

Manka Dhingra for WA-45

WHY IS THIS RACE IMPORTANT?

- * Republicans control the Washington State Senate, but barely! They have a narrow, [25-24 functional majority](#).
- * Democrats already control the governor's office and the House of Representatives, but they hold the majority by just one vote.
- * The seat would give Democrats the ability to [pass legislation without Republican support](#).
- * The race will be won or lost by the voter engagement operations each party is able to build, to get voters to pay attention to the candidates and mail in their ballots without the pull of a presidential election.

HISTORY OF THE SEAT

- * The 45th District Senate seat was [originally left vacant](#) when Senator Andy Hill died in October of 2016.
- * Dino Rossi currently holds the seat. He has run for governor as a Republican twice, and once for U.S. senator. He said he would be willing to fill Hill's seat for a year but [will not campaign for re-election](#).

2017 TIMELINE

May 19: Last day for a candidate to declare
July 3: Deadline for online voter registration
July 24: Deadline for new voter registration
[August 1: Primary](#)
October 9: Deadline for online voter registration
October 30: Deadline for new voter registration
[November 7: General election](#)

WHAT CAN I DO RIGHT NOW?

Encourage residents to [Register to Vote!](#)

ABOUT THE CANDIDATE



Candidate: Manka Dhingra
SDP ActBlue link: https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/sd_wa45
Her website: www.electmanka.com
Her Facebook: www.facebook.com/electmanka
Candidate Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Dhingrama>

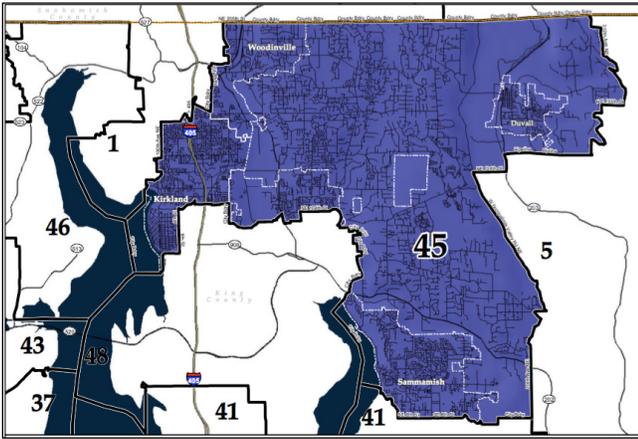
ABOUT THE DISTRICT

2016 Presidential Race Results
Hillary Clinton (D) 48,147 – 65%
Donald Trump (R) 20,824 – 28%

State Senate Election Results
Andy Hill (R) – 52.7%
Matt Isenhower (D) – 47.3%

- * The district has four main cities — Kirkland, Sammamish, Duvall and Woodinville. Parts of the suburban area east of Redmond also fall inside the boundaries, although the city of Redmond itself does not. The swing district, with about 136,000 people, has just four-fifths the population of Ballard (roughly 167,000), or three-quarters that of Spokane.

Major Newspaper: [Seattle Times](#)
45th District Republicans: <http://45gop.org/wp>



MAP: http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/assets/maps/FI-NAL_010112_Plans/Legislative/MapBook/LD_45.pdf

ENDORSEMENTS & RECOGNITION

U.S Senator Patty Murray
King County Executive Dow Constantine
King County Council Member Claudia Balducci
King County Council Member Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Senate Minority Leader Sharon Nelson, 34th LD
State Sen. Guy Palumbo, 1st LD
State Sen. Kevin Ranker, 40th LD
State Sen. Jamie Pederson, 43rd LD
State Rep. Tana Senn, 41st LD
Redmond City Council Member Angela Birney
Woodinville City Council Member Elaine Cook
Chair of Washington State Democrats
Tina Podlodowski
Former State Rep Marci Maxwell, 41st LD
Former Redmond City Council Member
Nancy McCormick

BACKGROUND INFO

Manka Dhingra is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, an award winning PTSA mom, an anti-domestic violence advocate and a community leader. She is running for State Senate to address critical needs in education funding, mental health, violence prevention, and to protect the rights of women.

As Chair of the King County's Therapeutic Alternative Unit, Manka supervises the Regional Mental Health Court, which received the Randy Revelle Award by the Washington State Psychiatric Association. She also oversees the Veterans Court that serves veterans with disabilities and the

Community Assessment and Referral for Diversion program.

To reform and improve our criminal justice system, Manka has worked with to ensure individuals get the treatment they need to return to being productive members of our community.

A mental health and crisis intervention expert, Manka provides training to law enforcement and recently started a collaborative effort with King County law enforcement agencies to coordinate response and help avoid tragedy. She also works directly with Harborview Hospital, mental health professionals and our courts to improve criminal justice outcomes for mentally ill individuals—seeking to close the revolving door of jail, homelessness, and crime.

A longtime advocate for women and immigrant rights, Manka recognized how often domestic violence in the South Asian community goes unreported. In response, she co-founded Chaya (now API Chaya) and has since led the organization's work to end systemic violence through education, prevention, and organizing. She also served on the Seattle Police Department Muslim, Arab, and Sikh Advisory Council to address hate crime issues in our region in the wake of 9/11.

Manka holds a JD from the University of Washington School of Law and Bachelor of Arts degrees in History and Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. She has been a prosecutor with King County since January 2000. A mother of two children who attend Redmond public schools, Manka received the PTSA Golden Acorn Award for her work at Redmond Elementary School and remains a proud Girl Scout mom. Manka and her husband, Harjit Singh, a distinguished engineer at SpaceX, live in the Education Hill neighborhood of Redmond.

LEGISLATURE

The Washington State Legislature is a bicameral body, composed of the lower Washington House of Representatives, with 98 representatives, and the upper Washington State Senate, with 49 senators. Members are not subject to term limits. Washington

has 49 legislative districts, each with two representatives and one senator. Terms are two years and four years, respectively.

Each legislative cycle is two years long. The regular session begins on the second Monday in January. In odd-numbered years, such as 2017, the session is 105 days. In even-numbered years, such as 2018, it is 60 days. Extraordinary (or special) sessions are limited to 30 days, and can be called by the governor to address specific issues, usually the budget. Bills introduced in an odd-numbered year carry over to the even-numbered year and can be reintroduced at their last place in the process.