

King County Prosecutor Race

Candidates Profile

Dan Satterberg (R – Incumbent)

Campaign website: <https://dansatterberg.com/>

Social media accounts (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/ReelectDanSatterberg/>

Campaign office address: 800 Fifth Ave #101-254 | Seattle, WA 98104

Daron Morris (D)

Campaign website: <https://www.electdaronmorris.org/>

Social media accounts (if applicable): <https://www.facebook.com/daronmorris2018/>

Campaign office address: PO Box 22169, Seattle, WA 98122

In the News

- Seattle Weekly: [Race For King County Prosecutor Heats Up at Seattle Forum](#), Former public defender Daron Morris slams incumbent Dan Satterberg for the use of bail in the county justice system.
- My Northwest: [County prosecutor Dan Satterberg's opponent alleges a 'war against poor people'](#)
- Tae Pheonix blog: [Why Anti-Trump Seattleites need to double down on electing Daron Morris as our new King County Prosecutor](#)
- Satterberg on [Morning News with Dave Ross](#) on KIRO Radio: *Satterberg defends his job as King County Prosecutor*
- Seattle Times: [King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg says he's now a Democrat](#)
- TheStranger: [This Public Defender Running For King County Prosecutor Says the Office Has a Culture Problem. Meet Daron Morris.](#)

What events will the candidate be speaking at? What community meetings will the candidate be hosting?

Issues

- Death Penalty – supports abolishing
- Teen Sexting
- DWLS3
- Candidate priority issues
 - Satterberg: He said he has always backed abortion rights and favors a public-health based approach to drug addiction, rejecting the “simplistic tough-on-crime notion.”
 - Morris (from campaign site): Our criminal justice system is in need of real and urgent reform. That means addressing the systemic unfairnesses that pervade our system and result in racial discrimination and the criminalization of poverty and mental illness. Our current approaches to reform are too little, too slow, and too late. They are a distraction from the urgency with which we must collectively summon the will to institute real change. According to a recent study, at our current pace of reform, we

will not fully reverse mass incarceration for another 150 years. I cannot wait that long; nor can I wait four more years for real change to commence. Our criminal justice system should be about fairness, due process, and working together as a community to ensure our collective security. Instead, it has been coopted for the last fifty years by a war against poor people and people of color. Our justice system is in need of urgent and comprehensive reform. Anything less is simply a means by which we allow ourselves to continue to tolerate grotesque injustice.

- [Criminal justice reform:](#)
 - Satterberg: supports the Children and Youth Family Justice Center
 - Morris: opposes the Children and Youth Family Justice Center
- Satterberg: Supports I-1639 (WA gun reform initiative)

Candidate Background

Satterberg is the incumbent:

Dan Satterberg was elected King County Prosecuting Attorney in November 2007. This election is the first where Satterberg is running with serious opponent. After 3 terms as a Republican (although the position is nonpartisan), in May of this year, Satterberg announced that he is now a Democrat, acknowledging that it was prompted in part by facing his first-ever re-election challenge this year.

Morris is challenging Satterberg

Morris was a King County public defender for 20 years before he resigned to campaign against Satterberg. He is primarily challenging Satterberg on the issue of bail reform, the new juvenile jail, and calls Satterberg an incrementalism.

Studied law at New York University.

Volunteer Work: Crisis Clinic, fielding calls from people in crisis or considering suicide

Getting to Know the Candidate

Have you attended any meetings where the candidate spoke (e.g. candidate forum, town hall, etc.)? Which one(s)?

Have you met in-person with the candidate? If so, what did you discuss in your meeting?

Other information the ACLU should know:

The office of King County prosecutor was changed to be officially nonpartisan in a voter-approved county charter amendment in 2016. So Satterberg and Morris will appear on the ballot without any party affiliation.