series-transit-funding-is-transit-equity/](https://transportationchoices.org/transit-chat-series-transit-funding-is-transit-equity/)**

