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## SEATTLE FIRE FIGHTERS

### (Seattle, WA) – Seattle Fire Fighters Endorse Sara Nelson for City Council Position 9

*Sara is the strong, principled change agent that Seattle needs right now*

Seattle Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 27, are proud to endorse Sara Nelson for Seattle City Council Position 9. The Primary Election is on August 3, 2021.

We met with each of the candidates for City Council Position 9 and based on her track record, ability to get things done, and experience, we believe Sara Nelson is the best candidate for this critical position. We need strong, principled, balanced leadership that focuses on the health, safety, and quality of life for every person in Seattle. Sara is the leader who will deliver results to move Seattle forward, not more of the same.

24-hours a day, 7-days a week, Seattle Fire Fighters respond to well over 100,000 emergency calls for service in every single community in the City of Seattle. Our fire fighters are on the frontlines of every issue our great city is struggling with. Structure fires, the housing crisis, our unhoused population, a growing and deadly addiction crisis, mental health issues, a racial reckoning, a pandemic, and economic uncertainty: these are just some of the issues that are straining our critical emergency services. Now more than ever our City needs to have a fully funded, fully staffed fire department to respond when Seattle residents need us the most.

***“Our city needs serious, capable, and experienced leaders like Sara Nelson to ensure that the Seattle Fire Fighters have the resources and support we need to protect Seattle families,”*** said Seattle Fire Department Lieutenant Kenny Stuart, who serves as President of the Seattle Fire Fighters Local 27.

Our ability to respond in minutes, with enough trained fire fighters and paramedics and with the right equipment is directly related to our elected officials. We know that Sara will make the Seattle Fire Department a priority so that EVERYBODY in the Emerald City, including our unhoused, vulnerable, BIPOC, and struggling working class families get the same first-class service that every Seattle resident deserves.

The city is demanding more and more from its fire fighters and it is unsustainable. Addressing these issues appropriately and effectively will not only maintain our vital emergency services but it will protect fire fighters and help our city's most vulnerable population.

Focusing on a strong economic recovery for our city will allow us to address our most pressing problems. Sara has the public and private experience to help lead the City Council towards economic progress in all of our communities and ensure that we have sustainable, common sense policy initiatives that don't pit one group against another, but work to bring all of the stakeholders in our city together for shared progress and prosperity.

Sara Nelson has the ability, work ethic, values, inclusive leadership, and proven track record to tackle these issues and make sure that Seattle gets back on track and gets moving forward in the right direction. For all of these reasons, the more than 1,000 Seattle Fire Fighters and Paramedics who serve Seattle and care deeply about the future of our city enthusiastically endorse Sara Nelson for City Council.

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