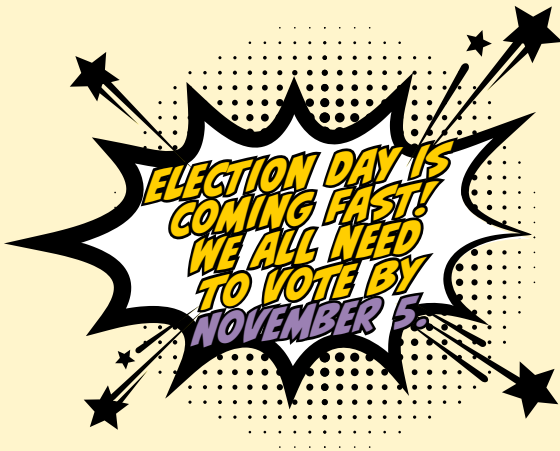


# Vote for Alexis Mercedes Rinck for Seattle City Council



Before we negotiated our last contract, we approached the City Council and let them know how urgent it was to bring the wages up at DESC dramatically, so that we can do this important work and survive in an expensive city. Because of our previous hard work electing City Council members who share our values, their answer was a resounding yes to fund

our wages, and we were able to bring wages up considerably.

A lot has changed since then. Huge corporations and the very wealthy didn't like that the Council taxed them to bring needed services to the community, and they flooded our City Council campaigns with money, and bought themselves a majority of the seats. Our City Council now mostly consists of elected officials who were bought this way, and they are doing exactly what they are being paid to—they are making changes to funding allocations that hurt us and help their rich sponsors. These folks are a threat to DESC because it is the city and county who provide much of the funding that keeps our organization going.

The good news is that we have a candidate this year for City Council who shares our values. Electing her will be key in making sure DESC gets the funding to survive, and we can have the raises we are looking for next time we bargain. We interviewed her last spring and have endorsed her.

**Her name is Alexis Mercedes Rinck.**



"I will always fight for our human services workers not only because of my work in human services policy and homelessness, but because I believe that all frontline workers that serve our community should be able to afford to live in the city they serve. The needs in the communities we serve are high and our resources aren't scaled to meet the need. In a given day in King County, 16,000 people are

experiencing homelessness. And everyday, hardworking human service providers and case managers do the work to house and care for our neighbors. The answer is not divestment because the system is not working. The answer is more services and more care." **Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Seattle City Council Candidate**

## Why Alexis Mercedes Rinck?

Alexis shares our values on behavioral health and housing and would be a much needed friend on the Council. Seattle is holding a special election in 2024 to fill the city-wide seat. Her opponent is the pro-business candidate and has already in her short time on Council supported some very harmful policies that directly undercut our work and our clients health.

Vote Alexis – and defend our community.



## Democracy Vouchers

Voters in Seattle get Democracy Vouchers in the mail every year. They are Seattle's move towards publicly funded elections, our push back on corporations being given the same rights as people in our electoral system. Those of us who still have them are endorsing Alexis Mercedes Rinck.

Don't have them? Go here for replacement vouchers.



[seattle.gov/democracyvoucher](https://seattle.gov/democracyvoucher)

## How can I help?

These last few days before the ballots are due are crucial for getting Alexis into office. We are fighting for our values, and we have a plan to win—pick a time when you can devote a few hours to talking with neighbors about why this is important. We are down to the last days, where our help can make a huge difference. Sometimes local elections are won or lost by only a few votes, so the number of people we are able to connect with can be a game changer.



### Which one of these walks can you attend?



“When I started working at DESC, I made \$9.50/hour. We have made huge strides in wages in recent years because

we made friends in Olympia and showed them what we need to serve our communities. Now, our city level funding is really on the line because the Council either doesn’t understand our value to the community or doesn’t care. By voting, we let the City Council know where our values are at and how we want our families, communities, and clients to be supported.” **Naomi Morris, Psych RN, CSC**



“I worked at the Navigation Center in the International District and although there was real and understandable tension there, I saw our team make a real difference every day. Getting rid of places to receive services doesn’t get rid of the people who need services. People need somewhere

to be and if our Council doesn’t like people congregating where the services are currently, they should work to get more services in more places! Alexis understands this, while Tanya Woo has a law and order approach which we know doesn’t work. Corporate interests want pawns on the Council to divest from DESC and support harmful policies like SODA that appear like a solution to social issues and visible homelessness, but actually set back our clients and community. If you want to get rid of people doing drugs outside, give them somewhere inside to go.” **Rita Thorsen, CES, PSQ**

## Join the candidate for door knocking at the following times and locations!

RSVP to [willm@seiu1199nw.org](mailto:willm@seiu1199nw.org)

Tuesday 10/29 4-6 pm	Central district canvass/door knock with Alexis	Spring Street Mini Park, 1506 E Spring St.
Wednesday 10/30 4:30-6 pm	Beacon Hill canvass/door knock with Alexis	Quick doorknocking Canvass at Plaza Roberto Maestas from around 4:30pm to 6pm right near the Beacon Hill Light Rail Station.
Friday 11/1 4:30-6 pm	Wallingford canvass/door knock with Alexis	4219 Wallingford Ave N
Saturday 11/2 11 am to 2 pm	Fremont canvass/door knock with Alexis	Exact location TBD
Saturday 11/2 4-6 pm	Ballard canvass/door knock with Alexis	2644 NW 60th St
Sunday 11/3 11-2 or 12-3	West Seattle canvass/door knock with Alexis	Dakota Place Park 4304 SW Dakota St
Mon 11/4 2pm or 4 pm	Capitol Hill canvass/door knock with Alexis	Miller Park 337 20th Ave E
Tuesday 11/5 9am - 5 pm	All over town!	<b>Last day of the election!</b> We are going to cheer on voters outside and give info to would-be voters at light rail stations including Cap Hill, U-District, Roosevelt, CID, Mt. Baker and any others people are interested in. Sign up if you are available on election day to help. Very flexible timing and location preference.

