

John Ladenburg

Current Occupation/Employer:

Pierce County Executive

Significant Career Experience:

1976-1986 - Managed own private practice in Tacoma

1977 - Admitted to United States Supreme Court

Elected Experience:

1982-1986 - Tacoma City Councilman

1986-2000 - Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

2001 - Current - Pierce County Executive

Education:

1967 - Graduated Stadium High School, Tacoma, Washington

1971 - Graduated Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, Degree: Political Science B.A.
(Honors)

1974 - Graduated Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, Degree: Juris Doctor

Family:

The third of 16 children, John Ladenburg was born in Leavenworth, WA. John married his wife, Connie, 39 years ago. John and Connie have five grown children and eight grandchildren.

Question 1:

Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg will bring hands-on experience in criminal justice, financial management, and consumer protection to an office that should be run for the people, not self promotion.

A four-term elected County Prosecutor, John helped write the state's first sex offender monitoring legislation, reduced violent drug crimes, and prosecuted polluters.

As Attorney General, John will focus on issues that impact our lives.

IDENTITY THEFT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION:

Washington is the 2nd worst state in the nation for consumer fraud and 9th worst for identity theft. John will increase enforcement and improve tracking and sentencing. Why are we paying the highest gas prices in the nation? John will get answers, not make excuses.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:

John has a history of defending our air, water, climate and open space and will continue to do so.

SAFEGUARDING KIDS AND SENIORS

Online predators and scam artists prey on our most vulnerable. John has actual courtroom experience and will use his skills to track down and punish those who abuse kids and seniors.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS:

John doesn't waffle on issues like reproductive choice or other personal freedoms. He will fight efforts to roll back our rights at the federal or state level.

Question 2:**Education**

Every day, nearly 30% of Pierce County's workforce leaves the county because there isn't enough good paying jobs right here. To attract new businesses to Pierce County, we need a well educated, well-trained workforce. That's why John Ladenburg was one of the first supporters of the Technology Center at the University of Washington Tacoma. He understands education is the key to a successful community.

Energy

As county executive, I have asked every department to determine how to reduce the county's carbon footprint. Many programs are already underway from the purchase of hybrid vehicles to a reduction in the energy used by the county's computer network.

Healthcare

Government should move to reduce health care costs by making sure that non-profits are truly working to keep costs down and using tax benefits to do so. I support universal health care.

Labor / Economic Justice

I come from a union family and have always supported unions. I have been endorsed by:

AFSCME council 28
AFT Washington
County and City Employees
International Association of Machinists
Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28
Kitsap Central Labor Council
Lakewood Professional Fire Fighters
Tacoma Firefighter's Union
Washington Education Association
Washington Federation of State Employees

Washington State Labor Council

IBEW Local 76

IBEW Local 46

IBEW Local 77

UFCW Local 21

Transportation

Now finishing a second term as Pierce County Executive, I have taken the lead on a wide range of local and regional issues. Working with other counties and jurisdictions, I helped bring 21st Century transportation to the Puget Sound area.

When I became Executive, I joined the Sound Transit Board right at the time the agency was forced to announce it was far over budget and behind schedule. I wasted no time turning the troubled agency around.

Although it was tradition for members to serve only two years as Chair of the Board, John was asked by fellow members to serve an unprecedented four straight years, stepping down in January 2008. When John took over as Chair, the Link Light Rail line to the airport was less than 10% complete. Today it is more than 85% complete and on time and on budget.