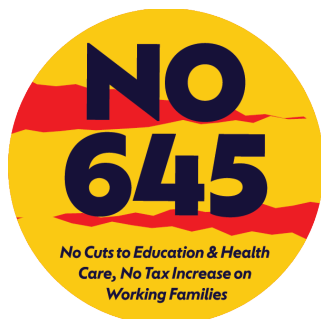




NO on 645

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**NO On 645 Announces New Endorsements:
Executives of Three Largest Counties, More
Than 100 Elected Officials Across the State,
and Major Conservation and Climate
Advocacy Groups**

*King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Pierce County
Executive Ryan Mello, and Snohomish County Executive
Dave Somers all Urge Voters to Vote No on I-645*

SEATTLE, WA — Today, NO on 645 announced significant new endorsements of individuals and organizations opposed to the damaging Initiative 645.

King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello, and Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers headline a list of more than 100 local, state, and federal elected officials from across Washington who are urging their voters to vote no on I-645. Mayors, City Councilmembers, and School Board Directors are on the full list [here](#).

“If I-645 passes, the state budget will be gutted, and the impacts on local governments and our residents will be immediate. I-645 will cut taxes for the 1% while putting tax breaks for working families at risk and blowing a \$13 billion hole in funding for health care, child care, and public schools,” said Executive Zahilay. “When the state loses \$13 billion, that pain rolls downhill, straight to local governments. This would land on my desk as an impossible choice as we seek to backfill cuts to public health, public safety, and other essential services. I grew up in public housing and public schools in King County. They're the ladder my family climbed out of poverty. I won't watch I-645 kick the ladder out from under the next family.”

Also joining the No coalition are the two most prominent advocacy organizations in Washington that work to address climate change and conservation. **Washington Conservation Action** and the **Sierra Club** have both endorsed No on 645, joining a list of dozens of advocacy organizations and labor unions that are urging their members to vote No.

These endorsements continue the No campaign's significant momentum with just a month until most Washingtonians begin voting.

- The No campaign has broad public support as shown in multiple polls released by the campaign, with I-645 failing by double digits in both polls.
- Earlier this week, No on 645 started airing its first [television ad](#) of the race, and expects to be on the air through Election Day. The ad outlines how I-645 will make Washington's upside down tax system even worse, as hedge fund mogul Brian Heywood seeks to give himself and his wealthy friends a \$13 billion tax cut while driving up costs for everyone else.
- The Yes side continues to juggle two campaign committees and weak fundraising. They have failed to earn key endorsements, including [losing the endorsement](#) of the Seattle Times Editorial Board last week.

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