



2025 VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL SCORECARD

Introduction

Future 42 Clark County is a local county project dedicated to advocating for key issues such as public safety, housing affordability, and tax relief. We are a grassroots effort mobilizing Clark County residents to make their voices heard at the local level. We have recently completed our first annual set of local scorecards highlighting key votes taken by Councilmembers in 2025. Here is our recently published scorecard for the Vancouver City Council.

This past year in Vancouver, Washington featured a series of consequential City Council decisions on taxes and fees, public safety funding, housing and homelessness programs, regulatory requirements, ethics enforcement, and voter-driven initiatives. Several of these votes — including actions on ballot measures, rental registration rules, police levy support, shelter funding, and downtown parking changes — drew strong public interest and debate about affordability, accountability, and the role of voter input in city policymaking. Taken together, these decisions provide a useful snapshot of how the Council approached governance and local priorities in 2025. Find the recently published scorecard for the Vancouver City Council on the following pages.

Vancouver City Council

REJECTION OF SAVE VANCOUVER STREETS INITIATIVE:

In January 2025, the City Council relied on a legal determination to prevent a voter-led initiative from appearing on the ballot, despite thousands of signatures and a full public hearing. The action came at a time of public debate over the city's "safe streets" and lane-reduction policies, which have drawn criticism from some residents. Rather than allowing voters to decide, the Council chose to block the initiative, reflecting a top-down approach that limited public input.

This measure passed 7-0.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *Against P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *Against P42 Position*

Eric Paulsen- *Against P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *Against P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *Against P42 Position*

Sarah Fox- *Against P42 Position*

[Save Vancouver Streets initiative declared legally invalid at packed Vancouver City Council meeting - The Columbian](#)

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE:

The City Council implemented a mandatory rental registration program requiring all long-term rental property owners to register units annually and pay a \$30 per-unit fee, beginning in 2026. The policy introduces a new administrative requirement for landlords, who may pass the cost on to renters. The program also establishes a framework for potential future inspections and oversight. Opponents argue that, rather than directly addressing housing supply or affordability, the Council's approach adds a new layer of administration to the rental market.

This measure passed 4-3.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *Against P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Eric Paulsen- *Against P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *Against P42 Position*

Sarah Fox- *In Favor of P42 Position*

[Divided Vancouver City Council approves \\$30-per-unit rental registration fee for landlords - The Columbian](#)

POLICE SERVICES LEVY:

The City Council backed placing Proposition 5, a property tax levy lid lift to fund additional police officers and related costs, on the November ballot and publicly endorsed it. The levy would raise about \$6 million a year by increasing property taxes \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value (roughly \$75 per year on a \$500,000 home) to hire up to 13 police officers, purchase equipment, and cover administrative and criminal justice costs. Critics argue that, rather than pursuing broader fiscal reforms or reallocating existing resources, the City chose to push another tax increase on homeowners for ongoing police funding. Opponents also state that this approach continues a pattern of relying on property tax hikes for services without addressing underlying budget priorities or demonstrating accountability for how existing funds are spent.

This measure passed 6-0.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *Against P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *Against P42 Position*

Eric Paulsen- *Against P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *Against P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *Absent*

Sarah Fox- *Against P42 Position*

[Vancouver City Council passes resolution supporting Proposition 5: Police Services Levy - ClarkCountyToday.com](#)

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ETHICS VIOLATION FINDING:

The City Council formally found (after the 2025 election) that Councilor Kim Harless violated the city's ethics code by failing to avoid the appearance of impropriety when voting on tourism grants tied to a personal relationship. Some observers say her actions reflected a clear conflict of interest and poor judgment, raising questions about public trust in the Council. Others noted that council members who opposed holding her accountable appeared to treat ethical standards as flexible, which could reinforce a culture of favoritism and limited accountability.

This measure passed 5-1.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *Recused*

Eric Paulsen- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *In Favor of P42 Position*

Sarah Fox- *In Favor of P42 Position*

[Vancouver City Council finds Harless violated section of ethics code on avoiding appearance of impropriety - The Columbian](#)

BRIDGE SHELTER FUNDING AGREEMENT:

The City Council approved a multi-million-dollar funding agreement with Clark County to build and operate the Bridge Shelter, a low-barrier, housing-first facility designed to serve people experiencing homelessness without requiring sobriety, employment, or certain behavioral conditions for entry. The vote committed public funds to this shelter model. Some observers argue that this approach reduces expectations for personal responsibility and risks creating long-term reliance on government-funded services rather than resolving homelessness. Others contend that prioritizing housing-first strategies over measures such as expanding overall housing supply and enforcement may not lead to sustained reductions in homelessness.

This measure passed 7-0.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *Against P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *Against P42 Position*

Eric Paulsen- *Against P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *Against P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *Against P42 Position*

Sarah Fox- *Against P42 Position*

[Vancouver council OKs tax increases and new taxes to close \\$43M deficit and pay for homeless 'bridge shelter' - The Columbian](#)

DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES:

The City Council approved downtown parking code amendments eliminating free weekend on-street parking and enabling higher meter fees and expanded enforcement. The decision followed public comment from residents, businesses, and downtown visitors expressing concerns about access and economic impact. Supporters said the changes would improve parking management and consistency, while critics viewed the move as making downtown visits more costly and less convenient and placing greater emphasis on revenue and administrative goals than on community feedback. They argue the change adds new costs and regulations with potential effects on the downtown economy and everyday residents.

This measure passed 7-0.

Anne McEnery-Ogle- *Against P42 Position*

Kim Harless- *Against P42 Position*

Eric Paulsen- *Against P42 Position*

Diana Perez- *Against P42 Position*

Bart Hansen- *Against P42 Position*

Ty Stober- *Against P42 Position*

Sarah Fox- *Against P42 Position*

[Over protests, Vancouver City Council OKs downtown parking changes - The Columbian](#)

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COUNCILMEMBER	TERM ENDS	REJECTION OF SAVE VANCOUVER STREETS INITIATIVE	RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE	POLICE SERVICES LEVY	ETHICS VIOLATION FINDING	BRIDGE SHELTER FUNDING AGREEMENT	DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES
MAYOR ANNE MCERNENY-OGLE	2029	Against	Against	Against	In Favor	Against	Against
KIM HARLESS	2029	Against	In Favor	Against	Recused	Against	Against
ERIC PAULSEN	2029	Against	Against	Against	In Favor	Against	Against
DIANA PEREZ	2029	Against	Against	Against	Against	Against	Against
BART HANSEN	2027	Against	In Favor	Against	In Favor	Against	Against
TY STOBER	2027	Against	Against	Absent	In Favor	Against	Against
SARAH FOX	2027	Against	In Favor	Against	In Favor	Against	Against

 Against Future 42 Position

 Aligned with Future 42 Position



Future 42 Clark County is the local chapter of Future 42, the grassroots communications arm of Project 42, a Washington state nonprofit dedicated to advancing free-market principles, personal liberty, economic opportunity, and common-sense policies. Launched in summer 2025 and led by Director Leslie Lewallen, the Clark County chapter works to promote a safer, more affordable, and prosperous community by monitoring government actions, publishing legislative scorecards on key issues like public safety, taxes, and cost of living, advocating for taxpayer-focused reforms (including opposition to the state income tax), recruiting candidates, and engaging residents through events and grassroots action.

It aims to empower citizens to influence policy and make America's 42nd state a place where individuals and businesses can thrive. For more information, visit future42.org/clarkco.