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**KCTS 9 AND CROSSCUT PRESENT 7<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
PRIMARY DEBATE MAY 25**

Debate to air June 1 at 7:00 pm on KCTS 9

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9 and Crosscut present a one-hour debate with candidates vying to replace Washington State congressman Jim McDermott and represent one of the most liberal districts in the nation. KCTS 9's Enrique Cerna, Crosscut's managing editor Drew Atkins and veteran journalist Joni Balter will question the candidates about how they will represent the interests of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District amid the gridlock and the challenges of the other Washington.

Currently, five candidates have filed for the office. They are King County Council chair Joe McDermott, state Senator Pramila Jayapal, Arun Jhaveri, former Mayor of Burien, Don Rivers, longtime Seattle resident, and state Representative Brady Piñero Walkinshaw.

The debate is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) in Kane Hall 210 at the University of Washington. It is a [free event](#) and open to the public; guests are encouraged to RSVP via the event's [Eventbrite page](#) and seating is on a first come, first serve basis. The debate will be [streamed live](#), and will be broadcast on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 pm on KCTS 9. The debate will also be available online at [KCTS9.org](#) after the event.

Join the conversation online by tagging @KCTS9 or @Crosscut and/or using the hashtag #WAVote2016. The public has the opportunity to submit questions for the candidates via a [form on KCTS9.org](#); through Facebook and Twitter; or during the event as an audience member.

**Media are welcome but must register in advance by contacting [hcullen@kcts9.org](mailto:hcullen@kcts9.org).**  
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