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King County and Seattle City Candidates convene at Inspire Washington's Cultural Sector Forums.

SEATTLE – Three candidates' forums hosted by Inspire Washington will provide general election contenders the opportunity to outline their plans for restoring, supporting, and expanding the region's cultural arts, heritage, and natural science fields.

The King County Council Cultural Candidate Forum will be held on **September 22nd, 7:00pm** and the Seattle City Council Cultural Candidate Forums will be held over two evenings, **October 3rd (districts 1-3) and October 4th (districts 4-7), both beginning at 7:00pm**. All events will be held at Town Hall in Seattle. Participating candidates will be determined by the results of the primaries on August 1st.

Positions up for election:

Seattle:

- All districts, excluding all-city positions

King County:

- District 2 (South Seattle, Cap Hill, UW)
- District 4 (Queen Anne, Magnolia, Ballard, Crown Hill)
- District 6 (North Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island)
- District 8 (Downtown, SODO, West Seattle)

A diverse array of cultural leaders will prepare questions for the candidates to focus on specific needs, areas for growth, and threat mitigation. The forums will feature performances from local artists between moderated sessions with the candidates. In-person audience participation is encouraged but all events will be livestreamed. The venue is ADA accessible, and the event will be close captioned.

All events are free and open to the public, however registration is required. For more information and to register, visit InspirationLeague.org.