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### LISA CALLAN BESTS INCUMBENT BY MORE THAN 8 POINTS IN AUGUST PRIMARY

ISSAQUAH, Wash. — The results are in from the Aug. 7 primary, and Democrat Lisa Callan of Issaquah came out on top in the race to represent the 5th Legislative District in the State House. Secretary of State Kim Wyman’s office certified the [primary election results](#) yesterday.

“I’m very humbled by this result,” Callan said. “I’m so grateful to the many, many people who have spent their weekends and evenings knocking on doors, making phone calls and supporting the campaign with donations. I’m energized and ready for the general election in November. There is still a lot of work to do.”

Callan won 22,806 votes, carrying 53.34 percent, while Republican incumbent Paul Graves had 19,312 votes, 45.17 percent. Ryan Dean Burkett, who has no party affiliation, won 636 votes, with 1.49 percent of the vote.

The 5th Legislative District includes growing areas of East and South King County, including parts of Issaquah, Sammamish, Renton, Black Diamond, Maple Valley, North Bend and Carnation.

“The economic realities of people living across the 5th vary a lot, and I’ve heard from many people who are struggling with rising out-of-pocket medical expenses and property taxes,” Callan said. “There are a lot of things we can do policy wise on the state level to help relieve this burden.”

Callan has a unique mix in her background – Boeing engineer, software developer, mother and elected Issaquah school board director. It’s that range of experience that will help her hit the ground running in Olympia no matter the issue.

“I hear this narrative in the media – about deep divisions – but the more time I spend with neighbors across our district, the more I’m convinced that there is more common ground than not,” Callan said. “As a school board director, I’ve worked with Republicans and Democrats to reach consensus, and I know that it’s possible to fix some of these vexing problems – whether it’s roads and transportation, property taxes or education funding – there’s common ground here.

“I really can’t wait to get to work.”

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