PIERCÉ COUNTY
Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet

GENERAL ELECTION
November 7, 2023

Look for your ballot October 20 - 24
PierceCountyElections.org | 253-798-VOTE
Dear Voters,

I miss the “I Voted” sticker. And, judging from the number of calls, emails and voicemails we still get every year, you miss it too.

So we brought it back, and with a local flair. Designed in-house, our “I Voted” sticker features Mt. Rainier on a backdrop of deep blue with red and white lettering. You’ll see different designs in the future.

Why bring it back now? Elections are a time to showcase your civic spirit.

“I Voted” stickers have had an enduring appeal since they first emerged in the 1950s. The stickers remind us of a time when elections were more community oriented. When everyone took action on a single day. Since the introduction of the secret ballot in the late 19th century, voting has become a solitary, personal act. And here in a vote-by-mail state like Washington, people are taking action during an 18-day voting period.

The “I Voted” sticker isn’t magic, but it is quite possibly the only non-partisan symbol of civic pride left.

Here in Pierce County, we could use more of that civic pride. Our voter turnout is typically one of the lowest of the 39 counties in Washington state. Will bringing back the “I Voted” stickers boost voter turnout? That remains to be seen, but they are a good start.

Education campaigns like this have helped drive enthusiasm for elections in other communities and have helped re-instill a sense of civic pride. Pride that you literally can wear on your shirt collar. Or water bottle. Or computer cover. Or backpack. Or…?

So, wear your “I Voted” sticker proudly. And when you do, share it with us! Post your pictures to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (X) and tag us. We may share it on our feeds. Include the hashtag #piercecountyvotes to raise visibility.

I’ll be watching for your “I Voted” sticker selfies!

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Register to vote, online, 24 hours a day, at VoteWA.gov if you have a Washington State Drivers' License or ID. To register in time to vote in the General Election, register online by October 30.

By mail
Download and print a registration form from PierceCountyElections.org and mail to Pierce County Elections. It must be received by October 30.

In-person
You can register to vote in-person at the Pierce County Election Center through Election Day, November 7. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 6 of this pamphlet.

VoteWA offers an easy-to-use online voter portal where you can:

- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Track the return of your ballot
- View the voters’ guide
- Find a ballot drop box near you

VoteWA.gov
Ballot drop boxes will open on October 20
Ballot drop boxes will close at 8 p.m. on November 7

**Anderson Island**
Anderson Island Park & Ride
Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)
Anderson Island 98303

**Ashford**
Ashford County Park
29801 SR 706
Ashford 98304

**Bonney Lake**
Bonney Lake Park & Ride
Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E
Bonney Lake 98391

**Browns Point/** Northeast Tacoma**
NE Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way NE
Tacoma 98422

**Buckley**
Buckley Library
123 S River Rd
Buckley 98321

**Carbonado**
Carbonado Town Hall
250 Coal Ave
Carbonado 98323

**DuPont**
DuPont Ross Plaza
1500 Wilmington Dr
DuPont 98327

**Eatonville**
Barney’s Corner
40512 Meridian E
Eatonville 98328

Eatonville Town Hall
201 Center St W
Eatonville 98328

**Edgewood**
Edgewood City Hall
2224 104th Ave E
Edgewood 98372

**Elbe**
Elbe Fire Station
(Next to Lahar Siren)
Elbe 98330

**Fife**
Fife City Hall
5411 23rd St E
Fife 98424

**Fircrest**
Fircrest City Hall
115 Ramsdell St
Fircrest 98466

**Fox Island**
Fox Island Fire Station 53
906 Kamus Dr
Fox Island 98333

**Gig Harbor**
Gig Harbor City Hall
3510 Grandview St
Gig Harbor 98335

Gig Harbor Library
4424 Point Fosdick Dr NW
Gig Harbor 98335

Purdy Park & Ride
14567 Purdy Dr
Gig Harbor 98332

**Graham**
Graham Fire & Rescue
10012 187th St E
Puyallup 98375

Graham Library
9202 224th St E
Graham 98338

**Key Peninsula**
Home Park
17220 8th Ave NW
Lakebay 98349

Key Center Food Market
9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW
Lakebay 98349

Lake Kathryn Food Market
14220 92nd Ave NW
Gig Harbor 98332

**Lakewood**
Lakewood City Hall
6000 Main St SW
Lakewood 98499

Lakewood (SR 512) Park & Ride
10417 South Tacoma Way
Lakewood 98499

**Milton**
Milton City Hall
1000 Laurel St
Milton 98354

**Orting**
Orting Valley Fire & Rescue
401 Washington Ave SE
Orting 98360

**Parkland/Spanaway**
Parkland/Spanaway Library
13718 Pacific Ave S
Tacoma 98444

Roy Y Park & Ride
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S
Spanaway 98387

**Puyallup/South Hill**
Puyallup Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup 98371

Skookum Archers
11209 Shaw Rd E
Puyallup 98374

South Hill Library
15420 Meridian E
Puyallup 98375

**Roy**
Roy City Hall
216 McNaught Rd S
Roy 98580

**Ruston**
Totem Yacht Club
(Behind Totem Yacht Club, entrance off N 51st St )
5045 N Highland St
Ruston 98407

**South Prairie**
South Prairie Fire Department
350 Highway 162
South Prairie 98385

**Steilacoom**
Steilacoom Library
2950 Steilacoom Blvd
Steilacoom 98388

**Summit**
Summit Library
5107 112th St E
Tacoma 98446

**Sumner**
Sumner Library
1116 Fryer Ave
Sumner 98390

**Tacoma**

Community Health Care
at Salishan
1708 E 44th St
Tacoma 98404

Hilltop
902 S L St
Tacoma 98405

Kandle Park Police Substation
(parking lot)
5140 N 26th St
Tacoma 98407

NE Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way NE
Tacoma 98422

Pierce County Annex
2401 S 35th St
Tacoma 98409

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities
6315 S 19th St
Tacoma 98466

UW Tacoma
1906 Pacific Ave
Tacoma 98402

Wapato Park
S 72nd St & S Ainsworth Ave
Tacoma 98408

Wheelock Library
3722 N 26th St
Tacoma 98407

Tillicum
Tillicum Community Center
14916 Washington Ave SW
Lakewood 98498

University Place
West Pierce Fire & Rescue
3631 Drexler Dr W
University Place 98466

Wilkeson
Wilkeson Town Hall
540 Church St
Wilkeson 98396

Two ways to return your ballot - No stamp needed!

**DROP BOX**
Must be returned by 8 p.m. on November 7, 2023

**MAIL**
must be postmarked by November 7, 2023
NEED IN-PERSON ASSISTANCE?

PIERCCE COUNTY ELECTION CENTER
2501 S 35th St. Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Extended Hours:
November 4 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
November 6 - 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
November 7 - 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Voter Services:
• Register to vote
• Update voter registration
• Get a ballot and vote
• Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismarked ballots
• Disability assistance - Large font, color, contrast, and audible ballot options
• Get a voters’ pamphlet

POINTS OF ASSISTANCE

Every public library in Pierce County, Tacoma, and Puyallup provides voter assistance on Election Day only.

Libraries are available during their regular business hours up until 8 p.m. to assist voters.

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• Get a ballot and vote
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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUB

University staff are available to help student voters access and print a ballot.

UW Tacoma
University Y Student Center
1710 Market St, Tacoma, WA 98402
Election Day only - 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The State of Washington Voters’ Pamphlet contains State races (Court of Appeals).

Call 1-800-448-4881 if you didn’t receive a State Pamphlet.

PierceCountyElections.org | 253-798-VOTE (8683)
**VOTING IS EASY!**

1. **VOTE**
   Follow the ballot instructions to mark your choice.

2. **SIGN**
   You must sign your return envelope.

3. **SEND**
   Your ballot must be postmarked by election day or dropped off by 8 p.m. on election day at an open drop box.

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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**LIMITED ENGLISH**

Español
Llame al número gratuito y hable de inmediato con un intérprete.
1-844-242-7595

한국어
다음의 수신자 부담 번호로 전화하여 통역사와 즉시 통화하십시오.
1-844-242-7597

Tiếng Việt
Hãy gọi đến số điện thoại miễn phí và trò chuyện ngay với thông dịch viên.
1-855-517-9709

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)
Pierce County Council, District No. 2

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**Elected Experience**
Pierce County Council; Governors Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee; Chaired subcommittee for Global War on Terrorism Memorial; Pierce County Equity Review Board; Pierce County Veterans Advisory Board; Pierce County Law & Justice Review Board.

**Other Professional Experience**
Police Sergeant Puyallup Tribe; Director Fish & Wildlife Enforcement; School Resource Officer; Pierce County Gang Taskforce; Swift Water Rescue Technician; Group Crisis Intervention; Undercover Narcotics Detective; Military Squad Leader

**Education**
Tacoma Community College, Police Certification

**Community Service**

**Statement**
I want to cultivate an environment where individuals, families, and businesses feel secure going about their day-to-day activities. My drive to campaign stems from my strong desire to serve and protect my community. As your County Councilmember, I will be hands-on in our neighborhoods, creating change throughout Pierce County. I will fight for affordability, safety, and bettering our county.

My military and law enforcement experience has provided me with a wealth of knowledge and insight into civil rights and public safety issues. I will use this experience to make sound decisions and initiate policies that make a difference. I understand that public safety encompasses more than just crime prevention; we must also address public health and emergency preparedness.

Communities thrive when residents have access to the resources needed to live healthy, stable lives. We must invest in our public health programs to help our vulnerable populations struggling with homelessness or addiction. I understand how crucial it is to fund programs that prioritize and address these issues to create a strong community foundation.

Your County Council should reflect your interests. I promise to be your boots on the ground councilmember. Together we can build a strong, thriving Pierce County.

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**Elected Experience**
Executive Board Member, Puyallup Education Association

**Other Professional Experience**
Eighteen years teaching history at Rogers and Puyallup High School, Cross Country and Track Coach, and Regional Curriculum Trainer for a national character development program working with veterans and teachers across the nation.

**Education**
Pacific Lutheran University and National Board-Certified Teacher.

**Community Service**
From a bi-partisan family of nurses, teachers, veterans, and police officers, service is a family value. I’ve helped raise money to support a women’s shelter, mission trips, and service projects at the Puyallup United Methodist Church, and work with veterans and teachers across the country to develop character in students.

**Statement**
Living and teaching in Pierce County, I’ve seen party politics get in the way of solutions to our problems: Traffic, increasing crime, affordable housing, threats to our liberties, and education that doesn’t prepare students for a quickly changing workforce. These shouldn’t be partisan issues but are community problems we must work together to solve.

I will fight for improved infrastructure so we can spend less time in traffic and more time with our families. I will create programs where our first responders can work side-by-side with mental health professionals to reduce crime, because we all deserve to feel safe in our schools and homes. I will develop an affordable housing plan that takes into account growth while maintaining the character of our community and beautiful environment. I will support women’s rights to all healthcare. And I will improve our already great schools with job training and mental health professionals.

This is my home because I love the quality of life – from parks, to people, to local businesses, and community events. I am committed to making it even safer and more vibrant for the next generation.

Endorsed by Pierce County Councilmember Jani Hitchen and Puyallup City Councilmember Julie Door.
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Elected Experience
President, Port of Tacoma Commission, Position 3

Other Professional Experience

Education
Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University; Master’s Degree, Northwestern University; P-12 Principal Certification, City University; Ph.D. studies, Catholic University of America.

Community Service

Statement
We must do everything possible to protect the value of our Port by increasing family-wage jobs, improving worker safety, upgrading roads and bridges which provide Port access, and reducing congestion on area highways. We must keep the Port of Tacoma an asset for future generations.

The Port must have a proven leader as it also faces contentious and challenging issues. We must ensure those living and working in our Port area are safe, and we must always work hard to improve our water, air and environment.

Using my diverse professional background, we’ve strengthened our relationship with JBLM making our Port one of the top three strategic military ports in the nation. We were able to attract and consolidate more auto business as well as shipbuilding and growing our breakbulk business. The commission adopted a first-ever workforce development strategic plan. As your Port Commissioner, I will continue to listen and work in partnership with others to get things done. I look forward to continuing to serve you.


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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Education
Concordia College of Alabama; Puget Sound Institute of Medical Technology – LPN; Turner School of Construction Management, Graduate

Community Service
Tacoma Chamber of Commerce; Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; Homeward Bound at Tacoma Public Library; Community Partners for Transition Solutions; Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness; Black ECHO Chamber; Master Builder Association of Pierce County; Board Member – Washington League of Minority Voters

Statement
I’m a 35-year resident of Tacoma and CEO of a minority, woman and veteran-owned $2.5+ million-dollar business. My career’s been dedicated to improving housing, education, and workforce development for our residents. Each of my endeavors has been built from the ground up acquiring practical, sustainable investments. Our Port Commissioners must work to enhance the economic health of our region.

Equity and diversity in a global market are critical to the success of the Port. We must reduce barriers to long-term employment and ensure worthy wages. The roads around the Port need to be improved. Our industrial lands must be protected. I will focus on the impact the Port of Tacoma has on our communities.

My corporate and non-profit work has provided experience in cultivating partnerships. I will support the Port in building educational partnerships with local school systems. The Northwest Sea Port Alliance remains a critical partnership. I look forward to working with our neighbors to the North while prioritizing Tacoma. We cannot continue to pay more and get less.

I have the skills, experience, and fiscal acumen for the role of Port Commissioner. With my life experience comes a unique voice to the Port Commission. I appreciate your vote.
Kristin Ang

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Elected Experience
Port of Tacoma Commissioner, Pos. 5

Other Professional Experience
Business Law Attorney; State Policy Director, Faith Action Network; Clean Energy Group; US Commercial Service

Education
JD, Cornell Law School; BA Business Administration, University of Puget Sound; Bellarmine Prep HS; Harbor Heights Elementary, Gig Harbor

Community Service
Board Member, Washington Council of International Trade; Executive Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development Board; Joint Municipal Action Committee; 253 Maritime Advisory Board; City Club of Tacoma; Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Ambassador; Filipino Lawyers of Washington; ROTARY 8; Free School Meals for All Kids advocate

Statement
Our Port is in a stronger position now than it was 4 years ago, and we're delivering greater benefits to Pierce County residents. I'm asking for your vote to continue this work and expand on our gains in fiscal responsibility, environmental cleanup, and driving economic growth.

During my term, we decreased the port tax levy rate for Pierce County taxpayers, decreased port debt, and will finally receive a fairer share of the Harbor Maintenance Tax. Coupled with streamlined efficiency, we've increased investments to expand port capacity and modernize terminals – fiscal sustainability that has upgraded our bond rating.

Our Port received national awards for environmental stewardship, and I've been recognized by Communities for Health Bay with their Clean Water Hero award. We've invested in Shore Power to reduce air pollution, plus reduced underwater vessel noise for Orcas. We're working to make the Port of Tacoma a clean energy hub to lead the industry towards achieving net-zero emissions.

By partnering with our schools to create the 253 Maritime Skills Center, we're expanding student career pathway opportunities. We're also collaborating with the Puyallup Tribe to build a new terminal and habitat restoration, building trust and job opportunities for our entire community.

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Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Officer, Pierce and King Counties.

Other Professional Experience

Education
MBA University of Washington; MS Physics; MS Aero; BA Physics; Graduate Top Gun, Test Pilot School, Naval Nuclear Power School, Naval War College.

Community Service
3 decades of government service in the Navy; taught English as a second language; served on a crisis line and food banks; Pierce County Surface Water Advisory Board and nonprofit Theodore Roosevelt Association Board.

Statement
An international port is an increasingly competitive business. In 27 years in the Navy, I've worked with ports worldwide including Japan, Hong-Kong, Singapore, Dubai, Turkey, Italy, and more. I know seaports; I know customer needs and how to make our port competitive.

Our port is our county's economic engine. As a Boeing program manager, I know businesses need a modern port with skilled labor. We must focus on family-wage job growth by attracting new customers to a thriving international port. These jobs are the basis for Pierce County's economy. To compete with west coast ports, Panama Canal and British Columbia our port must have: Ready access to navigation and pierside services; Environmental protections meeting high US standards; Safe and expeditious cargo offload/onload; Unimpeded train and truck cargo transport.

I will increase family-wage jobs by better meeting the needs of our container ship customers while increasing education of our next generation skilled workforce. I ask for your vote so we can work together to make our port more competitive while making it a cleaner and safer contributor to our environment.

Michele and Dave live in the community of Lake Tapps and have three daughters and one granddaughter.
**Auburn - Council Position No. 1**

**Cheryl Rakes**

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**Education**  
Knapp College of Business, Green River Community College,  
Mainstreet America Institute

**Occupation**  
Executive Director Downtown Auburn Cooperative

**Statement**  
You deserve a leader that will listen to you, your ideas, concerns and be proactive in their decision making. We have to address homelessness, safety and economic development in our City. Being the Executive Director of Downtown Auburn Cooperative has given me time to deal with the issues of Auburn. I was raised in Auburn and have 5 generations that have also lived in Auburn. You deserve a leader that knows Auburn and understands Auburn. I am on the Lions Club board and I partner with the VFW post 1831. Civic groups are important to me. As your council member, I will always work hard to make Auburn a better place with your help. I am always there to represent the people and take your concerns to city hall, to be a voice of the people. Let's make Auburn a better place.

I humbly ask for your vote.

**Lisa Stirgus**

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**Education**  
Bachelor’s of Science in Psychology

**Occupation**  
Founder & Executive Coach, List Consulting Group

**Statement**  
I am running for office because I believe safe streets and clean streets are possible.

I have a huge passion for empowering people. I have dedicated my career to helping as many people as I can to “not have to learn the hard way” like I did.

I want to bring my lived experiences to city council to create solutions for positive outcomes. We’re facing tough issues affecting all of us. Substance abuse, homelessness, and crime threaten our neighborhoods. Just like you, I’m frustrated at the lack of progress the council has made. I want my family and all Auburn residents to feel safe. I’ll advocate for our police to ensure they have the resources they need, and ensure we have an effective, compassionate approach to those in a crisis. I’ll support a better tax structure to help small businesses and tenants, and build partnerships to make real progress!
Auburn - Council Position No. 3

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Education
AAS, Computer Network Technology (Honors), Renton Technical College. BA, Organizational Management, Whitworth University, Spokane WA.

Occupation
Production Planner/Scheduler, Seattle based Aerospace Company

Statement:
As a fervent representative for local voices, my primary duty is to represent and promote the residents' aspirations. I am unyielding in my commitment to listen, regardless of location, and my decisions are always governed by integrity.

Born and raised in Singapore, I proudly served in the Singapore Armed Forces. I migrated to the Pacific Northwest in 1985 to further my studies, and warmly adopted American citizenship. Since 2007, my wife Deborah and I have called Auburn our home.

In 2019, I was elected to Auburn City Council, and I have been fulfilling the duties of Deputy Mayor since 2022. My leadership in the community service since 2017 provides me with a comprehensive understanding of crucial issues. I consider public safety, affordable housing, business development, and homelessness as key concerns. I will always lead with integrity and do what is right for our city, which every resident is proud of.

Tracy Taylor Turner

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Education
Studied Journalism at North Idaho College

Occupation
Auburn Arts Commission, Community Engagement Specialist at City of Kent

Statement
Over the past twenty years, I've been a reliable face in television and radio news—keeping people informed and connected.

I'm running for Auburn City Council to make our community a better place to live and work by addressing issues we're all facing.

As your councilmember, ensuring the safety of our community will be my top priority. I'll vote for ordinances and funding that protects residents, reduces crime and holds criminals accountable. I'll support initiatives to help those experiencing homelessness and substance abuse disorder, and be an advocate for emergency services and law enforcement. I'll work to strengthen our local economy by supporting workers and employers, and allocate resources to improve city services, housing affordability and recreation. I'm not a career politician. I want to help restore trust in local government by showing up, serving with integrity, and staying accountable to residents.
Auburn - Council Position No. 5

Clinton Taylor

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Education
BS in Human Development-Warner Pacific College; MA in Organizational Leadership, Brandman University.

Occupation
Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring. (US Army Veteran-Desert Storm)

Statement
My family has lived in Auburn for the past 12 years. I currently serve as a board member on the Auburn Public School Foundation, JumpStart Washington Coalition and I am a council member on the Washington State Partnership on Juvenile Justice Council. Serving on these boards and councils has provided me with valuable experience working with leaders in the public and private sector.

If elected to city council, I will work with other council members and our mayor to make decisions based not just on immediate need, but with an eye toward the future. I will work to make city government more transparent and fiscally responsible and keeping our neighborhoods safe and crime rates low and to find and implement solutions for the homeless issues plaguing our city. Together we can make Auburn better than ever. I humbly ask for your support and vote.

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Education
First in family to graduate college. BA in Communications, Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation
Council Member, City of Auburn

Statement
I am running for re-election to create a welcoming environment where residents want to live, work and see their businesses flourish. It's important to have an inclusive community where all people feel accepted. As a resident of Auburn for the past 18 years, I have seen the rise in crime and the increasing number of homeless on the street. As residents, we all want to feel safe and ensure that everyone in our community has a place to call home. And we want a thriving community full of economic growth. I intend to keep fighting for this by implementing new drug laws, expanding mental health services, increasing patrols, and revitalizing the Downtown.

We have to face these issues head-on. As a single working mother of 2 sons, I know hard work and I plan to use that same determination to continue working hard for you. I ask for your vote.
Auburn - Council Position No. 7

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voteamer.com

**Education**  
Bachelors, Chemistry, Benghazi University; Graduate FBI Citizens Academy and Auburn Police Citizen’s Academy

**Occupation**  
Chemist, Boeing; Auburn Planning Commission; Boy & Girl Scouts Instructor

**Statement**  
My vision is to create a safe, vibrant, and inclusive community so everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Building on our past success, I will search for unique strategies to resolve homelessness, support small businesses, and make sure our families are safe.

Born in Oklahoma, I moved to Auburn in 2008. It has been a joy to raise my family and build my career here. For 13 years I have volunteered with the Auburn Food Bank, White River Valley Museum, United Way, Girl Scouts, Auburn Library, and our incredible Auburn Police. Recently, I was appointed to the Auburn Planning Commission and have served on the Diversity Council.

I am trusted and endorsed by King County Democrats, Planned Parenthood, State Representative Chris Stearns, Mayor Nancy Backus, Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Council-members Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, and dozens more. Vote Amer, so everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

**Brian Lott**

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**Education**  
Columbia River High School, Bellevue College

**Occupation**  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Statement**  
Despite petty partisan politics derailing many good ideas in state and federal politics, I believe local government still affords the opportunity to solve problems by coming together. That's why I'm running for City Council!

I've lived in many places across this great country, but my wife and I chose to settle right here in Auburn—a vibrant, welcoming community that I know is not even close to reaching its full potential.

Once elected to City Council, I plan to use my years of professional experience, including as a small business owner, to lead on the issues important to you and your family. Issues like: reducing crime, addressing homelessness and addiction, funding community infrastructure improvements, and investing in the revitalization of downtown. I look forward to working for you to help make our part of Washington the best place to live, work and raise a family. Visit www.votelott.com to learn more.
Bonney Lake - Council Position No. 2

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Elected Experience
PTA President 2014-2017 | BLHS Choir & Band Boosters President 2015 – 2021 | JCF Secretary 2015 – Present

Other Professional Experience
4 years: Chief Financial Officer, General manager | 10 years: Financial Accountant | 8 years: fundraising and marketing | Bonney Lake Food Bank Business/Accounting Manager 2020 – 2022

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
I started the BLHS Homecoming Parade 2021, current lead organizer | Senior Center Volunteer | Johnson Cancer Foundation 8 years | Troop Leader Girl Scouts 10 years | BLHS Boosters Fundraising | Beautify Bonney Lake 10 years | Crestwood Elementary and Lakeridge MS volunteer | BLHS Holiday Bazaar organizer and planner 7 years

Statement
Mom to 5 children, grandma, and wife of a firefighter. Owner of Untamed Coffee & Muddy Soda. Active volunteer in our community since 2011.

It is time to bring common sense to the Council. As a current Planning Commissioner and a Parks & Trails committee member for Bonney Lake, I am planning the future for our growing city as well as completing stagnated projects. I have pushed to bring transparency, sensibility, and accountability between the city and citizens while reducing overspending and fixing incomplete parks and trails. The city needs its citizens' input, and I will make that happen. I have years of experience in business and building/managing budgets.

Rapid growth, excessive development and poor planning show up as congested roads and an expensive strained water and sewer infrastructure. You deserve a voice on important decisions and a leader that will put our citizens and community costs first.

Our kids need places to be that are safe and drug free. I am committed to public safety. We need safe parks, walking trails, and sidewalks to be completed to benefit our community events. We need and deserve change, I will nurture and build relationships, actively serve and make a difference.

Brittany Rock

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Elected Experience
First elected position.

Other Professional Experience
I have had a successful career as a businesswoman and entrepreneur. I purchased my first business at age 21, and am still successfully operating it, while acquiring additional businesses. I understand how important our small businesses are to our community, and how the city's decisions directly affect our businesses and citizens.

Education
Life Christian Academy; Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Washington

Community Service
PFC Event Chairman, Cascade Christian; Big Brother Big Sister Program; CCS Adopt a Family Planning Committee; HOA Maintenance Director, Sky Island

Statement
As a 10 year resident of Bonney Lake I have concerns; and as your neighbor, I hear we share those concerns. I can no longer sit by as a spectator, and observe as our shared concerns go without correction.

I am committed to combatting unreasonable utility rates, ensuring public safety, and holding the city fiscally accountable. We have ongoing rising water bill costs. We need to evaluate the cost of capital improvements, and pursue grants to be combative with unreasonable utility rates. The safety of our city is paramount. We need to support and ensure our first responders have the resources necessary to serve and protect our city. Building and remodeling in Bonney Lake is exceptionally restrictive, costly and timely. I will work to maintain accountability for the building department, to reduce regulations, fees and expedite the permit process.

We need accountability, transparency and efficiency from our local leadership. As a mother of two young boys, I want to actively ensure this is a great place to raise our children. I love our city. I am proud to live here. I will listen to my community's concerns, and use my vote to best benefit the citizens of Bonney Lake.
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Elected Experience
Bonney Lake City Council 2019-Present; Lake Jane Estates: President, Park Board.

Other Professional Experience
38 Years of Software Engineering: Software Technical Fellow, Chief Architect, Software Manager, and Technical Lead.

Education
Bachelor Mathematics University Washington 1985, UW C++ Certified, UW 3D Game Certified, Digital Signal Processing Air Force Institute of Technology.

Community Service
Sunday school teacher (12 years); Youth leader (6 years); Soccer coach (12 years); Lake Jane Estates Board (6 years); President Lake Jane Estates (1 year); Member of Families For A Responsible Bonney Lake; Happily married (43 years); 2 adult children - graduates of UW Seattle and happily married, 4 adorable grandchildren.

Statement
I have been effective in keeping my promises. I have voted for lower water rates, voted to keep water rates from increasing, asked hard questions, and voted no. I will continue to work to ensure the government is responsible to you.

Growth must be managed well. Bonney Lake can be a beautiful, business friendly community or it can become a sprawling suburb like South Hill. I commit to ask: “What if I vote no?” I commit to preserving the beauty of Bonney Lake. I commit to responsible spending by safeguarding the existing budget and fighting unplanned expenditures. I commit to responsible growth by ensuring the plans and the budget for the city provides the critical services: police, streets, water, and sewer. I commit to a measured, responsible approach to growth that doesn’t tax the existing citizens. I commit to responsible planning, so plans ensure efficient use of every dollar. I understand every dollar spent is taken from citizens and it’s a sacred responsibility to use those dollars wisely. I would be honored to serve you and request your vote.

Duty is ours; results are God’s. - John Quincy Adams

Tom Watson
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Elected Experience
Bonney Lake City Council, 12 years.

Other Professional Experience
Kmart and Office Depot Store Manager combined 39 years, Small business owner, of Watson’s Wooden Words, LLC Master designer and wood carver past 12 years.

Education
Associate degree in criminology from Grossmont Community, Graduate of American Management Association Training.

Community Service
Past Member of Bonney Lake’s Mayor’s Citizens’ Advisory Council, Bonney Lake Lions member Vision Chairman and past President. Beautify Bonney Lake Board member and past Chairman. Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society member, a member of the Adopt-A-Street program reducing street-side litter and improving the general appearance of our City. Member of Bonney Lake, The Chamber Collective.

Statement
Our family has lived in Bonney Lake since 1995. My involvement in organizations and events is a testament to my commitment to positively impact our community. Whether it's through my participation in the Bonney Lake Lions Club, Lions 4 Kids House, Communities for Families, Lions Vision Program, Beautify Bonney Lake, serving meals at the senior center, showing up to support the local Food Bank and The Annual Big Give. I consistently contribute my time and energy to help others and improve the lives of those around us. I feel that's what's necessary to be not only a leader, but a servant leader in this community. I put my heart and soul back into this community for over 2 decades. I have been on every City Council committee over the last 12 years, Finance, Chair of Public Safety, Economic Development & Community Development. I feel my service and understanding needs of this community are unparalleled. My passion for lowering water & sewer rates, adding parks, tax responsibility and equality for everyone makes me the only candidate you should consider for Bonney Lake. I appreciate your confidence and support over the past 12 years and would be honored to have your vote.

Thank You
Bonney Lake - Council Position No. 5

Jessica Bennion

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Bonney Lake Planning Commissioner; Brooklyn Park Charter Commissioner and Chair; Brooklyn Park Election Judge and Head Election Judge; Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Substitute Teacher; Gordon Family YMCA Arts Department Lead, Day Camp Lead, Youth Instructor, Preschool Instructor, Arts Instructor

Education
Bachelor of Science in Zoology from BYU

Community Service
Beautify Bonney Lake Board Member and Chair; Emerald Hills Elementary PTA Member and Art Docent; Donald Eismann Elementary PTA Member; BSA Troop 501 & 244 Committee Chair; Brooklyn Park Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Board Member; Monroe Elementary PTA member, Treasurer and Art Docent; Various Church Service

Statement
I have always been drawn to civic involvement, including serving as Chair of Beautify Bonney Lake, as well as a board member, and Commissioner on the Bonney Lake Planning Commission. I also served in Minnesota as an election judge through four election cycles and head election judge for one, a City Charter Commission member for five years and Chair for one year.

I appreciate others’ opinions and ideas, melding those ideas together to solve problems and make things happen. On the City Charter Commission, we evaluated redistricting our city and modifying our city’s voting system, making recommendations to the City Council in both situations. As a head election judge, I placed my volunteers where they would thrive so that our voting area would run efficiently while all votes were processed correctly. In my current position as a substitute teacher, I manage problems every day by being empathetic, positive, creative, responsive and dedicated.

I have ideas for potential improvements, including improving our city parks. I would love to help Bonney Lake continue to grow by encouraging the happiness and overall well-being of all community members - rich and poor, old and young, married and single, all genders, and all racial/ethnic backgrounds.

Angela Baldwin

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
15 years working with youth in a variety of settings including public, private, and homeschool with a passion for at-risk youth. Junior high science teacher and Teacher of the Year nominee.

Education
BA in Elementary Education K-8 in Science Education with Math Endorsement. Summa Cum Laude. Presidential Scholar. CWU

Community Service
Art Docent Victor Falls Elementary | Beautify Bonney Lake | NCFCA Speech and Debate Judge | Tacoma Rescue Mission | New Beginnings House | Seventeen years at Bethany serving in the following capacities: camp counselor, MOPS coordinator, youth leader, VBS Guide, etc.

Statement
Married for 23 years to a police officer and combat veteran, we have been raising four daughters here since 2011. I am passionate about upholding traditional values, limited government and serving the family unit.

While on council, I sought to protect the personal and property rights of citizens and businesses in Bonney Lake from government overreach by decreasing government regulations. I advocated for parental rights and consistently voted in a manner to be frugal with the spending of the people’s money.

I demonstrate steadfast convictions while maintaining a constructive and collaborative approach to negotiating with conflicting views. As your neighbor, a high priority is considering where tax dollars are spent. I desire to be a steward of the money that has been entrusted to us.

To encourage public participation, I have advocated for council meetings to be a place where people feel welcome and free to let their voices be heard. I believe in transparency of government and strongly feel that we work for the people and not the other way around. I will humbly work hard for you to preserve Bonney Lake so that it continues to feel like a city where freedom prevails and family is valued.
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Elected Experience
Represented Bonney Lake at the State level as State Representative 31st District 2001-2010. Represented Bonney Lake as Pierce County Councilman 2011-2018.

Other Professional Experience

Education
BA Political Science, Brigham Young University. Auburn High School

Community Service

Statement
Dan Roach has lived, served, and worked in Bonney Lake for over 23 years. “I love our community,” said Dan. “This is where my wife, Melanie, and I chose to have and raise our five children.”

No matter how our area grows, I feel that it is very important that we continue to have that small town community bond that I have learned to cherish.

I am humbly asking for your vote. I am here to work for you.

endorser
Senator Phil Fortunato; Representative Eric Robertson; PC Councilman Morell; many community leaders.

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Elected Experience
First Elected Position

Other Professional Experience
Eight years in real estate, six years in data entry/administration, five years in management, two years as a flight attendant, and thirty-six years in customer service.

Education
1988 graduate from SHS. I am on the Dean's List at SEU, Puyallup campus. My other studies include Washington State and Federal required land, transactions, and laws.

Community Service
I served a total of 16 years as an elementary field trip aid, high school PTA, District Hiring Committee, Emergency Safety Committee, and the graduation commencement committee. Currently I serve as a Deacon and worship leader at our church here in Bonney Lake.

Statement
I am a SHS graduate, and two of my four children graduated from BLHS, to say I am vested in this community is an understatement.

No matter how our area grows, I feel that it is very important that we continue to have that small town community bond that I have learned to cherish.

I am humbly asking for your vote. I am here to work for you.

endorser

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Buckley - Council Position No. 4

Amanda Burbank

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Elected Experience
One term on City Council, Administration/Finance/Public Safety Committee

Other Professional Experience
Elementary School Teacher, White River Education Association
Treasurer, Team Leader, Building Learning Coordinator, White River Education Association Building Representative

Education
BA in Elementary Education, Washington State University

Community Service
Calling Bingo at the Senior Center, Volunteering with the Buckley Downtown Association, Assisting on the committee for events on Main Street during COVID, Tutoring students

Statement
After serving one term on the council, my work has only just begun. I will continue to advocate for the citizens of Buckley, do my research, ask the hard questions, and do everything in my power to keep our small town small. My priorities will include changes to our comprehensive plan, the continuation of revitalizing Main Street, public safety, and ensuring our city remains fiscally responsible. I am looking forward to continuing serving the citizens of Buckley to the best of my ability.
Denice Bergerson

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**
Retired from White River Credit Union after 25 years of service. Partnered with Junior Achievement to work with White River and Enumclaw High Schools on bringing Financial Education to students.

**Education**
I have regularly attended the last two years of Council meetings and have a good understanding of the Council's challenges.

**Community Service**
Served on the City of Buckley Salary Commission in 2022. Served on the Interview Committee for the Buckley City Administrator opening in 2022. Volunteered as Secretary for Wolverine Jr. Football in its early years. Serving as Secretary/Treasurer for Shay Estates HOA from 2014-Current

**Statement**
For the past 35 years, my husband and I have enjoyed living on the Plateau raising our children and now enjoying grandchildren, so I have a vested interest in this community. I retired after 25 years of service from White River Credit Union in Enumclaw last year. Ending my career as the Account Specialist Department Supervisor, I worked closely with employees, members, and various agencies. Some of my many duties included fraud investigation, and problem-solving automatic payment/deposit concerns. The Credit Union gave me the opportunity to be involved in many community projects, including the Buckley Log Show, local parades, Street Fairs, Mutual of Enumclaw Bike Race and one of my favorites, Full Bellies.

My experience working with several groups and committees requires active listening, transparent communication, teamwork, and problem solving, which will be helpful in working with City Government and Buckley Citizens. I have witnessed the success of our local government with the help of community input.

I feel my experience will be a benefit in decision making on the Buckley City Council.

I would appreciate your vote and look forward to hearing your ideas, and concerns so that we can work together in our shared community.

Lyn Rose

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**Elected Experience**
Currently holding Buckley City Council Position #5. I started my tenure on the Council in 2010 and have served until present, with the exception of two years. I have sat on multiple council committees including Community Services and Admin, Finance, and Public Safety.

**Other Professional Experience**
Volunteered and held officer positions on boards for the Friends of Buckley Library and Foothills Historical Museum. Served two years on the City's Planning Commission

**Education**

**Community Service**
I continue to volunteer at Foothills Museum

**Statement**
As Buckley continues to grow, we face a challenge to develop plans far enough ahead to meet the impact of that growth. The city must plan for future needs to include public safety, parks, and meeting transportation pressures, while ensuring that we keep an aesthetically pleasing community. We also need to be nimble enough to respond to emergent situations that demand immediate solutions. I want to continue serving this community by having a part in shaping those plans and policies. I ask for your support this November.
**Buckley - Council Position No. 6**

**Connie Bender**

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**Elected Experience**
I was elected to the Buckley City Council in 2017. I served for years on the council.

**Other Professional Experience**
I worked for a small manufacturing company as bookkeeper/supervisor. Then I work for a local nursery.

**Education**
Graduated from Issaquah high school in 1971. Then went unto to receive my Paralegal certificate from Green River Community College.

**Community Service**
I have volunteered at an equine rescue. I was in charge of fundraising events and recruiting volunteers. I also volunteered as an assistant coach for youth sports.

**Statement**
I have lived in the City of Buckley for almost half of my life. I was raised and went to school in a small rural town and this is why Buckley has always appealed to me. I love that small town feel. Four of my five children have been raised here and have graduated from White River High School. I now have Four grandchildren attending White River.

As a former city council member I worked hard to keep that rural small town feel to Buckley. If I am elected I will stive to keep our community safe, have a balanced budget, and more parks as stated in our comprehensive plan.

I believe that total transparency is vital for our citizens and that they need to be listened to and actually heard.

We need more businesses that produce income on 410 and 112th and whether any businesses are taxed or not taxed they all need to be taxed fair and equally.

**Maureen Sundstrom**

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**
Please see education.

**Education**
I was raised by a Veteran of the United States Army. I learned that persistence and hard work are the path to success. I worked my way through college, earning a Bachelor's degree in English with a writing option, and obtained a Juris Doctorate degree thereafter. I have practiced law for over 20 years. I have volunteered for many organizations along the way, and am now looking to serve my community by serving on the Buckley City Council.

**Community Service**
Please see statement.

**Statement**
I am still that person. I'm the one that is not obligated to cast my vote for any reason other than to do what is best for Buckley.

I am the one that can make fair decisions based on what is right and fiscally responsible. I have practiced as an attorney in a variety of fields for over 20 years. I have been an arbitrator for the BBB for over 10. I have worked as a teacher, in accounts payable and receivable, and in contracting.

I have extensive volunteer experience including serving as an Employee Review Board member, Street Tree Committee member, Secretary of a PTA Board, and as an Advanced Referee and Mentor for AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization).

I have the diversity in experience necessary to make the right decisions, and am able to make ethical decisions in your best interests. I'm asking for your vote again. A vote for me is best for Buckley.
Buckley - Council Position No. 7

Brandon Green

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Elected Experience
Buckley City Councilmember Position #7, May 2021 to Present; Community Services Committee Chair

Other Professional Experience
Pierce County Regional Council, Vice Chair; Zoo Trek Authority, Board Member; Economic Development District Board, Board Member; currently working in a regulatory compliance capacity for a regional utility; prior insurance industry experience in management, regulatory compliance, and underwriting capacities; former security professional both at home and abroad; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Veteran

Education
University of Washington, Tacoma, Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics; Regent University, Master of Arts in Law; Oregon State University, Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy (In-Progress)

Community Service
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, City of Buckley

Statement
It’s hard to believe how fast the past two years have flown by; but looking back, I am proud of all that we have accomplished together!

I have been a voice for our local economy by advocating for policies that make it easier to do business in Buckley. We have passed revisions to our sign code, parking code, and impact fee structure. These policies remove barriers for doing business in our city and make it more affordable for small businesses to set up shop in our downtown district.

Additionally, I have been an advocate for Buckley's interests at the county-level. As Buckley's representative at the Pierce County Regional Council, I have collaborated with other jurisdictions and made sure that our voice is heard on countywide decisions that impact us here at home.

I hope to continue this work and serve our city's best interest. I once again ask for your vote and your partnership. Together, we can achieve great things for Buckley!

Carbonado - Council Position No. 3

Buck R. McBride

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Local Union 242; Local 612 Operating Engineers

Education
Carbonado School K-8th; White River High School 9th-12th

Community Service
I was a part of a non profit organization. We held fundraisers to give back to our community. We put on Easter egg hunts, put together Christmas food baskets and gifts for families in need, helped elderly by building wheel chair ramps at their home or any other repairs they needed. When the town park was in need of being replaced, I volunteered my time and skills to remove the old material and prep for the new play set.

Statement
I was born and raised in the Town of Carbonado. I am now proud to also be raising my own family in Carbonado. I strive to make the town the best it can be. I would love to help pave a path that sets the town up for success now and for the many years to come. Our town is special and should be protected and taken care of. I plan to make sure that happens. As a town council member I would listen to the views and opinions of the community and make sure they are presented and heard.
Joseph E. Mills
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Elected Experience
Town of South Prairie, Council position #5

Other Professional Experience
Long time business owner, mortgage brokerage, real estate development, business management consulting, real estate development consulting, Commercial and Consumer Banking, branch manager and lending officer.

Education
White River High School; Tacoma Community College; Seattle Pacific University - Accounting & Finance

Community Service
Served on Town of South Prairie Council, Served on Carbonado Volunteer Fire Department for several years as EMT, Firefighter, and Assistant Chief.

Statement
I believe that as an elected official I have two primary requirements that can not be changed:

1. Every decision and consideration must first be measured against the U.S. Federal Constitution, the State of Washington Constitution, Pierce County code and then the Town of Carbonado code. Only decisions that meet all four of these guidelines can then be considered for any vote. It must be noted that the U.S. Constitution takes precedence and no law, rule, code or ordinance may be legally passed and enforced if it is not constitutional at the federal level.

2. All decisions must be considered only if they are in the true benefit of the Town of Carbonado and specifically the residents and voters of the Town.

I pledge that if elected these are the guidelines that will control every decision that I make as a council member. I pledge to the best of my ability I will make an effort to research and understand every issue I am put in a position to decide, If I don't believe I understand the issue and its ramifications I will recuse from any vote until I have done the appropriate homework.

James Van Eddy
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Elected Experience
This will be my first elected position however I bring to the table over 15 years of non-profit leadership experience.

Other Professional Experience
I have served our community for over 15 years working at multiple YMCA associations.

Education
I attended multiple community colleges in Washington and Michigan and graduated with my Bachelor of Arts with a focus in non-profit management from the Evergreen State College in 2015.

Community Service
My time serving at the YMCA provided me the opportunity to work with our local communities in South Puget Sound. I currently serve as Associate Executive Director of Childcare for the YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

Statement
I grew up in Buckley. I attended Elk Ridge Elementary and graduated from White River High School in 2004. In September of 2020, when deciding where to purchase my first home, I looked at where I'd feel safest raising my two children, and where they would have the best education. Carbonado was the top of both these lists. I love our life here. If elected, I will come into office not with my own agenda. I will approach every issue, look at all sides, listen to every voice, and support the decision that is best for our community. I will ensure our kids and future generations have the same safe town we have.
Terry Carter

Elected Experience
4 years as Carbonado town councilmember.

Other Professional Experience
8 years in the US Navy as a Nuclear Machinists Mate. 29 years working in the aerospace field.

Education
US Naval Nuclear Power School. Two year trade school.

Community Service
I regularly donate through my employer's charitable giving programs.

Statement
It would be my honor to again serve you as a town councilmember.

I endeavor to serve the people of this great little town, for the good of all. I think we all benefit from having a healthy town and a populace that cares for one another.

I, again, will do my best to ensure money is spent wisely and with due forethought. We need to keep costs to a minimum which will be a struggle with inflation at all time highs, but I'm hopeful that that struggle can be met and overcome.

Cedar Argo

Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Lots of experience running several business where I was in charge of budgeting, planning, and direction of said companies and their goals.

Education
Bachelors in Business Management, - Healthcare Administration

Community Service
Volunteer firefighter/EMT for Carbonado and Buckley for over 10 years. Volunteer at the Donald Loomis Memorial Clothing Bank. Volunteered as coach for 7 years for Special Olympics programs and Special Education programs.

Statement
I have lived in Carbonado almost my entire life and I plan on living here for the rest. I am a volunteer for the fire department, I have 4 kids that attend Carbonado school and my wife works for the school. I have more vested interest than most in making sure that this community finds success in all its endeavors without compromising the values and systems that have been the foundation of this community.
**Elected Experience**
City of DuPont Mayor 2020-present.

**Other Professional Experience**
Ten years U.S. Navy SEAL Officer/Vietnam Combat Veteran. 18 years financial services private sector. Fourteen years Social Security Administration (retired 2011). Six years Washington Secretary of State Corporations Division (retired 2019). Three years Adjunct Professor of Ethics Chapman University Lacey (2008-2011)

**Education**
Stellacoom Schools (K-8) and Lakes High School. BA Political Science, University of Washington, MBA National University, San Diego, California.

**Community Service**
Pierce County Board for Aging and Disability Resources (2021-present), Chairperson DuPont Sequalitchew Creek Committee (2010-2011), Board of Directors Tacoma Children’s Home Society (1986-89), Boy Scouts of America – Eagle Scout and Regional Director.

**Statement**
A record of accomplishment for DuPont:

The primary philosophy will continue to be enhancing public safety and maintaining our quality of life in DuPont. We will continue to enhance our recreation infrastructure. Those items already accomplished or pending are as follows: First city in Pierce County to have body cameras for police; Security cameras installed in all city parks and buildings; Created a Paramedic Program without raising taxes; Created DuPont’s first Farmer’s Market; Obtained 6.5 million dollars from the state and federal funds to install PFAS Filters (to maintain clean drinking water now and in the future); New playground facilities being installed summer 2023

I am honored to be your Mayor and I ask for your vote. I will continue working to keep DuPont as a great place to live, to raise a family, and to enjoy the gifts of nature.

Endorsed by: Marilyn Strickland, 10th District Congresswoman; Mari Leavitt, 28th Legislative District Representative; Dan Bronoske, 28th Legislative District Representative; Twina Nobles, 28th Legislative District Senator; Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of Tumwater; Mike Winkler, DuPont Deputy Mayor
**DuPont - Council Position No. 4**

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**Melinda Schou**

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**
Operations agent and accounting specialist for the airlines, extensive customer service background, and management roles, with over a decade of working for a local company in Dupont. Currently, I oversee large account customers in the service department of my company.

**Education**
Education: Western Washington University; International Air Academy

**Community Service**
Compassion International volunteer; Steilacoom School District volunteer; City of Dupont Planning Commissioner; 2023 Yes for EMS Levy Committee member

**Statement**
My husband and I have cherished our 20-year residency in this beautiful community. Our three sons attended and graduated from schools in the Steilacoom School District. We have witnessed DuPont’s growth and celebrated its successes.

Being deeply invested in our community’s development, I applied for and was appointed to the Planning Commission. Currently serving my second four-year term since January 2022, I remain committed to this cause.

Public safety is another crucial concern for me, which led me to volunteer for the highly successful 2023 Yes for EMS Levy Committee.

I firmly believe that a council member should represent the voices of all citizens. As a planning commissioner, I have honed my listening skills, valued diverse perspectives, conducted thorough research, and made thoughtful decisions. If elected to the city council, I pledge to maintain the same dedication and attentiveness. Our focus should prioritize our city’s safety and fiscal responsibility while fostering a welcoming environment for all. Representing you on the city council and continuing to drive DuPont forward would be an absolute honor.

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**Tom Wargo**

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**Elected Experience**
First time candidate.

**Other Professional Experience**
29 years in the United States Army/Army National Guard achieving rank of Colonel; Brigade Command experience and Combat Veteran; Currently serving as the Director of Property and Fiscal Operations, Washington National Guard (8 years); Operations, Production, and Materials Management in Manufacturing sector (Milgard Manufacturing and Trim Systems Corporation).

**Education**
Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College; Master of Business Administration, University of Phoenix (resident); Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Portland

**Community Service**
DuPont Patriot Athletic League (PAL) Board Member; Baseball Coach, PAL DuPont; Tacoma Rescue Mission volunteer; Tyler House of Tacoma volunteer; Visitation Church Food Bank.

**Statement**
My wife, Jeannine and I have lived in DuPont since 2007 and have raised 4 wonderful children in this community. I have served nearly 30 years in the military and want to bring that experience and desire for public service to the DuPont City Council.

DuPont has grown substantially over the past several years. We are a community of good neighbors and stakeholders who range from volunteers to business owners and these relationships have made DuPont thrive. I will look to enhance programs offered through the city and find ways to improve the services available to our residents.

Safety and security is vital. Having responded to emergencies throughout the state as a Washington Army National Guardsman such as floods, fires, and civil unrest, I understand the importance of connecting with external partners and developing effective policies. Responsibility and accountability in public service is of the utmost importance.

Our parks, trails, and historical areas are very important to preserve. This requires careful balance of commercial interests and decisions that may impact our beautiful community. I am ready to do just that. I am excited to serve this community where my family calls home. I thank you for your consideration.
DuPont - Council Position No. 5

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Senior Latent Print Examiner City of Seattle Police Department
Retired; Southfork Ranch Homeowners Association President;
Green River Community College Instructor

Education
Graduate Kentridge High School

Community Service
Co-Chair DuPont Parks and Recreation Commission; Co-Vice
Chair of the DuPont EMS renewal Levy 2023; Co-Founder of the
New PARCS-DuPont; Veterans Services of South Puget Sound
volunteer; Steilacoom Historical School District volunteer;
DuPont Food Pantry and Feeding Families volunteer

Statement
As a Washington state native, I've chosen to make DuPont my
home. If elected, I will bring fresh ideas to the council. You, our
citizens, need to be involved in every aspect of our growth. I will
listen to your concerns and do my best to ensure that we have a
better communication flow from the city.

As co-chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, I work hard
to ensure that we provide a variety of fun activities for our youth
and families. We need to revisit the community center proposal
and your input is critical.

My professional career allowed me to work closely with local
and federal police and fire departments. When asked by Deputy
Mayor Mike Winkler to be the co-vice chair of the successful 2023
DuPont EMS Levy renewal committee, I quickly stepped up. Our
fire and police services are critical to the safety of our citizens.

I believe caring for our veterans needs to be a priority. This is
why I support and volunteer with Nine9Line Veteran Services. My
values include commitment, follow-through, honesty, and
integrity. As our city expands, we must balance growth with
stewardship of our natural environment. I respectfully ask for
your vote

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Elected Experience
DuPont City Councilmember 2013-2021, DuPont Transportation
Benefit District 2013-2021, Public Safety Committee Chair 2018-
2021, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Chair 2017-2021.

Other Professional Experience
Over 30 years' Finance experience, including Commercial,
Residential, Consumer and Construction Lending, Risk
Management. Currently Vice President of Consumer Lending at
O Bee Credit Union.

Education
Attended University of Alaska, Anchorage, University of New
Hampshire.

Community Service
DuPont Neighborhood Watch Captain 2022-present, Farmers
Market Committee Member 2021, Council Liaison to Parks &
Recreation Commission 2014-2020, Dessert Dash Coordinator
for DuPont Parks & Recreation Annual Fundraiser 2015-2020,
Council Liaison to DuPont Youth Council 2014-2015, DuPont
Planning Commission Board Member 2013-2014, DuPont
Finance Committee 2012.

Statement
As your DuPont neighbor, it was an honor to represent you on
City Council for 8 years. After the recession of 2011, DuPont
was financially devastated and unable to meet its service levels.
During my tenure, we worked to resolve landscape maintenance
issues in public areas and made park improvements. We
refinanced the Civic Center Debt and established a reserve
account; improving the city's credit rating. We developed a plan
to repair and replace sidewalks and trees without raising taxes.
DuPont received two state grants funding improvements to
DuPont-Steilacoom Road, reducing traffic at exit 119. We worked
with state representatives securing $5.95M to improve DuPont's
water filtration system.

I will be your advocate for Public Safety, initiating changes to
protect families and keep our community safe. I support hiring
more police officers and firefighters to better serve our city.

I will balance homeowner and commercial interests to safeguard
your quality of life in DuPont, protecting your property values
and our natural environment as our city continues to flourish.

Finally, City Council must move forward with the $150k
Community Center Feasibility Study from 2019. DuPont should
allow citizens the opportunity to vote yes or no before this study
loses its value.
DuPont - Council Position No. 6

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Elected Experience
Council Member Position 6 City of DuPont.

Other Professional Experience

Education
Bellarmine College Preparatory, CA ’81, Santa Clara University, American River College POST degree/certification 1987, Embry-Riddle Professional Aeronautics. Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (ACML)

Community Service
American Legion Post 53. Member MOAA. Member MOWW. Member Pierce County Regional Council. Executive Board SSHA3P. Former DuPont Planning Commission Chairman. Former NAMI Pierce County Legislative Director. WA HCA SURSA Committee.

Statement
I moved to DuPont in 2007 and recognized immediately that DuPont was very special, having a rich historic heritage and immense natural beauty. Leaving military life, I sought opportunities to improve DuPont, volunteering for the Planning Commission, ultimately becoming chairperson. For 6 years I have honorably served the residents, business owners and visitors of DuPont with a servant's heart.

I remain a citizen servant to the residents and business owners of the City of DuPont. Reducing crime, improving the quality of life for DuPont residents, and supporting regional efforts to reduce homelessness, substance abuse and the stigma of mental illness are my priorities. I currently work closely with citizens improving and protecting our natural resources. Let us restore the Edmonds Marsh and Sequalitchew creek to its' original splendor. I wish to use my years of experience as both a DuPont resident and volunteer to face DuPont's growth challenges.

In 2019 you elected me to the DuPont City Council. I currently serve the residents of DuPont as your Position 6 Councilmember. Our work has just begun. I am your voice and highly respect this honor. I ask that we continue together and that you re-elect me to Position 6!
Mike Schaub

Elected Experience
1-year on Town Council; 8-years as Mayor; 6-years as Town Treasurer; 4-years on the Board of Directors for the AWC Risk Management Service Agency; 1-year as Vice President Board of Directors for the AWC Risk Management Service Agency; 2-years Board Member for the Zoo/Trek Authority

Other Professional Experience
29 years' experience in state government financial management and operations. The last 19 years in state government accounting policies and statewide financial management.

Education
Graduated from Eatonville High School – 1986; Pierce College – 1990, (AA); Pacific Lutheran University – 1993, BA.

Community Service
Coached youth AAU basketball and high school girls Fall basketball for multiple years.

Statement
I am the third generation of my family to grow up and live in Eatonville. I believe in the importance of giving back to your community and being invested in the future of the place we call home. I have worked many years serving our town, and I believe in being fiscally responsible for the funds of the Town. Our citizens deserve a Town government that looks out for their best interest, and ensures our dollars are being spent responsibly on services and projects that are most important to our community.

My 29 years’ experience in state government operations and financial management along with my 15 years of experience in the Town of Eatonville’s government gives me a wide pool of experience to draw from. Throughout my time serving in the town’s government, I focused on being a good steward of the public funds and ensuring these funds were spent wisely. My goal is to provide fiscal oversight and ensure we are following all necessary regulations, laws and our municipal code.

I believe my experience; leadership qualities and desire to support my community makes me a great candidate to continue my service on the Town Council Position #3.

Joe Hagen

Elected Experience
No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience
General Manager, District Manager, Jiffy Lube, 26 years; Walmart Assistant Manager, 3 years; Office Manager $4 million wholesale company, 8 years; USAFR Retired, Technical Sergeant 446 Maintenance Squadron, 21 years.

Education
Business Management Pierce College; Accounting Tacoma Community College; Community College of the Air Force Aircraft Maintenance and Leadership.

Community Service
Eatonville 3rd of July sound, music and MC; Eatonville Municipal Code Review Citizen Committee; Pastoral Council Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 10 years; American Cancer Society Relay for Life Dj and MC, 6 years; Eatonville Centennial Celebration committee, 2009; Auburn Downtown Association Board 1994.

Statement
I believe the town council should always put the best interests of the town citizens first in all decision making. Further, I believe the council should make every effort to work with the town administration towards that goal. I will always encourage communication between the citizens, the council and administration.

I believe the best way towards growth and prosperity for our town is to encourage opportunities for tourists to stop and experience what the town has to offer. To that end, I believe the council members should do all they can to encourage business and tourism growth.

I believe our municipal code should be simplified and be more user friendly. We should not be afraid to think “outside the box” as we pursue this goal. I spent 2022 on a committee that reviewed Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) and so have firsthand knowledge of how much work needs to be done in this process.

I have lived in Eatonville for 17 years with my wife of 34 years and five children. Should I be elected, I pledge to serve with integrity and to always stand up for what is right. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.
Eatonville - Council Position No. 4

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Elected Experience
Eatonville Town Council Position #4, 2017 to present.

Other Professional Experience
Twenty-three years in a government regulatory field. Responsible for investigating allegations of non-compliance with federal, state, tribal, and local laws/regulations.

Education
Associate Degree, Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, OH. Certificate of Advanced Municipal Leadership, Association of Washington Cities, Olympia, WA.

Community Service
President, Eatonville Youth Sports Association – An organization that provides recreational soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, t-ball, swim, and dodgeball programs to the youths in our community. Vice President, Billy Holliday Memorial Park Corporation – An organization that administers an endowment fund for a baseball facility in the Eatonville area.

Statement
The factors that make Eatonville the special community that it is must be protected. Careful consideration should be given to any legislative action that could result in uncontrolled growth. Eatonville should experience only the slow and orderly growth that it requires to be financially solvent, not the unfettered development that we've seen drastically change neighboring communities. Bigger towns simply create bigger problems.

Encouraging population growth should not be a primary means of addressing rising municipal expenses. Our Town's financial policies should require the good stewardship of tax dollars first. It's vital that your elected officials do not ransom Eatonville's small-town charm in pursuit of those dollars.

It's critical that our police are equipped with the tools they require to protect our community, that our parks offer sufficient recreational opportunities for our kids, and that our streets and sidewalks provide sufficient opportunity for personal mobility.

If re-elected, I will continue to work towards preserving the small-town appeal that makes Eatonville the special place that it is today. It's been a pleasure to serve.

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Elected Experience
No Elected Experience.

Other Professional Experience
25 years as a US Foreign Service Officer working at US diplomatic missions in nine different countries on five continents. Oversaw large budgets of $20 million or more while leading financial management, human resources, facility operations, and general services departments. Idaho State Board of Education Chief legal advisor. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps attorney. High School Vocational Agriculture and Science Teacher.

Education
Juris Doctor (Law), University of Idaho; B.S. Agriculture Education, Washington State University, Diploma, Eatonville High School.

Community Service
Minsk (Belarus) International Christian Fellowship Board member; Chair, Dhaka (Bangladesh) American Recreation Association.

Statement
Town government should promote: Freedom - Personal property rights must be paramount. Town hall should encourage and assist Eatonville businesses, property owners and taxpayers to improve their property and must never throw up needless obstacles. I favor fast and favorable decisions on permit requests with a minimum of red tape. Frugality - Necessary services should be provided at minimum cost to taxpayers. Unnecessary "nice to have" items should be avoided and approved only when they benefit a large segment of our population. Forward Thinking - Change is not always good, but common sense is always in style. I will be a seasoned voice of reason supporting wise planning as we meet tomorrow's challenges.

I believe the relationship between the council and the administration should be collegial and collaborative, not confrontational. Disagreement must be resolved civilly with the good of the town's residents the paramount consideration.

I am blessed to call Eatonville my hometown. Its unique history and culture should be protected and nurtured. If elected to the town council, I will work to retain the character of our town while helping it grow and change rationally and sensibly.
Elected Experience
I was appointed to the Eatonville Town Council in 2019 and elected later that year for the term of 2020 through 2023.

Other Professional Experience
Owner of Gypsy Wagon Espresso, Inc. since 2015 and involved in the business operations since 2006.

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
I have been involved in community events such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for over 17 years. I am also very involved in the fundraising events that support the Eatonville Family Agency as well as a long history of helping with other community fundraising event for locals in need.

Statement
I was born and raised in the Eatonville area. My husband and I have 3 children who all attend the Eatonville School District. I am a huge supporter of local residents and small businesses. Eatonville’s process for people investing and making improvements should be easy and inviting. I have advocated for a more streamlined building process as a council member and a community member. I also support creating policies that encourage small local owned businesses to thrive.
Ballot Title
The Edgewood City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-0681, authorizing a proposition to fund law enforcement and roads maintenance. The proposition increases the regular property tax levy to $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024. The levy limits for 2025-2029 will use a limit factor of 106% or less. The 2029 levy amount will be used to compute subsequent levies. Taxpayers who qualify for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381 are exempt from the increase. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement
The City of Edgewood relies on property taxes to provide basic governmental services such as police and road maintenance. The City is asking voters to decide whether to authorize an increase in property taxes to a levy rate of $1.30 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. This increase would apply only to the Edgewood portion of your property tax bill, not your entire tax bill.

The purpose this levy lid lift is to retain existing levels of law enforcement and road maintenance services. If approved, this levy lid lift would fill the budget gap projected for 2024 and allow the city to avoid revenue reductions for law enforcement and maintenance levels of service.

The levy lid lift would run for six years and would increase annually using a limit factor of 106% or less for the years 2025-2029. The 2029 property tax amount would be used as a base for calculating future years' property taxes, which would be subject to existing statutory limits. The increase would amount to approximately $32.00 per month for the first year for an average Edgewood home. Low-income seniors and disabled homeowners may qualify for an exemption from this increase.

Statement For
No statement was submitted for this issue.

Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.
Edgewood - Mayor

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
I'm currently a Division Manager for Alcon Vision, overseeing sales representatives throughout a 10-state region. Most of my career has been selling medical devices in the healthcare sector.

Education
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Washington State University.

Community Service
I'm currently a Puyallup School District classroom volunteer for my daughter who is a second-grade teacher. I also serve regularly with Seattle's UGM Search and Rescue program. I've held various positions within churches that I have been a member of, such as Elder (The Well NW Church), Church Chairman and building campaign Chairman (Bethany Baptist Church).

Statement
My roots grow deep in Edgewood. In 1975, when my father was the Assistant Principal at Edgemont, he would take me to Noel's for milkshakes after football games. In 1992, my beautiful wife Cheryl and I bought our first home in Edgewood where we raised our four daughters Robyn, Adria, Emily, and Bethany. Now in 2023, I am prepared to step down from my job and serve Edgewood as a full-time mayor.

I see three distinct groups of people that the mayor needs to work with. The most important group is our 13,000 citizens. A mayor needs to have the ability to interact well with everyone, all 13,000. Next, there is the city council. Since the mayor doesn't have a vote on the council, they need to guide the council to properly represent the citizens of Edgewood. Finally, the staff at city hall. They need thoughtful leadership and support. I believe I have the proper skillset and personality to work well with all three people groups.

My experience gleaned from eight years on the council, and two terms as Deputy Mayor, combined with my corporate experience, have prepared me well to serve you as mayor.

I would appreciate your vote.

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
Currently employed with a multinational investment bank and financial services corporation for the past 28 years. For the past 15 years I have been Vice President and Financial Center Manager in Milton, WA.

Education
Graduate of Centralia High School, A.A. Degree from Centralia Community College, and B.A. Degree with an emphasis in Business from The Evergreen State College.

Community Service
Proud donor and volunteer at the Edgewood Nourish Food Bank. Former member of the City of Milton Police Foundation.

Statement
As a 21-year resident and a recent two-term city council member, I have had the privilege of working in and for a community that I love. This provides me with incredible insight as to how our city should look.

Like you, I want the amenities that our surrounding communities have. As your future mayor it is important to me that we continue to take an active approach to growth while meeting your expectations. We accomplish this by having a mayor, council and city staff that embody our city's vision of "A unique, safe and prosperous community of neighbors."

Having an enjoyable and safe community for our families and children can be achieved by managing and planning for growth. Prospective businesses are looking at Edgewood. We need to demonstrate that we are capable and willing to accommodate their needs while keeping our citizens' best interests in mind.

I'm confident, as a father and husband, more than three decades of leadership make me the ideal candidate for this position. I will work hard for you so that Edgewood will be the city that inspires change and encourages growth that we all can enjoy.
Edgewood - Council Position No. 1

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Currently employed with a large Seattle-based Asset Management and Investment firm after working 21 years at Fortune 500 logistics company.

Education
Graduate of Puyallup High School, AA Degree from Pierce College, MBA in Executive Leadership from Seattle University

Community Service
Volunteer at World Vision

Statement
I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the Edgewood City Council. I'm committed to being your voice for our thriving community. As a dedicated community member for my entire life, I have witnessed our community's growth, challenges, and aspirations. Now, I am determined to champion our collective vision and drive positive change that will benefit each and every one of us.

By investing in smart infrastructure, innovative technologies, and community policing initiatives, we will foster an environment where everyone feels secure and protected. As your City Council representative, I will leverage my professional experience, relationships, and education to make informed decisions, drive change, and prioritize initiatives to enhance our quality of life.

Edgewood has enormous growth potential, and it is crucial that we embrace this opportunity while preserving our unique character and natural beauty. I am committed to smart growth that balances development with sustainability. By attracting responsible businesses and encouraging entrepreneurship, we can foster a robust local economy that provides meaningful job opportunities for all.

On November 7th, I humbly ask for your support and your vote. Let us build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Edgewood together. Vote Nichole Purfeerst for City Council Position 1. Thank you!

Jennifer Pazaruski

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Currently serve as a Commander officer in the United States Navy Reserve. Small business owner. Maritime engineer working as a relief engineer on Port of Tacoma container ships. Worked as a Project Manager for the Port of Seattle’s deferred maintenance program.

Education
United States Merchant Marine Academy - B.S. in marine engineering and shipyard management

Community Service
Partnered with Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation with proceeds from every sale of my small business towards this foundation which help veterans and first responders throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Statement
We can be better than a pass-through town! My family has roots in Edgewood for over 30 years. I am a wife and mother to three children living on a small farm in Edgewood.

I am running for Council Position #1 because I will represent Edgewood in what it embodies as a town with charm. It’s important that we preserve what makes Edgewood unique by protecting our open spaces with purposeful land use strategies while thoughtfully planning our high density corridor with complementing commerce that supports all whom live in our community.

Our rural areas are slipping away fast, and we will never get it back. The long-term benefit in preserving this land will far outweigh the short term gain. I want to see our farming community grow where they still can!

The Edgewood business corridor lacks a unique feel and purposeful value for our community. Without standards for business esthetic development and direction to attract business that aligns to a town vision the strip mall madness will continue to ensue. Finally, I will support our city to keep our neighbors safe and enforce the law. I want all to know Edgewood is not the place to break the law.

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**Edgewood - Council Position No. 2**

### Jason Ramirez

**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
2004-Present: Mathematics Professor at Highline College

**Education**  
B.S and M.S in Pure Mathematics from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**Community Service**  
Currently serve on the city of Edgewood's Planning Commission. I have been a planning commissioner since 2019. In the past, I have served on the city Edgewood's Code Enforcement Board as an alternate. I have attended 90% of the city council meetings and study sessions over the last 6 years. In addition, I have attended 90% of the Economic Development Advisory Board meetings for the last few years.

**Statement**  
I moved to Edgewood for its sense of community and rural feel. Over the years Edgewood has changed. Change was inevitable, and is good, but not at the expense of what makes our city unique. If elected I will represent the views of all residents, those new to the city and those who have lived here for ten plus years, as all citizens deserve a voice in their local government.

As a planning commissioner I have ensured that the decisions I make are in the best interest of all residents. When deciding on things that come before the commission I ask myself, how does this affect the residents, impact a property owner, a retiree and local business.

Edgewood can be a well-planned community that enhances the quality of life for current and future residents of all ages, races, ethnicities, and abilities. Residents should have access to various types of housing that supports the needs of families, working professionals and seniors. Residents should have access to parks, green spaces and other conveniences that a city has. This can be accomplished in a fiscally responsible way while preserving Edgewood's rural, small-town, rustic character and history. It begins with you. Vote for Jason.

### Laura Chudecke

**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
I currently teach at Mt. View Elementary located here in Edgewood.

**Education**  
Eastern Washington University-BA; Seattle Pacific University-MA

**Community Service**  
No Information Submitted

**Statement**  
Being a mother, educator, and active member of the community, I am deeply invested in the offerings that Edgewood presents. I never take for granted having the option to take an evening walk down the streets of Edgewood. Admiring the various animals, including my own sheep and mini highland cow, Hazel, is a wonderful experience. The fact that I can encounter my neighbors while out and about, and they greet me with a friendly wave, is a testament to the small-town ambiance that Edgewood embodies. This quality is truly remarkable. Nevertheless, growth is inevitable, but I firmly believe that Edgewood can continue to maintain the qualities that define its heart and soul. My deep connection to this community both personally and professionally, makes me an ideal candidate to serve you. Edgewood is where I want to live with my family, and I want to serve on the city council to make sure it stays that way.
Jeff Southard

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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
U.S. Army Veteran, Volunteer Structure Firefighter

Education
Bachelor of Science, University of Idaho, 2013; Certificate of Public Management, Willamette University, 2023

Community Service
City of Edgewood Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vice Chair, 2015-Present; City of Edgewood Economic Development Advisory Board, 2018-2020

Statement
I have lived in Edgewood since 2008. My family is from here and my wife and I chose to raise our children here. We appreciate the safety and the small-town feel. As Edgewood grows, I watch with anticipation that it will continue to maintain its character as a small town nestled within a large metropolis.

Through my experience as a volunteer firefighter and U.S. Army Veteran, I have proven that I am willing and able to put in the time necessary to help my community.

I have served on the Edgewood Parks and Recreation Advisory Board since 2015. I was able to help bring the new Edgewood Community Park to fruition. I have enjoyed giving recommendations to the council, guiding citizens through the process, meeting citizens at the Edgewood Picnic, and finding ways to increase park access. I have learned how the city functions and witnessed the positive impacts citizens can make.

Edgewood faces many challenges. Walkability, park amenities, and safety are my top priorities. I plan to help navigate our city through the many difficult decisions ahead, emphasizing financial stability, to keep Edgewood a great, safe place to raise a family.
Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
Diverse background in the Hotel Industry, Transportation and Warehousing, Forestry, and the past 27 years in Marine and Corporate Property Insurance claims. Throughout my career I have worked with people from diverse backgrounds and industries to resolve disputes and complex matters.

Education
Bachelor of Science Forest Resource Management

Community Service
Former Member of Fife Planning Commission & Parks Board; Fife Civil Service Chair 2014-Present

Statement
My wife Lisa and I moved to Fife in 1994 and put down roots, our daughter Annika was born and raised here and is a graduate of Fife High and UW Tacoma. We were attracted to Fife for its small town character and welcoming neighbors.

Given our location, Fife has always had its challenges, be it industrial development conflicts, traffic or crime. I have worked collaboratively with others for nearly two decades to address consistent land use planning, promote residential growth, establish truck routes, promote schools, and bring library services to Fife, among others. We created a parks system and promoted a safe and a walkable community with sidewalks and walking/bike paths, where neither previously existed.

The past three years have been hard on Fife and other Communities, and as a result we have new challenges and opportunities particularly around our business corridor.

As a Councilmember I will strive to provide the best representation possible, being open and responsive to your concerns. I pride myself on bringing life experience, common sense and fiscal responsibility to Council. I am honored to have served Fife in the past, and respectfully ask for your support and vote to once again to represent you.

Elected Experience
Fife City Council, 2013-Present; Deputy Mayor 2020, 2018

Other Professional Experience
Representative; Pierce County Regional Council 2019-Present; Alternate, Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health; Member, Fife Council/Puyallup Tribe Liaison; Member, Education Advisory Board - Association of Washington Cities; Member, Transportation Policy Board - Puget Sound Regional Council, 2021-2022; Community Organizer

Education
High School Diploma, Decatur High School; attended Highline Community College; Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Association of Washington Cities

Community Service
Fife Schools, Fife Public Schools Indian Education Program, Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington, National Night Out Against Crime, Fife Harvest Festival

Statement
As your City Councilmember, I've remained focused on safe, affordable and thriving Fife neighborhoods. I am proud to have led on innovation and accessibility to address some of our biggest challenges, and emerge from the pandemic stronger.

Working together, we've reclaimed and restored nearly all encampment sites that peaked during the pandemic, reaching over 500 individuals experiencing homelessness and connecting them to housing and services. We've made critical investments in safety, including officers, training, and technology. And we've secured over $100 million in transportation funds, creating jobs while relieving pressure points and improving freight mobility.

Through it all, I have been a consistent advocate for our seniors, working families, young people, and vulnerable neighbors fighting for local opportunities for our youth, utility payment relief for those on fixed incomes, and local social service providers to serve neighbors in need. With your continued support, I will ensure our policy making remains accessible, equitable, and inclusive.

Endorsed by: Tacoma Firefighters Local 31; Pierce County Labor Council; Congressmembers Kilmer and Strickland; Lieutenant Governor Heck; Attorney General Ferguson; Treasurer Pellicciotti; State Senator Trudeau and Representatives Jinkins and Fey; County Councilmember Campbell; Fife Deputy Mayor Gethers, Fife Councilmembers Drivdahl, Fagundes; and many more!
Fife - Council Position No. 2

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Elected Experience
Currently serving a 4-year term as Councilmember and was appointed by my peers for a 2nd year as Deputy Mayor. Served as a Fife City Council Member for a total of 4 years from 2011-2013 and from 2015-2017.

Other Professional Experience
Healthcare Recruiter for a multi-state healthcare organization; Executive Recruiter, Recruiting Branch Mgr., Sales and Marketing Mgr.

Education
MBA in Human Resources and a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Retail Management

Community Service
President of Saddle Creek's HOA, Community and Public Service Volunteer, Community Services Advisory Board, board member of the FME Chamber of Commerce, and Parks & Recreation board member, as well as other committees.

Statement
It has been a pleasure serving on the City Council and representing the residents of Fife. It's been 17 years, and I am so proud to call Fife my home.

I'd like to think that my love for the city, community, and positive contributions was the reason the City Council appointed me, in 2011. My vision for Fife is not only a business hub, but also a connected City of neighborhoods working collaboratively with All to improve quality of life through parks, recreation, and transportation.

My public and private sector experience, positive outlook, vision, and connections are the kind of leadership I'd like to continue to share with the residents of Fife. Fife has grown and will continue to grow. I want to see Us continue to move forward to a future where there are diverse groups of strong businesses, families, as well as improving the quality of life for our communities.

Invest in the future of Fife; Vote for me, Dee-Dee Gethers - Fife City Council Position #2.

Fife - Council Position No. 4

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Elected Experience
City of Fife council May 2010-present

Other Professional Experience
South Sound 911 Executive Board, Washington Strategic Investment Boards, Washington State Freight Advisory Committee, SR 167-509 Gateway Project Executive Committee and Policy Board, Pierce County Law Enforcement Officers Fire Fighters Disability Board.

Education
Fife High School-Fife WA, Green River Community College -Auburn, WA, Clover Park Technical College -Lakewood WA, Hobart Institute of Welding Technology-Troy OH

Community Service

Statement
As a life long resident of the City of Fife, I have seen the growth of the city on both the residential and business side. We are a unique city that is constantly in transition. It is important to me to work to preserve the individuality, quality and security of our neighborhoods. This will help contribute to and develop a walkable, connected community. In serving the community, I believe that long range planning is essential to the city for economic growth and fostering a livable community. I also believe in working to strengthen our relationships with other municipalities, as well as the Puyallup Tribe, Federal, State and County entities, which is essential to provide a stable economic future for our city. There is also a need to encourage sustainable economic development, including a long range vision supportive of local businesses and entrepreneurship, which will help to create a foundation for future generations.
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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
Contractor for Virginia Mason Franciscan Health Marketing Department; small business owner since 2004

Education
Bachelor of Arts, College of Business and Economics - Western Washington University

Community Service
Since moving to Fife 25 years ago, I've served the community on various City of Fife committees and commissions and volunteered with local non-profits.

Statement
For the next 10+ years Fife will experience significant growth, economic development and construction. Sound Transit will bring a Link light rail station and transit oriented development (TOD) to the northeast side of town. The completion of State Route 167 from Puyallup to State Route 509 will continue. The Port of Tacoma and I-5 interchange completion project is fully funded. The change and disruption from these projects will be considerable. Council oversight and citizen engagement are critical. We need to communicate with each other and regional leaders on the importance of relieving congestion and remaining affordable during this impending growth and beyond. I will advocate for Fife as I continue serving on the Sound Transit Board, the Pierce Transit Board and the South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership Executive Committee (SSHAP). I have the motivation and commitment to serve the citizens of Fife. Please vote!
Abigail Drivdahl

Elected Experience
Fife City Council Position 6, incumbent

Other Professional Experience
Global Politics teacher in the International Baccalaureate program; dean of various grade levels and upper schools; participated in the United Nations program on Human Rights; participated in the MIIS Center for Non-Proliferation Studies program; curatorial assistant at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art; author of YA sci-fi/fantasy

Education
Georgetown University, Bachelor of Sciences in Language and Linguistics; University of Oregon, Master of Arts in History; Museum Studies certificate

Community Service
I formerly worked in Seattle with several organizations such as Operation Sack Lunch, Treehouse Seattle, Rainier Valley Food Bank, and others

Statement
I am the current appointed councilmember, serving out the remaining one year term of a former councilmember. I have had the honor of working with this incredible team and believe we understand how to have healthy discussions about the serious issues pressing Fife.

A Pacific Northwesterner by birth and disposition, I have called Fife my home for four years. Fife is small but faces the same big issues as everyone else, only with fewer resources. I am deeply invested in our ideas for the new center around the Sound Transit station and hope we can use it to create a stronger sense of community. Council has worked hard to clean up homeless encampments and help people living there find housing and job training. It is my goal to continue working to keep Fife residents free of encampments while also maintaining a humane approach to helping those most vulnerable.

As a teacher, I understand the value of youth voices and work to consider that as I listen to presentations and concerns. I am also the only councilmember currently residing and representing the Radiance community and hope to continue representing our neighborhood.

Joey Murphy

Elected Experience
5 years as a Fife Parks Board Member

Other Professional Experience
5 years at Department of Fish and Wildlife with 2 years as a budget analyst and 3 years as an environmental planner; 3 years as a small business owner; 10+ years in commercial fishing

Education
Business Administration; Central Washington University; 2007

Community Service
11 years as a volunteer high school basketball coach; 5 years as a Fife parks board members

Statement
As a husband, father of an infant and toddler, and fellow citizen who has chosen to make Fife my family's home for the last 9 years and into the future, I have a vested interest and feel a need to fight for Fife's future. Traffic, homelessness, property damage, theft, and other issues continue to worsen. These problems have solutions – some easy and some difficult. But we need people who are willing to serve by pursuing creative, compassionate, lasting, and effective solutions. I am confident that I am one of those people.

As our city grows, it is vital that our city council prioritizes our residents, from Radiance to the Benteen Loop. You should feel safe in your home and yard. You should have a reason to go downtown and not fear for your safety when you get there. You shouldn't have to wonder if that package was actually delivered.

My greatest strength will be utilizing your feedback and always represent your needs first. If you feel like I do, that the city council should put its citizens, businesses, and schools first then I ask you to trust me with your vote and I'll work tirelessly to reward that trust.
Elected Experience
Member, Fircrest City Council, November 2015 - Present. Mayor, City of Fircrest, 2022 - Present. Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Fircrest, 2020 - 2021.

Other Professional Experience

Education

Community Service
Volunteer attorney for Sisters of Hope and Brothers of Faith Cancer Support Groups.

Statement
It has been my pleasure to live in and raise our family in Fircrest since 2006. Since joining the City Council in 2015, Fircrest has undergone changes that make it an even more desirable community for all. I proudly led the steering committee that brought members of the City Council and staff together with residents to share their visions that produced the wonderful new pool and community center.

Thanks to Fircrest's stable financial position, I supported increasing the Police Department's budget so we could add another police officer. This will lead to more traffic enforcement and more public safety patrols to keep our families safe.

Important changes are coming to Fircrest with a new City Manager and Chief of Police. If we are going to maintain the character that makes Fircrest so special, especially as the world around us changes rapidly, I believe the City will benefit from the steady leadership that I bring from eight years of service on the Council.

As an attorney for over 25 years, I am experienced in working with people who have differing viewpoints. I strive to unify the City Council and always do what I believe is best for the residents of Fircrest.

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Elected Experience
I am a first time candidate.

Other Professional Experience
Pierce County Sheriff's Department (36 years commissioned law enforcement career, including Patrol Officer, Detective, Detective Sergeant).

Education
Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Puget Sound; Wash. State Basic Law Enforcement Academy; West Point Leadership Course.

Community Service
Santa Cops; founding officer of Charlie’s Dinosaur; Gilmur Park Grubbers (park restoration); Tacoma Rose Society; Toys for Tots; president of Pierce County Deputy Sheriff’s Memorial Scholarship; Tacoma Swim Club; PTA; Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital.

Statement
I have been a proud resident of Fircrest for over 20 years, where I raised my two daughters. As a recent retiree, while I love a cup of tea and a good book, this work can’t wait.

My four priorities:

Safety — Everyone in our community should feel safe. The “small crimes” matter. Fire and medical aid matter. The security of our businesses matters. I will work to keep Fircrest a welcoming and safe community. Finances — just as we must all live within our personal budgets, so must we carefully manage the city budget. Fiscal responsibility and common sense budgeting will be my hallmark. Public Works and Roads — Everyone deserves clean water, safe stormwater and sewage management, and well-kept roads and sidewalks. Community growth must align with our city’s means. Parks — The beautiful parks at the heart of Fircrest must be cared for in support of everyone’s physical and mental health.

Instead of complaining about community issues, I will listen to your concerns and problem-solve to find common sense solutions. I am an approachable, ethical and experienced leader. I understand democracy and how to act in service to all. I care about our City of Fircrest.
**Fircrest - Council Position No. 4**

**Karen Mauer-Smith**

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**Elected Experience**  
This is my first campaign for public office.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Principal, Lakes High School, Clover Park School District (2009-present); Assistant Principal, Lakes High School, Clover Park School District, (2007-2009); Taught English and Social Studies from 1992 to 2007 at Silas (formerly Wilson) High School, Foss High School and Tacoma School of the Arts

**Education**  
Certification in Educational Leadership, City University; Masters in Education, City University; Bachelor of Arts and Teacher Certification, The Evergreen State College; Associates Degree, Tacoma Community College

**Community Service**  
PTSA, youth league softball coach, YMCA volunteer swim coach

**Statement**  
From a Fircrest family since the 1970s, I ran around the Tot Lot, played softball in the park, and couldn't wait to pass the swim test so I could go in the deep end.

Even though I moved away for a time, I always knew I would come back and raise my children here. Now, I take my grandson to the newest iteration of the Tot Lot, and thanks to the work of so many, the Community Center and Pool are better than ever and remain the heart of the community.

After nearly 30 years in public education, I understand how important a safe, inclusive community is in order for families and children to thrive. If elected, I will support our police department's commitment to community policing and keep our parks well maintained and welcoming to all.

As an educator and administrator, I have the experience, integrity and commitment to make a difference in Fircrest. I'm proud to say I am endorsed by Councilmembers Hunter George, Joe Barrentine and Nikki Bufford. I would love the opportunity to give back and help keep Fircrest a safe and caring community.

**Brian Rybolt**

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**Elected Experience**  
None

**Other Professional Experience**  
Small Business Manager, Sales Manager, Business Development and Senior Account Executive for United Parcel Service

**Education**  
AAS Pierce College; BA American History, University of Washington Tacoma; MA School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington

**Community Service**  
Participation in city planning workshops. Member of pool/rec steering committee. Regular attendee at City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

**Statement**  
I grew up in Steilacoom and, with my wife Sue, moved to Fircrest in 1986. We raised our two children here because we loved the small-town feel and sense of community, and we stay because it is quiet and safe. Most of these attributes remain—but they are threatened by high-density development, new state zoning mandates, crime and other pressure from nearby Tacoma.

2025! I want to help see Fircrest into its second century. Progress, yes—but at a pace that preserves who we are. We are an island in an ocean of change, but we still have a voice in how that change looks. I believe we ought to tap the brakes on development if it is too fast, too expensive, too dense or too imposed.

I am fiscally conservative. I am pro-law enforcement. I believe we should control our zoning locally. I oppose the expansion of Form-Based Code. I want everyone, from young families to our legacy residents, to keep living here affordably. Property taxes should not be increased. You won't find me on Facebook, but please reach out to me by phone, email—or in person!
Hunter T. George

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Elected Experience
Fircrest City Councilmember, 2012 – present; Mayor 2018 - 2021; former Chair of Fircrest Finance Committee

Other Professional Experience
Policy and Government Relations Officer for Metro Parks Tacoma; Chair of South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership; Vice Chair of Pierce County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; 28 years of private- and public sector leadership including communications and human resources

Education
B.A., history, North Carolina State University, 1990

Community Service
Member of Kiwanis Club of Fircrest, University Place Presbyterian Church, Rotary 8, American Leadership Forum Class XXX, National Recreation and Park Association, and Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Chair of 2019 Fircrest Park Bond campaign

Statement
Leadership with Integrity: Kathleen and I chose Fircrest as the place to raise our children because of its safe, family friendly, small town charm. It’s an honor to represent you on the City Council.

Enhanced Public Safety: We increased the Fircrest Police Department’s budget to add a 10th officer, which will boost traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrols, and I support adding an 11th officer as soon as our budget can sustain it. I’m the Council’s leading advocate to develop a comprehensive pedestrian safety plan (placement of crosswalks, bike lanes, planter strips, etc.).

Improved Parks and Recreation: As Mayor, I was proud to co-lead the community effort to design, fund, and build our new pool and community center. What an impact on our quality of life and property values! Recently, I sponsored the city’s work to update the master plan for Whittier Park, and I’m excited to see how you determine that park’s future.

Better Customer Service: We are modernizing Fircrest’s systems, enhancing support for our beloved community events, and we even made it easier to get a passport! Our little city can do these things because we are careful stewards of your tax dollars. I humbly ask for your support.

Vince Navarre

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Elected Experience
none

Other Professional Experience
42 years as a health influencer in medical/pharma health care field working with providers and patients and focusing in on education to effect behavior change.

Education
Bachelors Biology Central Washington

Community Service
Fircrest Kiwanis; Dupont Historical Society Board of Directors; Buffalo Soldiers Museum; JDRF South Sound Board of Directors; American Diabetes Association

Statement
For the past 12 years, my family and I have called Fircrest home. I have resided in Pierce County over fifty years.

As a husband and father of three boys and grand father to six grandchildren who also reside in the county, I am fully vested in our community and our future.

Fircrest is renowned for its safe and family-friendly community, and I am running for city council to ensure that we maintain our small-town values distinct from the larger cities around us. My top priorities as your council member will be

Safety is the bedrock of any community, and I am committed to working with the council and law enforcement to prioritize public safety. Service is at the heart of our community, and I am dedicated to working collaboratively to serve the needs of our residents. This includes supporting our public works staff, community center, parks, and recreation employees. Integrity is of the utmost importance in all our operations and governance. We must prioritize the needs of the Fircrest community, serve with honesty, and communicate transparently. Our stewardship of the city’s finances must be carried out with diligent consideration and accountability.
Gig Harbor - Council Position No. 4

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**Elected Experience**
Gig Harbor City Council, 2022-present; Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Board member and Secretary, 2004-2008; PRSA College of Fellows Chair and officer, 2008-2012

**Other Professional Experience**
Extensive experience in strategic communications and public relations for 40+ years, and small business owner for 22 years

**Education**
BA, Whitman College; Accredited in Public Relations; Inducted into the PRSA College of Fellows

**Community Service**
Gig Harbor Parks Commission, 2020-2022; Parks Commission PROS Plan Subcommittee; Downtown Waterfront Alliance volunteer, 2023; downtown parking survey volunteer, 2022-2023; Gig Harbor Food Project Neighborhood Coordinator, 2023

**Statement**
I love Gig Harbor. I am committed to working hard to keep it an amazing place to live, work, play and raise a family. I believe in a community that welcomes everyone with respect and compassion.

Our downtown home is so peaceful yet near so many small businesses, parks and the waterfront. I love that people say hello when they see each other on the street. I am committed to listening to anyone who wants to chat and to weighing everyone's opinion before each vote.

It’s important we work together to connect neighborhoods with bike paths and walking trails while maintaining and growing our critical infrastructure. Public/private partnerships are critical to continue improving the city we all love by building the sports complex, a community center for seniors/youth, the fishermen’s homeport and projects that protect the environment.

After raising our two boys in Alaska and supporting my husband’s Air Force career, I am thrilled to be home in the Northwest. I will serve this community by making sound decisions to protect its character, heritage and quality of life. I have spent my life contributing to my community and wish to continue serving Gig Harbor. I ask for your support.

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**Elected Experience**
None

**Other Professional Experience**
Retired Vice President of Supply & Trading, U.S. Oil & Refining Co., Tacoma, WA. With 20+ years industry experience possessing strong analytical, interpersonal and leadership skills. Accomplished sailor who along with my wife has sailed the US East and West Coasts, Caribbean, Central and South America and now calls the Salish Sea home.

**Education**
Bachelor of Science, Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ

**Community Service**
Gig Harbor Junior Sail Fundraising Committee, Gig Harbor BoatShop Patron of the Veteran

**Statement**
My wife, Vicky, and I moved to Gig Harbor in 2016 drawn by the water, small-town character, and beautiful surroundings. Gig Harbor is our home. Our appreciation for the history of this special place is reflected in the restoration of our 1916 cabin.

Preserving our community requires care and consideration. The state mandates growth: we have already met 2030 targets. Growth has overburdened our infrastructure. We need solutions.

Community safety is a priority. We must proactively enforce our laws and ensure our police and fire departments are staffed to keep pace with our growth.

Neighborhoods Are Our Community, we must ensure their integrity. Rents and housing costs continue to rise yet we permit non-owner-occupied short-term rentals. Residential zones are for residents! Our economic development must offer residents living wage jobs. While tourism is important to our economy, we must also encourage businesses that serve citizens year-round. We need better solutions. Elected officials talk of transparency and inclusion yet ignore the voice of our citizens and commissions. Listening to the community is essential to prioritizing our fiscal decisions. I have navigated complex issues in business and on open oceans. By working together we create a better future for our community.
### Gig Harbor - Council Position No. 5

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**Elected Experience**  
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**  
Planning and Building Science Consultant, Self-Employed; Regulatory Manager, Pyxis Regulatory Consulting; Multimodal Transportation Advisor, Steer Consulting Group.

**Education**  
B.A., School of Urban Studies, Minor in Economics, University of Washington; Associate in Business, T.C.C.; Peninsula School District Graduate.

**Community Service**  
City of Gig Harbor: Parks Commission; Urban Forestry Management Plan Stakeholder; PROS Plan Subcommittee; Planning Commission; Event Coordinator, Parks Appreciation Day; South Sound: Urban Design Review Committee, Foss Waterway Development Authority; CRC Focus Group, PenMet Parks; Safety Volunteer, RDB-GGHF Bike Ride; Outreach and Inclusion Coordinator, Metro Parks, Central Puget Sound Water Steward, Center for Alternatives to Pesticides; Certified Emergency Substitute Teacher, Peninsula School District.

**Statement**  
Our city is facing many opportunities and challenges as we move forward. We need a strong and visionary leadership that can address these issues with creativity and collaboration. That's why my campaign focus is “Anchoring Community Connections.”

I am committed to preserving and enhancing our city's unique maritime heritage. I believe the future identity of our city lies in embracing this legacy, while also promoting sustainable practices for the long-term health of our environment.

I believe we need to support our local economy by helping our small businesses thrive and attracting larger employers that offer good jobs and benefits. We need to diversify our economic base and create a resilient economy for the future of our city.

I have a passion for our city and its people. I care deeply about preserving our natural resources, enhancing our quality of life, supporting local businesses, improving our infrastructure, expanding recreational and cultural opportunities, promoting equity and inclusion, and ensuring public safety and health. Together, let's build a strong and sustainable future for our city, to ensure that it remains a vibrant and thriving community for generations to come. Anchored in pragmatism and ideals, I am asking for your support and your vote!

### Gig Harbor - Council Position No. 6

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**Elected Experience**  
Gig Harbor City Council 2020 to present. Many industry boards as Director and Chairman. President Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club five terms.

**Other Professional Experience**  

**Education**  

**Community Service**  
Emergency Food Network, Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation. Wrote air emission regulations for SCAQMD; California Air Resources Board, Federal EPA. Serving on PenMet's Senior Center Steering Committee.

**Statement**  
Having lived in Gig Harbor for 26 years, I have seen our town expand from a small fishing village to a growing bedroom community right before my eyes. As a result, we are facing many challenges as we try to manage our growth responsibly.

If we are going to maintain our town's character while planning and investing for the future, we must balance several challenges: We must build the infrastructure to support new growth before new projects are approved. We must streamline the cumbersome permitting process that is impacting small businesses in Gig Harbor. It should be easier to permit, open and run a small business, or else we will drive family businesses and entrepreneurs away. We lack sufficient moorage and a fuel dock for both commercial and recreational boaters. This must be addressed. Most importantly, we must maintain transparency and civility in our city government processes as we work to find common solutions.

I am proud to be endorsed by first responders, veterans' groups, and former Mayors and Council members. I am also very proud of my accomplishments in my first term as Council Member. Although I am unopposed, I still humbly ask for your support and your vote.
Paul Wagemann

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Elected Experience
Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner, Clover Park School Board Director, Precinct Committee Officer (PCO).

Other Professional Experience
Decorated Marine Corps fighter pilot (Major USMC retired) with Navy, Air Force, Marines, and NASA commendations. Entrepreneur and business owner. Retail, management, grocery, construction and finance experience with large companies.

Education
University of Washington Bachelor of Science - Aeronautics and Astronautics, Air Force Test Pilot School, Naval Aviation Safety Officer School, Command and Staff College, Hillsdale College Online Courses.

Community Service
Lakewood Planning Commissioner (8 years), Chairman Lakewood Transportation Committee (8 years), Lakewood YMCA Advisory Council (10 years), Bible Study Fellowship Leader (29 years). Married to Linda 50 Years.

Statement
I've served my community and nation with common sense leadership for many years. Locally I've help direct Lakewood's development, infrastructure maintenance and improvements. As a school board director my priority was increasing the District's academic achievement.

Our region is experiencing turmoil caused by increased homelessness, drug use and a lack of hope for the future. Lakewood needs to be proactive in addressing these issues before they affect the quality of our lives. Economic development must provide good paying jobs for our citizens and a business friendly environment for our entrepreneurs.

Our community must promote crime prevention and law enforcement. Only by holding our citizens accountable to the values that make for a livable community can we live in peace and care for each other. America is a land of hope and I am committed to helping Lakewood be a community of hope.

City budgets must be linked to the problems we hope to solve while caring for our most vulnerable neighbors. We need common sense values that honor and equip those who educate, serve, and protect our community and country, and remove the roadblocks that impede success. We can work together to build a brighter future for all of us.

Ryan Pearson

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Elected Experience
I am a first time candidate.

Other Professional Experience
I am a licensed Professional Engineer in Washington State. For the past five years I have been employed by Pierce County. The previous six years I worked as a civil engineering consultant.

Education
Northern Arizona University - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with Minor in Mechanical Engineering.

Community Service
Vice-chair of the Lakewood Planning Commission; President of HOA.

Statement
As a professional engineer, I work as a problem solver with both public and private sector experience. I have developed a positive relationship with members of the Council and familiarity with community issues. I have contributed to revisions to the Land Use & Development Code and other development related items and am excited for the opportunity to serve you in an expanded capacity.

My wife is a lifelong Lakewood resident. I have proudly called Lakewood home for the past decade. We are grateful to be raising our two young children here. I understand the importance of public safety to your family. While the state has made law enforcement more difficult, I pledge to continue Lakewood's resistance to misconceived policies which endanger our community.

Being mindful of environmental factors, we need to encourage development which allows people to live close to employment opportunities. We have a beautiful community. The city has invested in impactful infrastructure and parks projects. I pledge to continue this trend.

If you are looking for a firebrand or politically divisive candidate, that is not me. I promise to be accessible, listen to the public and be an advocate for common sense. Please honor me with your vote.
**Trestin Lauricella**

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**Elected Experience**
Lakewood City Council – Councilmember (current); St. Martin's Univ. Mechanical Engineering Student President (2004-2005); St. Martin's Univ. Pi Tau Sigma Engineering Honor Society President (2004-2005)

**Other Professional Experience**
Boeing Engineering, Business, and IT Senior Manager (18 years)

**Education**
MBA – Seattle University (2007); BS Mechanical Engineering – Saint Martin's University (2005); Associates of Arts and Science – Pierce College (1999); Clover Park High School (1999)

**Community Service**
Director / CFO – the Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation (2016-current); City of Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Board, Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board, Youth Council – Council Liaison (2023); Eagle Scout (1999)

**Statement**
As a lifelong Lakewood resident, I would be grateful to continue serving as your City Councilmember for the next four years. I will continue to focus on public safety, human services, public spaces, and responsible spending.

I've helped pass legislation to make our community safer, including criminalizing the possession and use of illegal drugs, prohibiting camping in our parks, and working with state legislators to give law enforcement the ability to pursue fleeing suspects. I am committed to keeping Lakewood a safe and welcoming place for all. I will continue advocating for social programs (housing assistance, mental health support, and other essential services). Everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home, and I will work to make that a reality for everyone.

I love our City's natural beauty and resources. I'll continue to ensure that everyone has access to safe and well-maintained public spaces, including working with Pierce County to reopen our Lakewood Library ASAP. Our City is growing with parks and infrastructure projects everywhere. I'm focused on long-term solutions that benefit our community with efficient, effective, and transparent spending.

I'm excited to work together building our community that is safe, clean, and welcoming to everyone.

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**Jimmy Davidson**

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**Elected Experience**
Jimmy Davidson has called Lakewood his home since 2014.

**Other Professional Experience**
He has served in various leadership roles with several companies that has allowed him to lead a team with positive results in his own construction company.

**Education**
He is a graduate from the Blue Ribbon Socorro Prep & Vocational School and obtained a 4 yr. program certification in Construction Business Management.

**Community Service**
Davidson sits on the board for Mi Centro Latino, a community-based non-profit for Latino and Indigenous Native families. Davidson and his wife Amanda are proud parents of three boys, ages 6, 3 and a 2 month old.

**Statement**
I am motivated and vested in seeing our community grow in appositive direction. Having a family has really shaped my perspective and my decision making and judgment. I will partner with the public to support the unity and pride of the community by exceeding our city goals. We will contribute to the improvement of the transient conditions of our city and promote confidence and growth in our law enforcement network. We will be strategic and intentional to make it easy to do business in the city to grow our local economy and increase the quality of our community. My completed vision for my term is that families are proud to call Lakewood their home as I do.
Paul Bocchi
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Lakewood - Council Position No. 7

Elected Experience
Lakewood City Council 2012 – present, Pierce County Regional Council and South Sound Housing Affordability Partners, Pierce County Council 2003

Other Professional Experience
Pierce County Budget Analyst (2006 – Present), Commercial Banking, Bank Examiner

Education
B.A. Economics/Accounting, Western Washington University, graduate Pacific Coast Banking School

Community Service
Volunteer at community activities including Parks Appreciation Day, Emergency Food Network Break Bag program. Past Board member: Communities-in-Schools Lakewood, Lindquist Dental Clinic, Lakewood Steilacoom Young Life. Member St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

Statement
Lakewood has invested in parks, roads, and sidewalks. We have worked to build a sense of community by creating gathering spaces and holding public events to celebrate people and cultures. Your city government has come out of the pandemic financially healthy. Lakewood has been recognized as a leader in developing a climate change plan that provides a common-sense approach to improving energy efficiency and protecting the environment.

However, challenges remain. Drugs and homelessness are a problem for Lakewood, as they are for many communities. The council approved the use of COVID relief dollars to create beds for homeless individuals and we have committed funding to house families. We approved a measure to prevent camping near ecologically sensitive areas and made the public use of drugs illegal. We need to support our police by giving them the resources to keep us safe.

Serving on the city council has been a rewarding experience and the best part is working with others to improve our community. My wife, Holly, and I have raised three children here and are proud to join our neighbors in making Lakewood a great place to live and work. I ask for your vote.

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Milton - Council Position No. 4

Elected Experience
I was elected to Milton City Council in 2021 after being appointed to a vacated seat. Since my election, I have also represented Milton on the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC). In 2022, I was appointed to represent PCRC Cities and Towns on the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Transportation Policy Board.

Other Professional Experience
I am a practicing attorney and an officer in the Navy Reserves.

Education
BA English, University of Washington. JD, University of Oregon School of Law.

Community Service
Active member of Washington State Bar, volunteer youth Soccer Coach, volunteer with Discovery parent-teach organization.

Statement
Milton is a wonderful small city, and I am honored to have held my Council seat since 2021 and to represent its citizens. My philosophy as a Councilmember is to keep our City financially responsible, welcoming to everyone, and accessible to all residents. I am eager to continue my work on Council to preserve and enhance Milton’s charm. My priorities are to continue pressing for safe routes to schools for children and increased sidewalk coverage. I want to slow traffic down on neighborhood streets and ensure our law enforcement has the tools they need to enforce traffic regulations. And I want to see our commercial districts and parks become more attractive so we can be a destination, not a passsthrough.

As I strive to keep Milton special, I will address the City’s business with a rigor and discipline rooted in my military and legal backgrounds. This means planning for costs now instead of deferring them into the future, equipping our police and public works employees so they can feel supported by the community, and meeting our housing challenges through gentle density and incremental growth.

Thank you for your continued support on Milton City Council in Position No. 4.
Milton - Council Position No. 6

Frances Hall

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Elected Experience
2022, Appointed to the Milton City Council

Other Professional Experience
Office Assistant, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Washington

Education
Certificate, Apparel Construction Fashion Design Program, Bates Technical College; Certificate, Keypunch, Clover Park Vocational Technical Institute

Community Service
Leader, Emerald Corner Neighborhood Watch Group; Volunteer, National Night Out; Volunteer, Milton Police Department; Volunteer, City of Milton COVID Food Distribution; Volunteer, Milton Days Event

Statement
Frances Hall has been a long time resident of our city. With her deep connections to our community and her active volunteerism in City Events, Police Department, and leadership role in the Emerald Corner Neighborhood Watch Group, she continues to be ready to serve.

Frances is committed to building our local economy, focused on supporting current businesses and working alongside the Mayor's office to create business friendly policies, enhancing the city's aesthetics, and creating a walkable city with connected trails to neighboring cities.

Frances is passionate about providing opportunities for families and children. As a long-time former police volunteer, she recognizes the crucial role played by our police officers in fostering community involvement and safety. She support expanding our police force to ensure the safety of families, children, and local businesses.

Transparency and accessibility are fundamental principles for Frances. She strongly believes in an open and accountable government that actively engages all residents. With a focus on community involvement, Frances aims to create an environment where every voice is heard. Join us in voting for Frances Hall on November 7th to support our kids and families. We can trust her to work towards a thriving Milton. Thank you for voting!

Milton - Council Position No. 7

Robert C. Whalen

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
Senior Representative Aircraft Maintenance Eastern Airlines. Director System Performance McCaw Cellular Communications (later AT&T Wireless Aviation Communications Division). 34+ years of successful leadership roles in commercial aviation and telecommunications. Specialized in people development, performance analysis, regulatory compliance, and aircraft maintenance.

Education
Teterboro Aeronautics Aviation Maintenance. Various advanced corporate and professional career building courses.

Community Service

Statement
Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your Councilmember since 2003. I have worked for many progressive changes directed towards building a community that is regionally known as an excellent place to live, conduct business, work, and enjoy life.

I will continue advocating as your Council representative to correct our city's weakness and build on our strengths to foster a positive economic environment with a firm and utmost respect for the residential values of our community.

I am focused on preparing our City's ability to meet the requirements for government services in the future by strengthening our Police Department's effectiveness; fortifying our financial management; investing in resilient public utilities; expanding the expertise of our planning, building, and development services; and revitalizing our parks.

Thank you for your support in working to safeguard the vitality of our community's future and prosperity while enhancing our small-town atmosphere.
Orting - Council Position No. 4

Jeff Sproul

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Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) – 02-111 Pierce Co.

Other Professional Experience
Procurement Agent - The Boeing Co.; Production Control Manager – NEWMAR; Veteran United States Marine Corps - 6 years active duty

Education
University of Phoenix

Community Service
Pierce Co. Elections Integrity, Pierce Co. Election Ballot Observer, Military Veteran Voter Access, River's Edge Home Owner Association (HOA) Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Statement
In my 17+ years as a homeowner in Orting, I have seen the rapid growth across our once small city. Drawing on my 40+ years of contracts and budgeting experience, I will oversee and direct sensible spending of your hard earned Taxpayer dollars. I will ensure the city strives to improve our public streets and utility services year after year, I will prioritize law enforcement to make our city safer, and ensure the city is negotiating in good faith for the citizens of Orting with local utilities and services - rate increases shouldn't be a simple pass through to the citizens living in Orting. I understand the importance of working with our County and State Representatives to ensure they understand and enact alternatives to the traffic issues that have plagued Orting for decades. Our city motto; “Small Town – Big View”, I want to keep it that way.

Elect me, and I will provide the City of Orting with ‘Old Values’ and ‘New Ideas’.

Orting - Council Position No. 6

Gregory Alan Hogan

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Elected Experience
2018 to present Orting city council; 1991- 2004 Orting School Board

Other Professional Experience
1975- 2012 Mobile Crane operator; 2012 to present local 302/612 crane instructor

Education
High School.

Community Service

Statement
To continue my goals to adopt policy that benefits all groups. Support Staff and all our Public Servants to successfully make Orting a great place to work and live. We must continue to work on on so many issues. Infrastructure of our city is critical and not allow us to fall behind on maintaining. We the community must support and stay in contact with City council and staff when you see issues. Traffic and people who are having a tuff time will always be a challenge for us all. I will continue to serve our community and be highly visible and ethical in my endeavors.
Orting - Council Position No. 5

**Chris Hopfauf**

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**Elected Experience**
I have not been elected to any office but have applied for several appointed positions including Orting City Council.

**Other Professional Experience**
My work experience; Farming, Underground Utilities, Heavy Equipment Operator, Electrician and Warehouse Management.

**Education**
I graduated from Orting High School in 1982 and spent two years studying Construction Management at Pierce College where I made the Dean's List.

**Community Service**
Volunteer Work; Red Hat Days Committee, Daffodil Float Committee, Watch DOGS, National Night Out Host, Orting Food Bank, Haven Teen Center, Washington State Soldiers Home Cemetary, JDRF, Organized Community Watch Group. Park Construction Projects, GM Orting Rock Festival

**Statement**
For over 40 years, Orting has been my home. I’ve seen firsthand how growth can challenge us and present opportunities. In response to the crime surge, I led community engagement for ‘see something, say something’ initiatives, organized a community watch program, and petitioned the city to install a three way stop on our street to ensure the safety of our children and the elderly. Our active citizenship has and continues to influence our council and mayor’s policies, reducing crime, improving park accessibility, and shutting down drug houses. I am the founder and GM of the 501c3 Orting Rock Festival

**Stanley Holland**

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**Elected Experience**
Current Puget Sound Educational Service District. Served as Councilmember of Orting and Orting School Board President.

**Other Professional Experience**
Financial Budget Recruiter for major corporation.

**Education**
Rainier Beach High School; Highline Community College; Seattle Pacific University

**Community Service**
I have been a member of the Orting Lions Club for over a decade. I continue to support the Annual Daffodil Bar-B-Que and various sports events held at the Orting Lions Field. Numerous activities at the school, including football games. Past Daffodil Princess judge and working with the Senior citizen center.

**Statement**
I am seeking election to Orting City Council seat #5. My experience as Orting School Board Director and as a past City Councilmember, and currently Puget Sound Educational Service District Board of Directors; a parent and longtime Orting resident. Below are a few reasons I will be an excellent addition to the Orting City Council.

I am a Committed Orting Resident. I moved to the City of Orting 24years ago, with my family and I instantly knew this place was special. We were drawn to the area by the town's tight-knit community and nurturing environment that allowed our kids and now our grandchildren to grow. I am proud that my grandchildren will grow up with solid civic values, opportunities to be active in the community, and, most importantly, obtain a quality education.

Orting small town, big view. The city offers a strong foundation, amplified further by harnessing Orting's small-town community values, connections with local universities, engaging the passions of Orting citizens, and providing new opportunities for businesses to get involved.

I Believe in the Unique Possibilities in the City of Orting.
Vic Kave

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Education
US Army Airborne Ranger, Associate’s Fire Command/Administration, Associate’s Arts/Science, Bachelor’s in Business (Honors Graduate)

Occupation
Retired Firefighter, Small Forest Tree Farm Owner, Pacific Council Member

Statement
As your council member, I made fixing our deteriorating infrastructure like our streets, water and sewer lines my top priority. These are essential services that government provides its citizens. Now, crime and speeding are on the rise and we need our laws to be enforced.

As a combat veteran, I understand the importance of sacrifice for the greater good. I have committed my life to public service and have proven leadership experiences in building successful teams. As council member, I promised to work with the Council and Mayor to fix our problems and develop plans that make our city an example to be followed rather than a city to be ridiculed. I believe I succeeded in keeping that promise. Allow me to continue moving us forward, continue fixing our streets and other infrastructure as well as enforce the law.

Help keep our city government transparent. Please support me for Mayor.

Kerry G. Garberding

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Education
Bellevue College

Occupation
Sales Supervisor at Statco Engineering

Statement
I have been a resident of Pacific since 1990, and a city council member for the past six years. Prior to that, I served on the Park Board and volunteer at many of the city events. During my years of serving the city I have found it important to work with the businesses and residents for their input.

You deserve a Mayor that is ready to serve your needs, such as road repair, infrastructure, expanding community services i.e. the Senior Center and Youth Services. It is my goal to see the city continue to move on a forward path that enriches the lives of our residents.

As your Mayor, my door will always be open to meet with you and discuss your vision for the community in which we all live. With your assistance, we can keep moving Pacific in a positive direction. I humbly ask for your vote.
Pacific - Council Position No. 1

Katherine Garberding

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Education
Bellevue College

Occupation
32 Years as a office administrator for R/W Graham CPA’S

Statement
I have lived in Pacific since 2009, and I have been serving you on city council for the past 9 years. I was once appointed and twice elected to my position. It is my goal to retain my seat so that I can continue serving the people of Pacific with an open mind, and importantly keeping the council and Mayor honest and accountable. I volunteer throughout the city at its events, and serve as a Board Member to Pacific Partnerships which brings you Pacific Days.

A few of my goals as a council member is to see our city move in a upward direction as in keeping our Senior Center and Youth Services active and continue to expand programs for both, improving our roads and bringing more businesses into Pacific.

Your vote will allow me to continue serving our community and the needs of the residents of Pacific.

Jeremy Scrivner

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Education
Hutson Bay High school 2000 Green River College

Occupation
Manager Pacific Raceways

Statement
I am Running for election because our system is broken, our taxes keep going up and our services from the City, County and Police keep getting worse. If I’m elected I will do everything I can to restore Pacific the way it was 10 years ago with people following traffic laws and semi trucks not destroying our streets.

I am a 20 year Union Member in the local 7.
Joshua Putnam

Education
B.A., International Relations & Economic Management, Claremont McKenna College

Occupation
Marketing Manager

Statement
Pacific is facing important choices as cities around us continue to grow and the Legislature makes us accept more housing density. Our City Council must responsibly manage the city budget to ensure reliable services and public safety for all residents.

I have served Pacific as a planning commissioner, park board member, and city council member. I know the importance of maintaining essential services for all homes, families, and businesses. The city has been fortunate to get grants for many high-profile projects, but that money can't be spent on keeping our streets paved and our water and sewers flowing. We must spend local tax dollars efficiently, avoid unnecessary liabilities, and preserve the city's financial strength for the future. Local government isn't about partisan rhetoric, it's about delivering value for your tax dollars.

I ask for your vote to allow me to continue serving the needs of Pacific's families and businesses.
City of Puyallup
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Public Safety Facilities

Ballot Title
The City Council of the City of Puyallup adopted Ordinance 3277 concerning a proposition for its public safety facilities. This proposition authorizes the City to design, construct, develop, equip, acquire, and improve City public safety facilities, including constructing a new Public Safety Facility to house police and jail, and improve facilities to create a downtown police substation; issue up to $56,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 30 years to finance such projects; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Ordinance 3277. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement
The City of Puyallup seeks voter approval for financing for its public safety facilities. The City's existing police station and jail were built in the 1960's. Existing facilities are not effective at meeting law enforcement needs in the modern policing era.

Proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance a portion of the costs necessary to construct public safety facilities to house the City's police station and jail on 3.5 acres of City-owned land located on South Hill. Proceeds will also be used to improve existing City facilities to create a police substation downtown Puyallup to maintain a visible police presence. The estimated project cost is $76 million and would be paid with up to $56 million in voter-approved bonds and $20 million in City Council approved bonds.

The bonds would mature within 30 years and would be paid by annual excess property taxes. The average levy rate is estimated to be approximately $0.369/$1,000 of assessed property value or, for a home with an assessed value of $500,000, approximately $185/year ($15/month). Homeowners who are 61 years or older, disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption.

Statement For
Puyallup needs a new Public Safety Building.
The old one was built in 1968, when Puyallup's population was 14,000 (now 43,000). The current building is so small that officers use closets for offices; the sewer frequently backs up; the roof leaks; and the building lacks modern technology and adequate amenities for female officers.

A modern building is a critical investment in public safety and essential services.
Complete with a 58-bed jail including mental health, medical and counseling services, and the building will no longer be in the flood/lahar zone. This proposal includes a Downtown Station next to Pioneer Park.

This ballot measure has returned because doing nothing is not an option.
This new measure cuts the size of the police station by 8500 sq ft, reduces the jail from 84 to 58 beds and delays moving the court. This bond is 30% less than the previous proposals and uses current revenues to fund $20 million in costs. The average homeowner will pay about $15/month.

Together we can build a stronger, more secure future for all.
Please vote Yes! Show your support for our dedicated law enforcement officers.

Statement Against
Don't write a blank check for this unnecessary, expensive, misdemeanor jail: it's not $56 million.
The bond ordinance city council passed states the project will cost “more than $76 million” including $31 million for a new misdemeanor jail we don't need, plus tens of millions to add a courthouse. Total project cost will likely exceed $100 million in local tax dollars.

This bond will cost us each more than $4,625 in taxes over its 25 years.
City council keeps sending us this bloated proposal, and it's the worst yet: with jail and unfinished courthouse paid by property tax increases way more than “$185/year.”

The existing facility was updated in the 1990s and is still fine for misdemeanor inmates.
The roof was also recently fixed and the current jail can be maintained as-is. We already send all felony criminals to the Pierce County Jail where an entire wing we're still paying for sits unused.

Tell city council: send us a new bond for an affordable police station, not jail.
Our police chief said if this bond fails, we'll “go back to the drawing board.” That's what city council should do: design an affordable police station where officers can effectively tackle felony crimes, not just misdemeanors this jail project focuses on.

Rebuttal
Falling apart, overcrowded, out of space, and dire conditions is the truth about the current police station/jail constructed in 1968. $15.00 a month is the truth about how much the average taxpayer will pay for this project. Crime is up. Releasing criminals at the scene of the crime is the truth about what will happen without a jail, affecting our quality of life. The opposition offers untruths and no real solutions to critical needs now.

Committee Members: Kathy Turner, Libbie Bristow, Ned Witting
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Rebuttal
This will cost more than previous failed measures, especially now with higher interest rates. That extra $20+ million? Definitely not “current revenues” but future tax collections needed for traffic projects, sidewalks, community events and more. We don't even need a city jail: we can send misdemeanor inmates to our modern Pierce County Jail just like surrounding cities do. It's an efficient, cost-effective alternative. Vote "no" and tell council: we just need a modern police facility.

Committee Members: Chris Chisholm, Chris Schroll, John Hopkins
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**Elected Experience**
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**
Masters in Business Management, Nonprofit Administration, University of Maryland

**Community Service**
Director, Harborstone Credit Union Board; Chair Elect, Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce; Member, Operation Military Family; Member and Post Surgeon, VFW POST 2224; Chair, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Advisory Committee; Member At Large, Governors’ Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

**Statement**
The U.S. Military brought me to Pierce County, but the natural beauty, sense of community and opportunity of Puyallup led me to make this my home. I’m proud to be a part of this community and ready to serve my neighbors. The landscape of Puyallup is growing and changing and we'll all benefit from leadership that brings new perspectives and experience.

I spent 24 years serving our country and learning the value of bringing people from diverse backgrounds and different beliefs together to accomplish our goals. This will guide my work on the council, where I'll build relationships with my colleagues and the community to ensure we can work together effectively to accomplish our common goal of serving the people of Puyallup.

After retirement, I continued to seek out ways to serve. This led to a position in workforce development and a passion for supporting our workforce and economy. On the council, I'll work to expand support for small businesses, bring good paying jobs to Puyallup, and ensure development is done thoughtfully to protect our infrastructure, green spaces and maintain our city's character.

I'm ready to bring new leadership to Puyallup and would be honored to earn your vote.

Renne Gilliam

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**Elected Experience**
Past President, Puyallup Chamber. Current Chair, Rotary Public Relations Committee.

**Other Professional Experience**
Career and Technical Education Teacher for Project Management and Karshner Museum Field Trip Teacher for Native American History at Puyallup School District; Former Director, YMCA Youth Investment Center.

**Education**
Puyallup High School Graduate, Puyallup/Sumner Chamber Leadership Institute; Puyallup Police Department Citizens Academy; Puyallup 101 Civics Program; Bates Technical College (Career and Technical Education Certification).

**Community Service**
Board Member, Puyallup Library Foundation; Volunteer, Puyallup City Clean; Daffodil Parades; Santa Parades; Meeker Days; 4H Pierce County Breakfast; Senior Activity Center; L.E.A.D. Teen Leadership Institute.

**Statement**
**Character & Commitment.** As a fourth-generation resident, Renne has served Puyallup for nearly two decades. She’s earned a reputation as a passionate, trusted community leader. She is endorsed by most of the area’s state and city elected officials along with local leaders – Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

**Balanced Growth.** Renne knows our city needs to meet the demands of growth, while protecting our neighborhoods, green spaces, trails and parks. She also knows we need to keep taxes low, community involvement high and to enhance our local businesses.

**Making Safe Neighborhoods.** Renne is committed to supporting our Puyallup Police Department with the training, resources, and tools to keep us all safe. Compassionate accountability, going to the root cause of crime while still keeping our citizens safe, is essential to moving forward. Renne is endorsed by the Puyallup Police Association.

**Bringing Community Together.** Renne’s top priority as a Puyallup City Councilmember is to maintain a steadfast commitment to the Puyallup method of collaboration and consensus-building – avoiding the divisive and contentious politics typically associated with Seattle. With her deep family and professional relationships, Renne has the ability to help move our city forward and will partner with you for the best us.
Lauren Adler

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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
Government Relations Director, Elevance Health; Director of External Affairs, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (2020-2021); District Director, Office of Congressman Denny Heck (2013-2020); Political Assistant, Ironworkers District Council of the PNW (2008-2013)

Education
Puyallup High School class of 2007, Pierce College Puyallup

Community Service
2022 South Sound Business 40 Under 40 honoree; Current: Puyallup Arts and Culture Commission; MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board of Directors; Board Member. Former: Puyallup Food Bank Board of Directors; Chair, Puyallup Parks and Recreation Board

Statement
As a third-generation Puyallup resident, I’m Puyallup through and through. I graduated from Puyallup HS, served as Student Body President at Pierce College Puyallup, and bought my first home downtown. I love our city and want to ensure it becomes as strong as it can be. We need safe streets, a thriving downtown, and leaders who show up and listen.

In the previous decade, I served as a senior advisor to Congressman Heck where I advised him on issues impacting Puyallup. This provided me a strong understanding of the importance of civility, decency, respect, and compromise; all values I’ll bring to the council. Over my 20+ years in government, active listening, problem solving, and tackling challenges have been my guiding principles and will continue to be.

My professional experience, knowledge of our community, and track record of working in a non-partisan way gives me the skills to hit the ground running on day one. I’ll collaborate with representatives at all levels of government to deliver results. I’ll increase access to our city leaders by reinstating district town halls. I’m committed to elevating our top priority issues like crime, economic development and smart growth.

I’d be honored to earn your vote.
Dean Johnson

Elected Experience
Dean Johnson currently serves as Mayor of Puyallup and is the only candidate in this race ever elected by Puyallup voters. Our Mayor Johnson holds the unique distinction as being the only City Council member elected two times by voters from across the entire city and represents all three districts.

Other Professional Experience
Mayor Dean Johnson is not a career politician, rather he supports his family as a small business owner and works part-time at Nordstrom. Previously Executive Director, Breast Cancer nonprofit and Pastor, Immanuel Celebration Church.

Education
Master's Degree, Faith International University-Seminary

Community Service
Parks Trail Volunteer; Board Vice-President YWAM Adoption (past); Coach YMCA (past)

Statement
Mayor Dean Johnson is the only candidate in this race ever elected by voters to serve on the Puyallup City Council. Mayor Johnson will never vote to defund our Police and is the only candidate in this race endorsed by both Puyallup Police unions including the Police Management Association. Hence a vote for Dean is a vote for our Puyallup Police!

Dean believes in protecting Puyallup farmlands and works hard to limit the negative effects of massive warehouse developments! He supported the new Van Lierop Park and our fully remodeled Puyallup Rec-Center with multi-use sports-fields and artificial turf. He supported the expansion of the Riverwalk and Puyallup Loop trails as well as new green space and playground equipment for our children.

Seniors and families are struggling financially and he believes all major tax increases, including a new Public Safety Building, should be decided by the voters, not City Council. Dean prioritizes local family and small businesses, not outside rich corporations!

Our Mayor is committed to running a positive campaign and realizes that misleading statements may be said by opposition, however he trusts your ability to ignore politically driven noise. A vote for Dean protects Puyallup from radical politics and agendas!

Joe Colombo

Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Officer; Current City of Puyallup Design Review & Historic Preservation Board Member.

Other Professional Experience
IT Project Management & Facilitation; Former Counselor for Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

Education
M.A., Psychology, Western American University; B.A., Western Washington University; Gov. John R Rogers High School; Ballou Junior High.

Community Service
Founder of a Local Civics Minded Organization; Founder of Families of Puyallup Public Schools group; Charter Member of Pierce County Virtual Lions Club; Ballou Jr. High PTA Member; Former Puyallup Kiwanis Member and Dessie Evans Puyallup Elementary School PTA Member.

Statement
Puyallup urgently needs ethical leaders. I moved my family back here after graduating college so my daughter could learn in our great schools and share our sense of community. Now I want to give back by building a stronger foundation for our city.

As a longtime resident, I feel it is important for Puyallup to keep its small-town charm. I want to preserve farmland and keep warehouses from taking over. I will find solutions to the Shaw Road problem. Accountable government repairs potholes and crumbling sidewalks. I will champion transparency and accountability throughout government, starting with an independent ethics commission that our city desperately needs. I will make certain police and first responders have the resources they need to do their jobs.

I am the only candidate who is endorsed by labor and Puyallup teachers. I earned their support because they know I’m the grassroots candidate who will do what it takes to get things done. My background in finance uniquely qualifies me to ensure your tax dollars are wisely spent. I have a proven history of doing what's right by helping others. It would be an honor to earn your vote as your next city councilmember.
Puyallup - Council District No. 3, Position No. 1

Ned Witting

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Elected Experience
Deputy Mayor of Puyallup, 2022-Present; Puyallup City Council (2020-2021)

Other Professional Experience
Successful Business Owner/Entrepreneur and Chief Financial Officer, Board Member of Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC), and South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA3P), and former Board Member of Rainier Communications Commission.

Education
MBA, Santa Clara University, BBA College of William and Mary

Community Service
WA State Coordinator Better Angels, Scoutmaster, District Chair Pacific Harbors Council, BSA, Former Board Member League of Women Voters of Pierce County, church leadership, Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Advisory Board.

Statement
Thank you for letting me serve you. I have worked hard to respond to your calls and sought constructive relationships with my colleagues.

At PCRC I have fought for greater transparency and fairness in transportation funding, so Puyallup receives its fair share. These funds will reduce traffic congestion and keep our streets safe for our kids. At SSHA3P I have sought innovative strategies to bring more affordable housing to our city. We need this housing so our children can afford to live in the city where they grew up, and seniors can afford to stay here. On the City Council, I have strived to make the City government more responsive to you, and to reduce bureaucratic delays and obstacles.

I have not accomplished all of my objectives, but I have learned a lot, built relationships and am poised to have an even greater impact in my second term. My ongoing goals are simple: Promote a vibrant economy in our city; pass city code that will make Puyallup an even more healthy, safe and livable community than it is today; and assure that city government is as efficient and cost effective as possible.
Roy - Mayor

Kimber Ivy
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Elected Experience
Serving with Integrity, Honoring Tradition: Leading Roy into Tomorrow. A dedicated public servant and advocate for the people of Roy, she has a vision for a brighter future. Background and Experience: Born and raised in Washington State. Currently holds the office of Mayor for Roy.

Other Professional Experience
Prior to their mayoral role, she held various leadership positions.

Education
Kimber holds an Associate of Applied Science degree and is currently pursuing a Bachelor in Business Administration. Their educational background provides foundation in business principles, enhancing their ability to effectively manage the affairs of the city and make informed decisions.

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Fellow residents of Roy,

I am a dedicated mayoral candidate committed to our city's future. Our strength lies in our unity, and it is time for us to come together to address a pressing issue: clean drinking water. This is not only an inconvenience but a matter of public health.

If elected mayor, I will prioritize the provision of safe drinking water. I will identify the causes and implement effective solutions by working with local authorities, experts, and stakeholders. I will work hard to secure funding, seek grants, and collaborate with state and federal agencies.

Transparency and inclusivity will be the foundation of my approach. I will actively engage residents to create a comprehensive plan to resolve the water crisis and ensure long-term infrastructure sustainability. Let's unite, Roy, for a brighter future. With your support, we will overcome this challenge, providing clean, accessible water for all. Together, we'll make Roy a model of progress, unity, and sustainability. Thank you for your consideration. Please vote for me, and let's shape the future of Roy together.

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Roy - Council Position No. 2

Yvonne Starks
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Elected Experience
I have served the citizens of Roy as a councilwoman since 2014. I have lived in Roy since 1997.

Other Professional Experience
I retired from CCNW as their VP in 2009. I oversaw operations and counseling. I have served as councilwoman for the city of Roy since 2014. I work with Citizens advisory board, where the board has discussions on meeting the needs of low-income families and the homeless. We discuss what programs best serve the public with grant money received.

Education
Bachelor's degree majoring in accounting 1992 from Campbell University.

Community Service
Roy city council since 2014; Citizens Advisor Board approx. 10 years

Statement
No Information Submitted
Harvey L. Gilchrist

Elected Experience
Roy City Council position #4 from 2017 to present. Member of the Pierce County Equality Review Committee 2021 - 2022.

Other Professional Experience
United States Air Force Retired with 23 years of Service.

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
Member of the Roy Lions Club. Volunteer at Incubator Outreach.

Statement
It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Roy Washington as a City Councilman. As an Air Force Retiree this gives me an opportunity to continue to serve my community with pride and dignity.

Bill Starks

Elected Experience
Currently on Roy city council since 2022

Other Professional Experience
Retired Army Airborne Engineer; Retired US Postal Service Security Technician

Education
High School graduate; Some College and Technical school classes

Community Service
Volunteer for the city of Roy, road repair, security work, help with repairs at the city park, community center and anywhere else a helping hand was needed.

Statement
No Information Submitted
City of Ruston
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Public Safety and Government Services Levy Lid Lift

Questions? (253) 759-3544
Complete resolution text at PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title
This proposition is for the purpose of providing continual funding for public safety and other governmental services. This proposition will increase the City's regular property tax rate by $0.325614 to a total authorized rate of $1.708623 per $1,000 of assessed valuation for collection starting in 2024 and annually thereafter. The maximum allowable levy rate in 2024 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement
Ruston proposes a one-time 25-percent levy lid lift to increase property taxes over the currently constrained 1% limitation starting in 2024. This is an increase of $0.325614/ $1,000 of assessed valuation resulting in an authorized rate of $1.708623/$1,000 AV. This adds approximately $224 per year to the annual property tax bill based on the average Ruston home value. In the first year, Ruston's legal levy maximum will be increased by the proposed percentage. That then becomes part of the new basis for which all future increases (limited to 1% per year) will be made.

Ruston currently levies approximately $602,242 in property tax annually which is inadequate to fund all city operations. If the voters approve this measure, it is expected to generate approximately $150,000 annually.

A levy lid lift is not a separate property tax, but rather a way of increasing an existing property tax. In this case, it would increase the general fund levy above the 1% increase limit. Because Ruston is currently levying a tax rate below its statutory maximum rate, it is asking the voters to “lift” the levy lid by increasing the tax rate to an amount less than or equal to its statutory maximum rate.

Statement For
Your yes vote means Ruston will continue to have fire and police serving our neighborhoods with fast response times, a dedicated focus on property crimes, traffic enforcement, and helping vulnerable neighbors. Public safety costs are directly impacted not only by Dune Park and Pt. Ruston expansion, but increased costs for equipment, technology, staffing and training. The increased Ruston police presence with the rise in crime and public disorder is critical to maintain.

The Levy is not a new tax. It increases only the Ruston portion of your property taxes to support public safety. The estimated average increase is under $20 per month, about the cost of 4 cups of coffee.

A yes vote allows the Ruston component of our property taxes to cover these increased costs and to support continuing the public safety services we have, need, and want to keep our community as safe as possible. Please vote yes!

Committee Members: Kathy Brown, Kathryn Kindgren voteyesruston23@gmail.com

Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.
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**Elected Experience**
Ruston City Councilmember 2007- present; Ruston Planning Commission 2005-07.

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**

**Community Service**
Parishioner, Lector Saint Patrick Catholic Church, past member Saint Patrick Catholic School Commission, CYO Youth Athletic Coach, volunteer at Next Chapter a non-profit serving mothers and children experiencing homelessness.

**Statement**
Ruston is the community I've called home for over 20 years. During that time I have purchased 2 homes, married my wife, and made lifelong neighbors and friends as we raise our children. The next 20 years is why I'm running again. I want to be at the forefront of difficult decisions and pursuing opportunities to sustain our quality police force, manage land use and development, optimize our park space, deliver core services and attract businesses. I want to continue the hard work of keeping our City government lean while evolving with our growing and diverse demands for services. I want to put my public policy experience to work for you and maintain the quality of life you've come to expect. Please know I'm available to any Ruston resident to hear your concerns and discuss a vision for Ruston. We have a great community. I want to make certain it remains that way for your family and mine. Please honor me with your vote. On the personal front, my wife of 18 years Kathryn and I operate a small business together and have 3 school aged children, along with our big yellow dog Sophie and our orange tabby cat Clementine.

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**Elected Experience**
City of Ruston Council Position #5 since May 2014.

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**

**Community Service**
City of Ruston Council Position #5 since May 2014; Contributor and Campaign Planning Committee Member of the Humane Society.

**Statement**
I have been a resident in our City of Ruston for over 20 years. I currently serve on the City of Ruston Council in Position #5. The safety of our residents is one of my highest priorities and I will continue to work diligently to ensure Ruston is a safe place to live and a city in which our residents can take pride.
Elected Experience
Currently Appointed to Town Council Pos.4

Other Professional Experience
Estimator & Office Manager for local excavation company.

Education
Graham-Kapowsin High School Graduate; Associate Degree - Pierce College Puyallup; Professional Certificate in Construction Estimating – San Diego State University.

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
I have been a resident of South Prairie for just over seven years and started my family here. I was drawn to South Prairie because of its small size and proximity to the Foothills Trail system.

We live in a very unique community and when I heard last year that the town council had a vacancy, I submitted my interest in the position. I figured that it was time I got more involved in our community growth and helped lighten the load that our long-term council members have been carrying.

There has been a considerable amount of planning during my first year on council for upcoming infrastructure improvements. I am proud of the work the council has done in preparing for improvements to our sewage treatment plant. I am confident that my background in excavation will come in handy as we delve into our improvement projects. I look forward to continuing with the work that the council has started this past year and would appreciate your vote in order to do so.
**Nancy E. Henderson**

(Elected Experience)
Councilmember, Town of Steilacoom, January 2012 to present; Commissioner, Pierce Transit, 2014 to 2020

(Other Professional Experience)
Physical Therapist; Army Officer 30+ years (retired)

(Education)
PhD, Texas Woman’s University; Master of Physical Therapy, US Army-Baylor University; Bachelor of Science, Washington State University; graduate, US Army War College

(Community Service)
Past President, Steilacoom Kiwanis; Organizer: Steilacoom Parks and Trails Volunteer Work Parties, Steilacoom Kiwanis 5K/1 Mile events for local food bank, Steilacoom Community Christmas Sing and Play Along; Area Administrator, Key Club Divisions 34 and 35; Volunteer, Steilacoom Kiwanis and Steilacoom Historical Museum Association; Community Emergency Response Team member; 24-year Steilacoom resident

**Statement**
Over the past 12 years our Town has benefited from leadership that has emphasized core services. We have effective and responsive local public safety. Our infrastructure is well-maintained. Ordinances have been refined, strengthened, and updated. Parks and trails have been well maintained. Town finances and resources have been managed carefully. Steilacoom remains free of debt.

I study issues carefully, welcome community input, and have been a very engaged council member. Our Town mission statement and Comprehensive Plan provide me the foundational guidance for decision-making in alignment with the desires and values of our citizens. Steilacoom residents cherish our historic heritage and want to see economic and residential growth planned thoughtfully. I advocate for preserving and enhancing the natural environment of our historic and unique town.

Public safety, delivery of optimal core services, maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, and preservation and enjoyment of our parks, trails and natural spaces remain my top priorities.

It is a privilege to serve the residents of Steilacoom as your representative on the Town Council. With your consent, I look forward to continuing to serve you.

**Michael Johnson**

(Elected Experience)
None

(Other Professional Experience)
Program Coordinator; Boots to Shoes Military Mentorship Program. Past Executive Director, Lakewood YMCA. Former Joint Service Support Director, Washington National Guard. Former Chief of Operations, Multi-National Force Iraq. Former Chief of Staff Management, National Guard Bureau. Former Artillery Officer, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.

(Education)
BA, Eastern Washington University. Masters Business Administration, City University. Masters, Strategic Studies, United States Army War College.

(Community Service)
President-elect, Steilacoom Kiwanis Club. Member, Steilacoom Historical Museum Association. Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lakewood, WA.

**Statement**
It has been an absolute joy to be a part of the Steilacoom community for over 20 years. With your support, I will be honored to be your representative on our Town Council.

I love Steilacoom! Ours is a unique community with a rich and vibrant history. I am committed to maintaining the serenity and family friendly atmosphere of our hometown. I appreciate our town’s commitment to foster a welcoming environment to all.

Safety is a top priority of mine. Strong public safety measures provide our residents with a safe environment to live, work and play. I will always be a strong advocate for our public service professionals.

Our wonderful proximity to the beautiful Puget Sound and our charming shared common spaces, require leadership committed to protect our quaint waterfront community. It will be an honor to serve our Steilacoom community as part of the Town Council. You will find me sincere, enthusiastic, and most importantly, accessible and approachable to my fellow Steilacoom neighbors. I am committed to bring our collective voice to our Town Council.
Carla Bowman
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Elected Experience
I am a first-time candidate looking forward to serving the City of Sumner.

Other Professional Experience
43 years in Aerospace manufacturing; 15 years in Executive Leadership in Aerospace manufacturing; The Boeing Company; Triumph Corporation – President of Gear Systems (Park City, Utah and Macomb, Michigan); Aviation Technical Services

Education
Multiple Executive Certifications to include but not limited to: Servant Leadership; Ethical Business Practices; Change Management

Community Service
Sumner City Planning Commission (2 Years); Elder and Board Member of Eikon Church (3 Years); Northwest Harvest Volunteer; Washington State 4-H Volunteer; Senior Citizens and at-risk youth Advocate

Statement
As a Sumner City council member, I will provide my perspective regarding the City's growth and transformation. Residents should feel that the City of Sumner is a family friendly, safe environment.

As a person who lives, shops and supports local, I will seek to understand all aspects of the critical decisions being made by the City Council and ensure that I will make the best decisions for both the people and the businesses of the City of Sumner.

Having had the opportunity to work extensively in multiple diverse environments, I will utilize my many years of experience in strategic thinking, business acumen and interpersonal skills while bringing a strong work ethic, positive energy and dedication to all situations to deliver the best results possible for the people of Sumner.

My goal is to ensure all citizens of the City of Sumner are able to share their interests and concerns in continuing to make Sumner a wonderful city to live in.

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Elected Experience
Sumner City Council 2008 – Present; Sumner Deputy Mayor, 2012, 2015, 2022, 2023

Other Professional Experience
Pierce County Regional Council; Rainier Cable Commission; Arts Superintendent, Washington State Fair; Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute; Tourism and Lodging Tax Committee Chair

Education
Associate of Arts, Green River College

Community Service
Sumner Culture Arts Commission, Chair; Community Center Task Force; YMCA Founding Member; Jordan Binion Mental Health Project; Exodus Housing, Domestic Violence Board; Sumner Rotary Club; Community For Families Community Summit

Statement
Sumner has been my home for thirty-eight years. My involvement and experience with the City of Sumner has filled sixteen of those years. It's my honor to contribute to my community through study and discussion, helping to arrive at good decisions which guide our city's path. As a member of your City Council, I have worked diligently and will continue to do so for the citizens of this respected community.

As your neighbor and representative, I'm prepared to tackle existing and future challenges—commuter traffic, the homeless crisis and population growth while maintaining our small-town community atmosphere we all enjoy.

Together with my experience and your input and ideas, we can continue to make sound decisions benefiting all citizens of Sumner. Thank you for your trust and support.
**Sumner - Council Position No. 6**

Curt Brown

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**Elected Experience**
Sumner City Council 2004-present, current member of Public Works and Community Development committees, previously Public Safety and Finance/Personnel committees

**Other Professional Experience**
Retired Sumner School District teacher/coach, 35 years

**Education**
Sumner High School 1977, Central Washington University 1982

**Community Service**
Sumner Community Food Bank, school dist. volunteer, Parks and Rec. coach and Pierce County Citizens Advisory Board

**Statement**
As a lifelong resident of Sumner, I have great appreciation for this city where the small town feel and sense of community is unique and valued by all. I'd like to be part of the decision making process to maintain what we value in Sumner. Growth is the main issue facing us, as it affects everything, so planning for it appropriately is a must. I will listen to all sides of the issues while considering our past, present and future before making decisions.

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**Sumner - Council Position No. 7**

Andy Elfers

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**Elected Experience**
None. Over 25 year in Sumner, married to Becky for 20 years, father of four. Enjoys the outdoors including cycling, skiing, golfing, and hiking.

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**
Sumner High School; B.A. Organizational Management, Magna cum Laude, Northwest University, Kirkland, WA.

**Community Service**
Sumner Rotary 2019-present, treasurer FY2020-21; Youth coach for football SHS, basketball, baseball, soccer YMCA and local recreation; Gospel Life Church

**Statement**
Since growing up in Sumner in the 90's, much has changed. Among other things, we've improved our parks and trails, added a transit station, built the YMCA, and created local jobs through the manufacturing and industrial area to the north. Meanwhile, we've seen pass-through traffic increase significantly and regional population growth put pressure on our police and infrastructure.

Sumner is known for its charming downtown, central location, and walkable streets. Some of the biggest pressures come from state and county government policies that limit local control. My goal on council is to represent the community faithfully and thoughtfully into the future while preserving and protecting our local values and traditions. I believe my decade of experience in state government and current employment as an entrepreneur gives me unique skills and insight to look ahead and craft policy that benefits the community well into the future.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the community as we navigate through issues such as traffic congestion, homelessness, growth, and public safety. I'm prepared to aggressively represent the interests of the people of Sumner to preserve a safe and vibrant future for our wonderful town.
Ballot Title
Citizens’ initiative Measure No. 1 concerns enacting rental requirements for landlords and rental rights for tenants.

This measure would require landlords to comply with health and safety laws before raising rent or evicting a tenant; set limits on certain rental fees; require landlords to provide two notices to increase rent and offer relocation assistance when the increase is 5% or more; create a defense against certain student/schoolyear evictions, evictions between November 1 and April 1, and evictions against service-members, seniors, families and others with protected status under the measure; and provide penalties and enforcement mechanisms.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Explanatory Statement
Adopting Measure 1 will create new tenant protections by establishing the Tacoma Landlord Fairness Code. Measure 1 will protect children, their families, and educators from certain evictions during the school year. It will also prevent certain cold-weather evictions. It will not prevent evictions of tenants who use their units for illegal activities or who threaten the health and safety of others.

Measure 1 will require landlords to provide two notices for all rent increases, the first at least 180 days in advance, and the second at least 90 days in advance. Landlords will also be required to pay relocation assistance when they increase rent over 5% and tenants decide to move out. Many small landlords will be exempt from paying relocation assistance.

Additionally, Measure 1 will require landlords to comply with health and safety laws before raising rent or evicting tenants. It will prohibit landlords from charging move-in fees totaling more than the first month's rent, and limit late fees to $10/month. Pet deposits will not exceed 25% of one month's rent. Finally, Measure 1 creates additional enforcement mechanisms and penalties for landlords who break the law.

Statement For
Tacoma rents have increased a staggering 43% over the last five years, and we have one of the highest eviction rates in Washington. Families, especially those with children, struggle to keep up. Rents soar even as incomes and conditions do not, and increasingly, corporations are buying housing and evicting existing tenants so they can increase their profits.

Community-shaped protections like those in Initiative 1 can help.
By preventing school year evictions of children, capping move-in fees, providing relocation assistance, and mandating accountability for maintenance and repairs, we can help foster the stability, health, and safety all Tacoma residents need to thrive.

Initiative 1 received over 7,000 signatures from Tacoma voters and is supported by elected officials, unions, faith leaders, and even “mom-and-pop” landlords. We envision a Tacoma where everyone thrives, and Initiative 1 is a big step toward that goal. Join us in voting Yes on Initiative 1.

Statement Against
Vote No! Avoid Higher Rent
Landlords will raise rents on vacancies to avoid penalties. With only two months for possible evictions and the assumption that landlords are wrong (he said, she said), will keep people from ever being evicted. What is the incentive for tenants to pay rent? Without definition, they are creating a new “protected class” while making landlords a subservient class.

Vote No! Avoid More Homelessness
Under such punitive rules many landlords will sell or tear down to build new, displacing tenants from current affordable housing. A supposed error could bankrupt landlords.

Vote No! Protect Tenants from Being Further in Debt
Tenants planning to move and collect relocation funds, who don't move – have to repay the relocation funds – which they may have spent in trying to relocate.

Vote No! Protect 5th Amendment Rights of Property Owners
"Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." However, this is a “taking” of their income, which the Washington State Supreme Court has ruled is property.

Rebuttal
Real estate revenues continue to grow while Tacoma becomes less affordable for working families. Initiative 1 is the only proposal that works to keep people housed by addressing the displacement from astronomical rent hikes and predatory practices that push people into homelessness. Tenants and many small landlords support Initiative 1 because it contributes to the well-being of our community. Voting no on Initiative 1 supports corporate landlords that prioritize profits over the people of Tacoma.

Committee Members: Devin Rydel Kelly, Yasmin Trudeau, Justin Camarata
Coalition for the Tenant Bill of Rights
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Rebuttal
Tacoma Post COVID eviction rate is less than half of pre COVID rate (King 5 – April 2022). Labor and maintenance material costs have more than doubled. Water rates have risen 31-33%. Property taxes have gone up over 31%. What incentive will families with school age children have to pay rent when no eviction from September through June? Although over 7000 signatures submitted over 2800 were deemed ineligible. Vote No on Initiative 1!

Committee Members: Donna Walters, Steven Cook
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Tacoma - Council-at-Large, Position No. 7

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Elected Experience
Tacoma City Council Member.

Other Professional Experience
Deputy Legislative Director, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (2022-Present); Government Affairs Director, Forterra (2020-2022); Legislative Assistant, Washington State House of Representatives (2013-2017).

Education
University of Washington, dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Women Studies and Latin American Studies.

Community Service

Statement
In 2022, I was appointed to the City Council, becoming the first Latina councilmember. Growing up in an immigrant, military and union household instilled in me the values of hard work, integrity and selfless service. I bring these values to my work on the council and this city that I love.

I've accomplished much in a short period of time. I’ve passed ordinances that protect a person's right to abortion and gender affirming healthcare. I've secured funding for our police and for alternative response models that best serve our community. We've started work on increasing our neighborhood vitality by investing over a hundred million dollars into affordable housing and homelessness relief. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and we will do more together.

I'm running because I want all Tacomans to have the ability to pursue their individual destinies. I'll continue to advocate for safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, economic development that promotes equity and supports our small businesses and policies that protect and uplift our most vulnerable. I'm supported by Congressmembers Derek Kilmer and Marilyn Strickland; the Mayor and councilmembers that appointed me; and Tacoma's firefighters. I'm excited to continue the work we've started. I ask for your vote.

Kristen Wynne
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Elected Experience
First time candidate after years of public service to our community.

Other Professional Experience
Current - Small business owner, Historic 1625 Event Venue. Past - Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County; Environmental and Land Use Attorney, Heller Ehrman.

Education
JD with honors, George Washington Law School; BA, Political Science, University of Michigan.

Community Service
I helped open and actively volunteer for an overnight shelter and drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness in Tacoma. I've provided free legal advice at neighborhood clinics, raised funds for medical services for low-income families at Good Samaritan Hospital, and led a grassroots organization advocating for more public safety in Tacoma.

Statement
You deserve to live in a city where you feel safe, have a family-wage job, and youth understand their path to success. I'm running to make Tacoma that city. Public safety is my top priority because crime is impacting too many. We must change that.

Our city must do better. I will bring more family wage jobs here by recruiting new employers; make Tacoma a city where employers want to invest by cleaning up graffiti and trash; help our youth believe they can be successful by training them for quality jobs through public-private partnerships, like the Maritime Skills Center; build more affordable housing; and help people experiencing homelessness with effective social service programs.

I'm excited about Tacoma's future, but we need change. I will use my passion for public service (not politics) and experience as an attorney and award-winning small business owner to create solutions that make a difference for you.

I respectfully ask for your vote. I'm humbled to be endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, including Port Commissioner John McCarthy, former Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole, former City Councilmembers Lillian Hunter and Robert Thoms, Tacoma Police Union, and the VP of Downtown Tacoma Partnership Jessica Johnston.
Tacoma - Council-at-Large, Position No. 8

Kristina Walker

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Elected Experience
Current Tacoma Deputy Mayor and City Councilmember

Other Professional Experience
Former Executive Director of Downtown On the Go. City of Tacoma Transportation Commission. Foss Waterway Development Authority. Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Board.

Education
BA, Pacific Lutheran University. American Leadership Forum Tacoma-Pierce County.

Community Service
University of Washington Urban Studies Advisory Board. Transportation Choices Coalition Board of Directors. Former ywca RAGS Guild, ALS Association Board, Tacoma Center YMCA Board of Directors.

Statement
On the Council, I've worked with my colleagues to improve inequalities related to our transportation system and home ownership, worked diligently to close equity gaps, and passed legislation improving air and water quality in vulnerable communities. If reelected I will continue to prioritize expanding shelter options, increasing safe parking sites, and building more affordable housing.

As a mother of young kids and spouse of a teacher, I'm committed to making our neighborhoods safer and doing more to prevent gun violence. By expanding community engagement programs, supporting youth programming, implementing the crime reduction plan, ensuring the police force is fully staffed, and investing in alternative response units, we'll improve public safety. I'll invest in our neighborhoods to ensure they are diverse, safe, and vibrant. I'll continue to support small businesses to grow our local economy, invest in innovation, and create good-paying jobs, and keep fighting to strengthen environmental protections and combat climate change.


Todd Briske

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Web developer, database and server administrator.

Education
Bachelor of Science, Computing and Software Systems, University of Washington Tacoma; Associates Degree, Pierce College; Franklin Pierce High School;

Community Service
Graduate of the City of Tacoma's Citizens' Academy

Statement
I want to pave our roads and grade our alleys because many of them are in rough shape. I want to reduce 911 response times, because a 10-minute average for priority 1 calls, and a 2-hour average for "routine" calls, is too long. I want to build enough shelter beds so that we can eliminate homelessness in Tacoma, while still abiding by the 9th Circuit's "Martin v. City of Boise" ruling. I want to address housing affordability with a focus on building starter homes and discouraging absentee/corporate landlords so that Tacomans can start to build wealth, rather than forcing them into being lifelong renters.

I want to invest in better recycling machines and carbon capture incinerators so that we don't have to continue shipping all of our trash 30 miles out of town. I want to agitate the legislature for the ability to put an advisory vote on the general election ballot asking "Would you prefer more, fewer, or the same amount of police patrols in your neighborhood," because I believe that we Tacomans should be the ones who decide how we are policed. Please email me with any questions you may have. Thank you!
Elected Experience
Tacoma City Councilmember (2019-Present)

Other Professional Experience
Instructional Facilitator, Department of Academic Equity, Tacoma Public Schools; Social Studies Teacher, Todd Beamer High School

Education
Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education, University of Puget Sound; Bachelor of Arts, History and Politics & Government, University of Puget Sound; Lincoln High School

Community Service
Served as Tacoma Public Library Trustee, Board Member for YWCA, Mentor for College Success Foundation and Palmer Scholars, football coach for Foss and Lakes High Schools, President of Washington State Council for Social Studies, and on the Executive Board of the Federal Way Education Association. Current President of Safe Streets.

Statement
Four years ago, you entrusted me with the honor of a lifetime – to serve my hometown and give back to the community that gave me so much. I promised I would focus on the basics of government, invest in health and safety, and make real progress on housing and homelessness. I'm proud to say that I've fulfilled those promises – but we're just getting started.

As chair of the Government Performance & Finance Committee, I've ensured your tax dollars have been spent wisely, grown our emergency funds, and found ways for the city to operate more efficiently. We have made critical investments in community health and safety, including hiring more police and firefighters, improving pedestrian safety by adding crosswalks, improving intersections, and creating more safe routes to schools.

I have focused on affordable housing and homelessness, passing policies that resulted in more affordable multifamily housing and housing being built faster. Legislation I wrote has been successful in moving unsheltered neighbors out of unsafe and unhealthy conditions and into nearby shelters with services while also prohibiting camping on public property around shelters and waterways.

I ask for your vote so we can keep making Tacoma better!
Tacoma - Council District No. 3

Jamika Scott

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
AmeriCorps - Peace Community Center in Tacoma; private childcare provider; YWCA Pierce County as an assistant in the Children's Program; YWCA as the School-Aged Children’s Advocate providing domestic violence services to youth and families; Event photographer; Filmmaker.

Education
B.A., Linfield University

Community Service
Co-founder of Tacoma Action Collective; The Grand Cinema Board of Directors; Tacoma Arts. Commission; Tacoma Public Library Foundation Board of Directors.

Statement
As a lifelong Tacoma resident, I have seen what happens when systems fail to serve marginalized and vulnerable people. I am running for City Council because I know it doesn’t have to be that way. We need leaders committed to urgent, positive action—the status quo isn’t improving our health, safety and economic security.

As your Councilmember, I will prioritize improving public safety by investing in crime prevention, gun violence prevention, and alternative response programs; I’ll step up for youth and families by expanding affordable housing, childcare, community centers and park improvements; I’ll help create a dynamic economy through workforce training and promoting women, LGBTQ, and BIPOC entrepreneurship; I’ll address environmental and climate justice impacts that disproportionately harm low income households and workers.

I’m proud to be endorsed by Council member Kiara Daniels; School Board Directors Lisa Keating and Chelsea McElroy; City Prosecutor Sergio Flores; Port Commissioner Kristin Ang; Washington Conservation Action; and more!

The work we have to do is both difficult and possible. It will require bold action to find solutions that are creative and considerate, moving us closer to the safe, healthy, and affordable city we all know Tacoma can be!


Chris Van Vechten

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Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Officer (2016-2018), Neighborhood Council (2010-2012)

Other Professional Experience

Education
J.D., Seattle University School of Law, B.A., University of Puget Sound.

Community Service
Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, Pierce County Arts Commission, Mayor Strickland’s K-12 Education Task Force, NW Justice Project’s Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program, Pierce County Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Peace Community Center, Mi Centro, Pierce County Superior Court Criminal Procedure Committee, NORTAC kindergarten soccer coach.

Statement
Chris is an attorney, entrepreneur, and long-time resident of Hilltop whose candidacy aims to bridge the gap between compassion and common sense on issues such as crime, homelessness, economic development, and housing. He is the father of a second grader, the husband of a healthcare professional, and an accomplished advocate for working families.

If elected, Chris will ensure that Tacoma has a well-trained and accountable police department with adequate resources to respond to citizens’ calls and complaints. He will also push for investment in crime prevention through accessible counseling services, constructive after-school programs for underserved youth, and stable housing for low-income families. Additionally, Chris will use his professional experience to foster entrepreneurship, create living wage jobs, and support job creators in historically marginalized communities.

Finally, Chris believes that homelessness should be addressed by providing services that offer opportunities for all while holding everyone accountable. He does not accept a housing market where inheritance is the sole path to home ownership.

Endorsements: Port Commissioner Kristen Ang, Former State Auditor Brian Sonntag, Former Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg and Pierce County Councilmember Connie Ladenburg, Former Tacoma City Councilmembers Robert Thoms, Lillian Hunter, and Tom Stenger, Former Tacoma Public Schools President Scott Heinze
Tacoma - Civil Service Position No. 3

Myrah Lyle Ballentine

Elected Experience
My commitment to serve others guides my leadership style.

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
Tacoma Community College 2022 for my associate degree in applied science. Then obtain my bachelor's degree at University of Washington.

Community Service
I am a dual liaison for the Washington Student Engagement Network for University of Washington Tacoma Campus and Tacoma Community College. I serve on the Executive Board as the Central Neighborhood Council Secretary, Tacoma Community College's Asian and Pacific Islander Club President and ASTCC Student Senator. I am member with the League of Women Voters, a member of the Asian Pacific Culture Center and serve the Board at Peace Center.

Statement
I am Myrah Lyle Ballentine. I was born and raised in Pierce County where I have lived for 42 years. I am a community partner, a mother who chose to raise her children in Tacoma, and I am a life-long student. I stay grounded by serving my community in the City of Destiny.

All employees deserve to be treated fairly, with dignity and respect, and I want to bring my experience and values, and your voice to serve the City of Tacoma on the Civil Service Board.

I hope to earn your vote to serve our city. Thank you.

Max J. Heller III

Elected Experience
Elected Democratic PCO 2004 - 2021; State Rep candidate Pos 1 LD dis 2 2004

Other Professional Experience
Business owner 1998 - current; American Airlines employee 2023 - current; Airport / Airline employee 2006 - current; Union member since 2006

Education
Everest college 2012; Eatonville High school 1994-97

Community Service
Advocate for the homeless and needy; have volunteered in the community at homeless shelters and meal kitchens; neighborhood clean up and vitalization program participant

Statement
Public office no matter position, is the opportunity to serve our community. The civil service board is extremely important and is a voice for our city employees. The Civil Service System for the City of Tacoma extends Civil Service protections and coverage to the majority of the City's work force. Powers and duties consist of making revisions to the Civil Service Rules, also known as Personnel Rules, advising City Council and other officials on Civil Service and personnel matters, investigating conditions of employment in Civil Service, conducting appeal hearings on suspensions more than 30 days, demotions, or terminations, and hearing complaints regarding Civil Service rules.

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if entrusted with your vote I will be a trusted voice our city workers can rely on
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Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Office 2014

Other Professional Experience
Washington Minority Business Development Agency Director at City of Tacoma; Manufacturing Industrial Council Director / Pierce County Business Accelerator Program Administrator at Tacoma - Pierce County Chamber; UPS Enterprise Accounts Executive at United Parcel Service; UPS Account Manager for National, Regional, Business Development, Transportation, Logistics at United Parcel Service

Education
B.A. Business Administration, Lincoln University, Missouri

Community Service
Planning Commissioner-City of University Place; Treasurer-Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County; Board Member-Pierce College Foundation; Board Director-UW-Tacoma Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility; Senior Fellow-American Leadership Forum of Tacoma-Pierce County; Trustee-Annie Wright School; Commissioner-Washington State Commission on African American Affairs

Statement
I'm Frank Boykin, a candidate for University Place City Council. I'm asking for your vote, because together, I know we can make a difference. I bring extraordinary skills in community, leadership and partnerships that can increase UP’s profile and visibility and expand our potential.

My engagement and track record over our nearly 20 years as residents is proof that I care deeply about what matters most for our families: safer neighborhoods, a vibrant business climate, strong schools, and community connectedness. As Vice Chair of the UP-Planning Commission for 12 years, I’ve worked tirelessly creating a new landscape for our city. That vision has been realized throughout Town Center and other neighborhood improvements, making UP attractive while preserving our community character.

By electing me to City Council, you’ll get experience. You’ll also get innovation, and curiosity to explore new ideas around safety, economic vitality, and community growth. As I collaborate with others, my priority is ensuring University Place is the best version of itself.

As a Councilmember I’ll bring passion, expertise, a servant’s heart, and contagious energy to every endeavor, and we'll be poised to go “UP!” I humbly ask for your vote as the experienced, community-centered voice our Council needs.

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Job shadow at Wright Patterson Airforce Base, Dayton Ohio; Country Head IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students Associations)

Education
Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Khyber College of Dentistry; Currently enrolled: Health Care MBA, Oregon Health and Science University

Community Service
Fundraising for disaster relief, educational provisions; Work in refugee camps; Volunteering at a community center; Volunteering with youth and children; Volunteered at medical wards of hospitals; Community work in relation to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Programme

Statement
University Place is such a great place to live but we have to work to keep it that way. I’m excited to step up and continue to take this next step in public service. We need to do everything we can to keep our neighborhoods safe, attract new businesses, increase opportunities for recreational activities, and ensure we account for every tax dollar.

Every person should feel safe in their homes and their neighborhoods. We need to reduce panhandling, prowling, and theft in our communities. Support increasing the number of deputies in our city, fixing streetlights, and employing preventative measures to reduce crime. We continue to need safe and organized activities for our young people. I’ll explore public/private partnerships to help fund these programs.

I’m excited to work with our business community to keep developing commerce throughout our city. I’ll work to restructure fees, taxes, regulations and create incentives to encourage growth.

It’s your money. Our city needs to budget its tax dollars the way families like yours and mine do every day. I’ll work to make sure every tax dollar is used with full accountability to you as the taxpayer. I’d be honored to earn your vote.
University Place - Council Position No. 6

Stan Flemming

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Elected Experience
Councilmember/Founding Mayor 1995-2010; 2020-Present; PC Councilmember 2010-2014; State Representative 1992-1995

Other Professional Experience
US Army Brig. Gen.; President, Pacific NW University of Health Sci.; Chair, Board of Trustees, Evergreen State College; Chair, Board of Dir. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; President, Rainier Telecommunications Commission; SVP/Chief Medical; Officer/physician, Pac. Med. Specialty Group; Author

Education
Doctorate Western University of Health Science; Masters US Naval War College; Masters Pacific Lutheran University; Graduate US Army War College Defense Strategy Program; Graduate US Air Force Air War College; AA&S Pierce College

Community Service
UP/Fircrest Rotary Club President/Member; Originator First Annual Clean-UP Program; PC Aids Foundation Member; SS Cancer Care Foundation Member

Statement
As a citizen of our city prior to incorporation in 1995, I continue to see mandates from the state that threaten the beauty and independence of our community. I reject mandates of commercial sprawl and high-density multifamily dwellings in our neighborhoods. As a veteran, husband, father, physician, and businessman, I continually see the increased financial pressures on our families, individual citizens, and small businesses that threaten the vitality of the place we call home. I oppose new fees and taxes that discourage business development in our city. When I was elected to serve on the City Council four years ago, my commitment was to fight for a stronger, safer, and more desirable community through ensuring fiscal accountability by our city; better resourced public safety, and enhancement of our parks. That vision has never wavered. University Place is a community for all and a place we should be proud to live and work in. It is a privilege to serve and I thank the citizens for your continued support to fulfill these goals. We have much work to do, and I look forward to continuing to serve on your behalf. Please vote Stan Flemming this November. Thank you.
University Place - Council Position No. 7

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grassiforup.com

Elected Experience
My priority is public safety, co-leader and passed public safety initiative

Other Professional Experience
Executive Director, New School at Chambers Bay; Executive Pastor of U.P. Church. Board member, Elements of Education for SOTA, SAMI and IDEA Schools. Oversees U.P. Food Pantry and past board member Associated Ministries

Education
Curtis High School, Tacoma School of the Arts, Tacoma Community College, Global Bible University, FEMA Disaster Relief and Response Certification.

Community Service
UP Daffodil Float Committee, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Birthday Dreams Organization, Teen Challenge Womens Recovery Center, UP Festival, Duck Days, Treasures in the Park, Bloodworks Northwest blood bank, Chambers Bay US Open volunteer

Statement
University Place has been my home for over 30 years, I grew up watching and supporting my father, Ken Grassi, become University Place Mayor and longest-serving councilman. Now, as a widowed mother of two, an active member and business leader in this community, it is my mission to serve every citizen and generation of University Place with passion and excellence. I will bring my unique understanding of the past with fresh vision for the future.

Public safety is my top priority, serving as a Prop 1 Volunteer to successfully increase our police department and response times. In addition to increasing public safety, my priorities include creating new pathways for economic development and small business support. I will fight for the return of a vibrant parks and rec program for our children & seniors.

Leading a business and two University Place non-profits with a multi-million dollar operating budget, I am an experienced, strong voice for sensible growth in our community with a willingness to listen to citizen’s concerns & strategically find solutions. I’m humbled by the broad and enthusiastic endorsements I’ve received.

With your vote, I pledge to be a positive, persistent and powerful advocate for the people of University Place.

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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
Executive Director, BAM Seattle, 2022 – Present; Director of Corporate Partnership, Girl Scouts of Western Washington, 2017 – Present; Community Engagement Manager, Girl Scouts of Western Washington, 2016-2017

Education
Associates in Business Management, Pierce College

Community Service
Member, Rotary 8 Tacoma; Board Member, Greater Metro Parks Foundation; Member, University Place Park Advisory Commission; Member, Northeast District Advisory

Statement
I'm running because University Place is my home, it's where I'm raising my family, and where I hope my boys will also one day want to raise their families. I want to ensure we remain a city where we can all feel safe, where long-standing and new local businesses can thrive, and where everyone has access to adequate community resources.

I have the professional experience to lead on the council. Serving on the University Place Park Advisory Commission has taught me how listening to community inputs creates positive change. In this position, I've been working to acquire 1 million dollars of private sector funding required to build an inclusive playground at Cirque Park, opening in 2023. I also have a background in nonprofit management. In my current role, I'm entrusted with managing complex budgets where every dollar matters. Serving on the Northeast Business District Advisory, I work directly with the head of economic development for UP, which further informs how I can continue to move our city's economy in the right direction.

I'm proud to be endorsed by current position 7 Councilmember Caroline Belleci. I'm ready for this new opportunity to serve our city and I'm asking for your vote.
Wilkeson - Council Position No. 4

Christine Frances Cornelius

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Elected Experience
This will be my inaugural elected position.

Other Professional Experience
Senior Lighting Designer at LUMA Lighting Design.

Education
Bachelor of Fine Art in Design from Cornish College of the Arts.

Community Service
Wilkeson Booster Club member 2021-Present; LUMA Community Service Lead 2019-2023.

Statement
Hi, I am your neighbor Christine. I was drawn to Washington 11 years ago to get my bachelor’s degree. While attending Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle I met my husband. He’s third generation from Black Diamond and hoped to live near his hometown. I was apprehensive since where I grew up the smallest lots were 5 acres; I loved being outside but it was lonely and isolating. Then we found Wilkeson, a town where kids run freely dropping their bikes and toys anywhere only to find them in the same place whenever they wish to get them. Where you can walk to grab mail, coffee, and dinner. Where I can run, hike and bike on trails as far as I wish from my front door. Where there is a strong sense of community and excitement around every project. This is the type of town I yearned for growing up and I am so happy to live here. I wish to be on council so I can give back to Wilkeson because in just a few years’ time it has given me so much.

Zac Drllevich

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Elected Experience
No elected experience to date

Other Professional Experience
9 years of hands on construction knowledge including; residential home construction, college campus maintenance/ upgrades, parking lot and sidewalk repairs, and commercial building remodels. 10 years experience of construction project management for large scale industrial and commercial property sites. 5 years experience of project management in engineering and design for industrial and commercial infrastructure construction projects.

Education
Bachelors Degree in Construction Management

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Having grown up in small town South East Alaska, I found my self drawn to Wilkeson as it shares many of the small town qualities and community aspects that I loved growing up with. In September of 2022 I decided to make Wilkeson my home and purchased a property down on Cothary Street, and now that I have settled in, I'm looking to get more involved in my local community. Being elected to city council would give me the opportunity to put my skill sets to work and bring value to the community of Wilkeson.
Wilkeson - Council Position No. 5

Trevor “Pen” Snyder

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Elected Experience
No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience
Management experience in the following sectors: construction, information technology, federal and state government.

Education
Master of Science, Management of Information Systems; Master of Science, Psychology

Community Service
I volunteer to teach computer skills and assist the Town of Wilkeson with its website.

Statement
I am an independent thinker with a deep background in community service. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army, I still want to serve my fellow humans as best I can now that I am a disabled veteran. I believe listening is the first step to solving collective issues. Rest assured that I will work on behalf of everyone in our community, with an understanding that everyone’s voice matters.
Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Capital Projects and Technology Levy

Questions? (253) 983-2233
Complete resolution text at PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title
The Board of Directors of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 adopted Resolution 912-07-19-23 concerning a proposition for a capital levy. The proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to renovate, expand and improve existing facilities of the District, repay an outstanding obligation incurred to purchase a future elementary school site, and replace and improve its security and technology systems and equipment:

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Explanatory Statement
Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 to levy $6,000,000 in property taxes in 2023 for collection in 2024 and $6,000,000 in 2024 for collection in 2025 for capital improvements.

In accordance with Resolution No. 912-07-19-23, these amounts would be used to; install new HVAC systems at Cherrydale and Chloe Clark Elementary Schools and upgrade HVAC systems districtwide; make roof and building improvements to Steilacoom High School and traffic improvements at each elementary school; improve technology systems in all schools and the District office; make safety and security improvements at all schools; upgrade the stadium field at Steilacoom High School; repay a $4 million loan for the purchase of an elementary school site; upgrade electrical and lighting systems at all facilities; and add modular classrooms at elementary schools.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates tax rates of $1.09 per $1,000 of assessed value (2024 collection); and $1.06 per $1,000 of assessed value (2025 collection).

Tax exemptions may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer at (253) 798-6111.

Statement For
A Win/Win Proposition
Good schools benefit everyone in the community. Our students deserve schools and facilities that are warm, safe, and dry. Proposition 1 improves schools with no increase to the tax rate compared to 2023.

Projects are Reasonable and Necessary
Replacing heating and ventilation systems at Cherrydale and Chloe Clark, providing safety and security upgrades at all schools, replacing the roof and make other necessary building and site improvements at Steilacoom High School and upgrading technology, electrical and lightning systems in schools across the district are critical.

No Increase in Taxes
This levy is supported by our Citizen's Committee. These community volunteers strongly recommend upgrading our aging schools without raising taxes. Thanks to expiring school taxes, approving this levy will not increase your tax rate.

Vote Yes for Students
We urge you to support Proposition 1 so all students in our district, no matter where they live, have an equal opportunity for success. Vote to Approve Proposition 1 and mail your ballot by November 7!

Committee Members: Starlene Enfield, Patrick Lewis
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Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.
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**Elected Experience**
Currently elected - SHSD#1 School Board, 2020-2024

**Other Professional Experience**
Senior legislative staff at WA's House of Representatives and formerly at the Pierce County Council- experienced as a community liaison, resolving constituent issues, state and local agencies networking, and policy development and understanding. Awards: WSSDA Board of Year & Board of Distinction, WSSDA Leadership graduate, JDLI graduate.

**Education**
Western Washington Univ -Communications (B.A.), Pierce College (A.A.)

**Community Service**
Kiwanis of Steilacoom (National Night Out Co-Chair, Holiday Toy Drive Chair, Dessert Dash Co-Chair) SHMA (Apple Squeeze Co-Chair), SHSD (CTE/Transpo. Committee, Prev. WIAA Rep.), WyldLife/Young Life, Citizen's Bond and Levy Committees, Champion Centre Church lead volunteer, foster parent.

**Statement**
I am running for the SHSD Board, Position 4. I am a mom of four amazing kids and married for 27 years. I am an invested mom in the district, having one remaining student at SHS. My three other kids recently graduated from SHS and earned degrees through Running Start. My lifelong roots are in the Steilacoom area, as my parents retired here after 27 years in the military. I graduated from SHS, class of 1989. My combined professional experiences at the House of Representatives and the Pierce County Council have given me a deep knowledge and understanding of policy, constituent connections, and valuing all our community. Our students, families, and our community deserve the best education to be provided in our schools with diverse opportunities to succeed. I am committed to continued engagement, transparency, and communication with our valuable administrators, teachers, staff, parents, families, and most importantly, our students. It is my top priority to pursue excellence in our K-12 system, ensure responsible governance, and create district-wide conditions for success.

It is an honor to serve the citizens of our district. Thank you for your vote.

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**Elected Experience**
Currently serving in the School Director Position 5.

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**
MS in Systems Management (Information Systems), University of Southern California (1987); BS in Education (Mathematics), Missouri State University (1973).

**Community Service**
USA Swimming certified Referee; President, Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom; Steilacoom Historical Museum Association; Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW); Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); AMVETS.

**Statement**
During my time on the school board, the district has seen significant improvement in academics and infrastructure. Schools in the district have received numerous awards and recognition. The board has been designated a board of distinction and best board in the state by WSSDA. In this post-Covid era, with significant challenges in the economy and education lost due to Covid lockdowns, the board needs the experience I have to successfully navigate the academic and economic challenges ahead. I believe my experience provides insight enabling me to understand issues and positively contribute to effective decisions supporting our students and providing their greatest potential for success.

As a parent of 3 who attended Steilacoom schools from K-12, who have all gone on to successful post-secondary careers, I believe I understand the needs of our students and our teachers. As a teacher, I believe I understand the needs of our teachers. The future certainly holds challenges. With my experience, I believe I can continue to make a difference. I ask for your vote and continued support.
Eric Heid

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Elected Experience
This is my first time running for an elected office.

Other Professional Experience
Retired: US Army Special Forces NCO (22 Years), CEO USIA Corp, Founder Heidaway Services International PMC, USCD DEC Board Member

Education:
Army and Navy Professional Development Schools, Campbell University, NC GS, MDEA, FL DDT

Community Service
10 years on Prairie Elementary School PTA/PTO Boards, Crossroads Community Covenant Church outreach programs, 1st Special Forces Group Scholarship Fund, President, Special Forces Association Chapter 16

Statement
I am running because my children – Austyn 2007, Alex (Goobie) 2011 and Addy 2019 spent 13 years, k-12 in YCS (Yelm Community Schools) received an excellent education aided by exceptional teachers. I now have the time to repay YCS. Success lies at the intersection of Opportunity and Desire I will work to provide that opportunity. I believe in equality for all students. Graduation is their primary goal, allowing them to advance in the Trades, College, or National Service. My decisions are Faith Based and Christ Centered. My goal is to help improve student achievement, graduation rates, educational reform, and student safety. Our entire community, including our YCS students, and their families need to feel a sense of ownership in our schools. My goal is to make this happen with your help.

Casey Shaw

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Elected Experience
First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience
14 years in heavy civil, bridge, and marine construction. Lead WA Estimator and Design Build Project Manager for public works projects. Experience managing large teams and projects greater than $75M. Routine collaboration and negotiation with government agencies, such as WSDOT, WDFW, Ecology, EPA, and numerous Ports and Tribes.

Education
Yelm High School – Valedictorian (2006); University of Washington – Bachelor of Science – Construction Management

Community Service

Statement
The education kids receive today is the foundation for their future. Our families deserve a voice regarding this education, including the information and environment our kids are exposed to. We deserve a board of directors that represents our voices and our children's needs, even if that means standing against the State's current agenda.

With the State pushing Senate Bills 5237 and 5462 to remove the authority and ability of school boards to represent our families, now is the time to elect directors that won't back down from a fight. As a father, uncle, coach, and lifelong Yelm resident, my heart is invested in our youth, their families, and our community. I am no stranger to tackling tough negotiations with government agencies and will use this experience to stand for our families.

Our kids deserve a proper education, future, and safe learning environment. Through responsible budgeting, a heart for our children, and unwavering resolve in the face of diversity, we can give them this.

Decisions we make today will impact our children's lives forever; it's time to have the hard conversations and initiate the change that is needed. It's time to be a voice for the families, not for the State.
Allyn Verbal

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Elected Experience
This is my first time running for public office.

Other Experience
Legislative Intern, Governor’s Commission on Women; Appointed Representative, Governor’s Affirmative Action Council; Law Clerk, Vermont Department of Labor & Industry; Intern, Legal Aid and Defender’s Association, Inc.; Combined Federal Campaign Manager, United Way of Southeastern Michigan; RVSR, Department of Veteran’s Affairs, Detroit, Seattle, & San Juan, Puerto Rico

Education
Spelman College, B.A./ History; Vermont Law School, JD; Vermont Law School, LLM/Environmental Law

Community Service
National Alumnae Association of Spelman College-Lifetime Member; Member, Yelm Policy Advisory Committee; Member, Yelm Middle School D.O.G.S.; Yelm Community Schools emergency substitute teacher; Certified Red Cross Volunteer

Statement
I purchased my home in Yelm in 2019. Currently, I am in the process of jumpstarting parent groups at Yelm Middle School (YMS) and Yelm High School (YHS). Since my student enrolled in YCS in August 2022, I have attended all school board meetings except three. The newest YCS board director has been on the board for almost ten years; the other four directors have been there for at least fifteen years or more.

Yelm Community Schools (YCS) spans 192 miles, is comprised of ten schools, and educates over 5900 students. There are five district board directors.

Do Yelm citizens know their YCS district director? How does the board get community input Before they vote publicly? Are the YCS directors involved in their districts or the City of Yelm?

I believe it’s time for transparency, relationship, and community. I want the YCS school board to aggressively create ongoing relationships with YCS stakeholders. I want the YCS school board to improve community awareness of provided services. I want the YCS school board to become more visible in their districts and the City of Yelm. So, I encourage you to Vote the V! for a voice, value, and visibility in the YCS.

Denise Hendrickson

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Elected Experience
Yelm Community School Board Director No. 3 1999 – 2023

Other Professional Experience

Education
SPSCC, Pacific Lutheran University – BBA with Accounting concentration 1988

Community Service
Rotary Club, Boys and Girls Club, Yelm Dollars for Scholars, Thurston County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, FFA Alumni, Yelm Community Park Board, Co-chaired Christmas in the Park

Statement
The knowledge and experience I have gained as a board member have reinforced my belief that schools represent the hopes and dreams for all students and are a reflection of our community. Education is the doorway to opportunity for the students who attend Yelm schools; and together staff, families and our community contribute to their success. I am invested in this community as a parent of alumni and grandparent of children attending our schools.

With support of our community in passing a bond, our district and community have created welcoming new facilities at Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary while also improving the safety and security at all the other schools in the district. The upgrades to our athletic facilities and performing arts center provides our students and community access year-round.

Another success had been adding student voice to our Board, giving new perspective and insight. While we still have work to do, we are focused on creating spaces and opportunities where all students feel they can thrive. I feel strongly that we need to focus on student achievement and continue to develop programs that support our students. I would appreciate your vote.
Bill Hauss

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Elected Experience
YCS school board director since 2004.

Other Professional Experience
Electrician at Wilcox Farms for 50+ years.

Education

Community Service
PCFD 17 20+ years fire fighter and first responder & EMT. YHS volunteer for the year along with my wife 2021-2023. TCYFL football coach 6 years. Prairie soccer coach 6 years. Basketball coach 1 year. YHS mock interviews 2 years. YHS senior breakfast volunteer 2023. #1 Tornado football fan 2023 3A champions!

Statement
I believe every student deserves the best education possible for their future, whether that may be college, vocational training, military or entering any employment. We have to make sure every student has the opportunity to be successful. The covid years has been stressful on our students, we need to make sure we give them every tool they need to navigate their future. We are working diligently to make up for their losses and to build their scores to surpass expectations. We should strive to support every student group beyond expectations. We have accomplished many goals but still need to work toward higher goals to make YCS the best possible place to educate our students. I feel that every student is one of my kids. Please let me continue to support our students as they are our future and legacy. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Karen (Kay) Anderson

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Elected Experience
Yelm Prairie Special Needs PTA

Other Professional Experience
Leadership Academy Graduate; YCS Special Needs Advisory Board

Education
Masters in Mental Health Counseling; Bachelors in Psychology; Associates in Criminal Justice

Community Service
Educational Advocate; Community Resource Advocate; Yelm Special Needs Support Network

Statement
As a candidate running for YCS School Board Director for District 5, I am committed to our children's education. I currently have 3 children enrolled in Yelm Community Schools and believe in creating a safe, inclusive environment for our children. As a community leader, I understand the importance of creating strong partnerships between the schools, local government, and local businesses. I build strong relationships that can build bridges between our students, schools, and community.

As a parent who have current students at YCS, I have a unique opportunity to see both the amazing aspects of the current educational systems in place and where there is need for improvements. I have great experience working with diverse communities and understand the important of collaboration and teamwork. I am passionate about providing our students with an exceptional education and truly believe we must work together to create and collaborate for the best educational experience. I thank you for considering me as a candidate for YCS School Board and look forward to earning your vote.
**Puyallup School District No. 3 - Director Position No. 2**

**Joseph Romero**

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**Elected Experience**
Puyallup School Board 2019

**Other Professional Experience**
Real Estate Managing Broker, 25 years in customer centered industries.

**Education**
University of Washington

**Community Service**

**Statement**
Leading through a once in a lifetime global pandemic, it has been an honor to uphold my commitment to this community, which is to put our kids first. While many districts in our state waited, we showed the Governor it was safe to re-open. We forged forward to ensure that the kids in our community were back in classrooms, learning, socializing, and living.

In my first term, my colleagues elected me to lead our board two consecutive years as President. As a public servant and a representative of our community, it has been a pleasure to help shape and adopt the Puyallup School District’s new Strategic Plan. Our priorities now focus on Academic Achievement and Family and Community Engagement, while maintaining Social-Emotional Supports, Staff Development, and continual improvements in Facilities, Safety, and Security.

At the center of our charge and responsibility is providing free access to education for our kids. We provide a meaningful experience where our children can learn and grow and be prepared to succeed into adulthood. I am seeking re-election to continue with the course we have set, and to help give our kids every chance to be successful.

We cannot lose sight of our focus: education.

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**Trish Crocker**

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**
Grant Coordinator, Pierce County Human Services; Grants Manager, Multi-Service Center; Grants Manager, Children’s Home Society of Washington; Grant Writer, Friends of Youth; Grants Coordinator, Community Health Centers of King County

**Education**
B.A. German Area Studies, University of Washington; Graduate work toward a Master of Public Administration, University of Washington

**Community Service**
Current: 25th Legislative District Democrats Membership Chair; Precinct Committee Officer; Waller Road Elementary PTO volunteer. Former: WPFC Fall Recreational Soccer Team Manager; Co-Chair and Scholarship Committee Lead, Auburn Rotary Foundation; Advancing Leadership Graduate; Bow Lake Elementary parent volunteer; SeaTac Human Services Committee member

**Statement**
As the mother of a PSD student, I want to help ensure the teachers and school staff have the resources they need and the policies in place to provide excellent educational opportunities in the manner that is equitable and values and respects each and every student. I’m running for Puyallup School Board because I believe that we should be providing our students with a top-notch education that is equitable, safe, and treats each student, faculty, and staff with respect and dignity.

I have spent my 25 year career securing grant funding for human services programs often serving children and families. I believe that to provide the best education we need to ensure funds are used responsibly and for the benefit of students, to negotiate in good faith and honor contracts of district employees, and to ensure the best learning environment for our students.

If elected, I will work to provide fair and competitive compensation, an environment that values staff and educators, and provide support and resources (such as limiting class sizes and providing adequate levels of staffing) to provide a welcoming, attractive work environment. *I’d be honored to have your vote!*

Endorsements: 25th Legislative District Democrats; Washington Education Association
**Gretchen Miles**

Elected Experience
First time running for an elected position

Other Professional Experience
Social Worker, nonprofit Step By Step for women and children; Caregiver for daughter through Consumer Direct Care Network Washington

Education
Bachelor's in Sociology and Minor in Health from Seattle Pacific University; Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Liberty University, Spring of 2024

Community Service
Coordinator for Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) International; Committee Member for the Annual “Run 4 Miles” community run/walk event that provides support and hope for those enduring catastrophic injuries and illnesses; Conference speaker; Sunday School teacher and play/choir director; Sports team manager

Statement
Gretchen will make academics the primary focus, providing high-quality education that prepares every student for success. Gretchen believes parents and guardians are absolutely crucial in our children's education. As a proud parent of six children brought up in the Puyallup School District, Gretchen brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, insight, and dedication. She will foster strong partnerships between schools and families.

Public safety is vital and Gretchen will ensure that appropriate precautions are in place to keep our kids safe! Bullying is absolutely unacceptable for any reason; no child deserves to be bullied. Positive mental health plays a vital role in a student's ability to thrive. Gretchen will expand greater awareness and access to counseling support so students can flourish both academically and emotionally.

Gretchen is endorsed by incumbent Puyallup School Board member, Michael Keaton, as well as countless parents and school teachers! Michael states, “Gretchen is running for all the right reasons. She will ensure the new District Strategy is implemented, and will bring focus and expertise on mental health issues that our Board truly needs!”

Gretchen would be honored to be your Puyallup School Board representative and will always go the extra mile for our kids.

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**Amanda Cuthbert**

Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Early Learning Coach Lead, BrightSpark Early Learning Services; Center Director at KinderCare Education

Education
B.S. Early Care and Education from University of Washington; A.A. Early Childhood Education and Certificate of Child Development Associates Credential with specialty in Infant/Toddler Development, Rasmussen College

Community Service
Washington Child Care Centers Association- Board Secretary; Puyallup Library Advisory Board; Two-Way Racial Healing Project Board Member; Perinatal Support Washington- Peer Support Warmline Volunteer

Statement
As a former public school student for K-12, parent of 2 Puyallup School District students, former PTA Treasurer, parent volunteer, and as an Educator/champion for early learners, I believe in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all children. I am running for School Board to bring change, experience, and care to our community and children.

I am uniquely qualified to understand the needs of the children and what we must do to see our children truly learn and thrive. My leadership skills have prepared me for lifting the voices of those needing to be heard, while providing comfort and direction and decision making skills with a big-picture view.

I believe the role of a School Board Director includes being an active listener, active engager, and respected leader who makes decisions based in fact, who can speak to the community with respect and compassion, and who will ensure the needs of the student are the priority. If elected, I will place our children's safety and education first, ensure the voices of our educators are heard, and ensure our students, teachers, faculty and staff have the resources needed to provide the best education possible.

I'd be honored to have your vote!
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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Associate and Bachelors Special Education Preschool - 3rd grade Professor at Pierce College; College Administrator; Early Childhood Education Center Director; Early Childhood Educator; Special Education Family Support Liaison

Education
BS in Business Administration and Marketing; MS in Early Childhood Education and Special Education

Community Service
Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (WACTE); Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform (CEEDAR); Washington Education Association (WEA); WSP Proactive Equity Anti-Racism Team member (PEAR); City of Puyallup Design Review & Historic Preservation Board - Three Terms; The Two-Way Racial Healing Project; Am I Next? Puyallup; Puyallup United Against Fear; Emerge Graduate; Jane's Fellowship

Statement
I'm a 25-year educator and leader passionate about creating inclusive and equitable education systems. I am running for Puyallup School Board Director because I want to use my experience as an educator, parent, and leader to advocate for the needs of students and families and work collaboratively with other school directors to create positive change.

I believe all students, regardless of background or ability, deserve access to the resources, high-quality educators, and support needed to thrive and succeed. I'm committed to creating An Education Ecosystem Designed to Meet The Direct Needs of all Students, and I am committed to advocating for policies and programs that support all students’ academic, social, and emotional growth.

As a school board member, I'll prioritize communication and collaboration with families, teachers, staff, community organizations, and local businesses to build a strong school support network. I’ll work to ensure that our schools have the resources to attract and retain the best educators and staff who represent our growing student population. I’ll be a voice for our community’s students, families, and educators. I'd appreciate your vote.

I'm proudly endorsed by Puyallup teachers and paraeducators-WEA, 25th Legislative Democrats, School Board Directors across Pierce County, and community leaders!

Shannon Burch

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
Dedicated working mom with 28 years in sales and analysis at the same company.

Education
K-12 local graduate of Puyallup schools; Associate's from Pierce College; Bachelor's from Central Washington University.

Community Service
Advocate for all children. Active PTA/PTSA member, instructs students as a Puyallup School District Art Docent. Raised community standards and property values on the Wisteria HOA Board and kept local theatre alive on the Paradise Theatre Board; gives back to Puyallup as a Valley Food Bank volunteer and makes positive local impact as a mentor for Afghani refugees as an Undaunted Women Volunteer.

Statement
I am a person of action who is passionate about building upon the momentum within the District focused on effective education, parental involvement and administrative transparency. As a Board Director, I will support pathways for student academic success, positive changes in the transportation infrastructure, and continued visibility to district activities. I will encourage two-way communication, family engagement and volunteering with a common goal of improving the school experience for students, parents and teachers.

I believe a strong community provides our children with security and support. Growing up in Puyallup, my schooling experience prepared me for my professional career and life as a productive citizen; I want the same for my children and the generations to come.

As a mother of four, two currently enrolled and two graduates, I remain active in the schools and know I can make a positive impact on the School Board. I value academic achievement, the arts, athletics, Career and Technical Education, and appreciate the many diverse opportunities the District offers.

I love the Puyallup School District and look forward to serving as a Board Director.
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**Elected Experience**
Tacoma Public School Board Director, Position 3

**Other Professional Experience**
Program Manager with King County, overseeing their Education & Employment Programs for youth 16-24; College Preparatory Advisor and Graduation Specialist

**Education**
Doctorate in Leadership - City University Seattle (In Progress);
M.A., Applied Leadership - City University Seattle; B.S.,
Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences - Central Washington University

**Community Service**
Regional Board Director for the College Success Foundation and Athletic Director at Lincoln and Foss High Schools

**Statement**
Since my appointment in 2020, I've worked hard to ensure that students have a first-class education in Tacoma. We renamed Wilson to Silas High School in a move for a more inclusive namesake. I led the way on passing groundbreaking anti-racism policy and I continue to work on changing the structures that perpetuate systemic racism. My colleagues and I implemented a Whole Child approach and raised graduation rates to a record breaking 90.2%.

There is still more to do. Already this year we've had several instances of community violence that put our students at risk. We need to strengthen partnerships and programs that keep our kids safe outside of school. I will continue to be accessible to parents in our community and build stronger connections between the district, service providers and the families we serve to ensure we are working together to solve these problems.

Representation matters and my service ensures families like mine have a seat at the table. I'm proud to show young folks, especially those who look like me, that they have a voice and a place in leadership. I'm ready for my next term and would be honored to have your vote.
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Elected Experience
Tacoma Public School Board President

Other Professional Experience
I have over 30 years of experience in early childhood education, non-profit leadership, and education policymaking as Executive Director of Child Care Aware of Washington and on advisory committees of the National Women’s Law Center, Strengthening Families United Way, Thrive by Five WA Advancing Racial Equity Committee, and dozens of other organizations at the State and Federal levels.

Education
Graduate Certificate from Evans School of Public Policy & Governance - University of Washington; Graduate Certificate University of Denver Publishing Institute; Bachelor of Arts from Trinity College

Community Service
Washington-Hoyt and Lowell PTAs and Emergency Food Network volunteer

Statement
I'm running for a full term on the Tacoma School Board because I am proud of the work my colleagues and I have accomplished over the past few years. I'm eager to continue broadening educational opportunities and improving the lives of our students and families.

I have worked tirelessly to address the issues facing our community. As a school board, we implement the Whole Child approach, embracing social and emotional learning beyond “normal” coursework. We've ensured our students continue to receive a world class education; achieving graduation rates of over 90%, the highest in district history, even through COVID-19. I am focused on creating equitable and safe communities, such as helping to create extended learning opportunities afterschool at every one of our elementary and middle schools. I am also proud that last year we adopted a groundbreaking anti-racism policy for Tacoma Public Schools.

Despite these successes, we have to keep pushing to do right by our students. In my next term, I'm dedicated to keeping our students safe from community violence, effectively addressing the growing youth mental health crisis, elevating academic rigor, and dismantling systemic racism.

I look forward to continuing this work and I humbly ask for your vote.

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
STEM tutor, software engineer, and activist dedicated to advocating for child safety and the rights of victims of child abuse.

Education
Masters of Science in Computer Science and Systems, UW Tacoma 2022.

Community Service
With a decade-long commitment to victim's rights and justice against child predators, I've fought tirelessly. I've championed informed and involved citizenship for years, including organizing an in-person discussion forum with candidates for Tacoma Municipal Court last election cycle. Through community involvement, public records requests, data analysis, and reporting on my website, I strive to build more accountable and effective institutions, a stronger community, and a safer world for kids.

Statement
As your next Director, I will dedicate myself to modernizing Tacoma Public Schools with a transformative vision rooted in technology, education, and real-world experience. I will empower students for real-world success by advocating for rigorous, competitive standards and the leveraging of cutting-edge technology.

Ensuring student safety is my top priority. I will enhance security measures, address child predation risks, and create a secure learning environment where students can thrive. Recognizing and respecting the invaluable role of parents, I will actively engage them in shaping policies, fostering open communication, and nurturing a collaborative educational community. I will uphold transparency and accountability to the greatest extent possible, advocating for real-time access to curriculum, assessments, and progress reports, further involving parents in their child’s education. To the fullest legal extent, I will counter any policy that seeks to weaken parental rights and limit their involvement in their student’s education and well-being.

Join me in building a modern and innovative district that prepares students for success, involves parents as partners, and embraces technology’s potential. Together, we can achieve excellence in education and empower our students to thrive in a challenging and rapidly-changing world. Vote for Wolk as your next Director of Tacoma Public Schools.
Elected Experience
I have been serving on the Carbonado School board position since 2017-18. This will be my second full term.

Other Professional Experience
I currently work in administration / payroll. I apply the knowledge here to school board meetings and decisions.

Education
I went to carbonado school K-8th grade as well as White River High school.

Community Service
I volunteer for community programs when I can. I am involved in School functions as well as community programs.

Statement
I am currently serving on the school board and would like to continue to do so. I have two children as well as multiple family members that attend and I enjoy making informed decisions for our district. I look forward to continuing to help the district be as strong as possible.
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Elected Experience
28th LD State Senator, University Place School Board Director

Other Professional Experience
Non-Profit Founder and Executive, Teacher

Education

Community Service
PTSA Member, Tacoma Rotary, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, Building Changes - Board Member, University of Washington Tacoma Sports Enterprise Management - Board Member, Girls Mentor Group Leader

Statement
As a parent of four children who have attended our district's schools, I understand the needs of students, parents and teachers in all levels of our school system. I serve on our school board because education is at my core and I know the difference a good education can make in the life of a student. I believe every child deserves a world class education and I'm energized to continue this work.

Since I was first elected to the school board, I've put the needs of students first. I've been a leader for ensuring our kids receive the funding and resources necessary to succeed and I've pushed for more equitable and inclusive policies. I see a future where our students continue to have the access and opportunities to be capable, accomplished, and contributing citizens.

I'm committed to listening. The success of our students starts with our teachers and I'll prioritize investing in our staff so they get the resources they need. I'll continue to reach out to our community and bring everyone into the process to meet our district's needs. I'm proud to be endorsed by Washington Education Association. Together, we'll uphold the reputation of academic excellence in University Place.

Linda Wojciechowski

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Elected Experience
Not a politician

Other Professional Experience
School fundraiser coordinator in 30-50 schools yearly for the last 19 years; Police & Fire Chaplain Training; Suicide Intervention Training; Sex Trafficking Prevention Training, Stewards of Children Training (National Association of Social Workers); FEMA Training.

Education
Bellevue College; Police and Fire Chaplain Training Academy, Graduate

Community Service
2015-2023 Volunteer Chaplain inside the Pierce County jail and Gig Harbor women's prison; 30 years PTSA/PTA member in numerous schools; 2012-2017 volunteer at Adorned in Grace; various positions at Redeem ministries; Young Life leader; Steering Committee member, Playground by the Sound.

Statement
Our community deserves leaders who value family engagement and strive to provide a quality education that prepares students for a limitless future.

As a single mother of a mixed-race family, I understand the problems our families are facing today. There is a mental health crisis in our schools that needs to be addressed. Kids should not be burdened with unnecessary adult information that creates anxiety and fear. Instead, our focus and responsibility need to be literacy, solid math instruction and pandemic loss learning. There must be more transparency and the curriculum needs to be easily available for parents to review.

After speaking with hundreds of parents in our community, it is clear that there is more that unites us than divides. We all agree that parents should be the primary stakeholder in the decisions for their kids. I believe this too.

My work as a Chaplain has opened my eyes to how education affects the development and path of an individual. It doesn't take a master's degree to solve this, just common sense and putting children's needs before adult politics! Vote for Linda Wojciechowski. I will fight for our children and families.
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Elected Experience
University Place School Board of Directors 1995-Present,
Currently Board Legislative Representative

Other Professional Experience
Member Washington State School Directors Association, State
School Board of the Year 2014 and 2015

Education
Curtis High School 1981; Attended B.Y.U.; Seattle City University,
C.N.A.

Community Service
I have consistently served our community in the past,
demonstrating my strong commitment to our neighborhood
through extensive involvement in groups such as Citizens for
Incorporation, Viking Junior Wrestling Club, Church Primary,
Youth Programs, Cub Scouts, Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful,
U.P. Library Campaign, and Playground By the Sound. I’ve
volunteered more than 600 hours in University Place Schools.

Statement
As a lifelong resident, I have worked to maintain the high quality
of University Place schools. These are schools that we can all
be proud of and that provide our students the foundation to
successfully pursue and realize their future aspirations.

Married 40 years, Clay and I have five children: Josh (Curtis ’02),
David (Curtis ’03), Drew (Curtis ’06), Adam (Curtis ’09), Matthew
(Curtis ’18) and thirteen grandchildren.

During my tenure on the board, our school district has
significantly outperformed the state and nation and shown
gains for students in academics, citizenship/service, and health/
fitness. We continue to increase student achievement by setting
and maintaining consistent policies and working closely with
parents, students, and the community. I will continue to work
with the community to advocate for all children, to improve
students’ educational and career opportunities, and to help build
a strong foundation for a successful future. Sustaining the high
performance of the District will present future challenges; my
experience will assist the District in facing these challenges.

Thank you for your support of our schools. It has been my honor
and pleasure serving on the U.P.S.D. Board of Directors. I would
appreciate your vote for another term.

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Owner/Operator - University Place CrossFit 2017-Present;
Successful small business owner with wife, Ashleigh, where
we are dedicated to inspiring health and fitness within our
community. Founder - RevUp Athletics Foundation 2019-Present;
Non-profit organization with the mission to provide fitness
opportunities to children. Senior Director - Target Corporation
2004-2017; Multi-unit, high volume management experience with
a focus of leading high performing teams.

Education
Bachelor of Science, International Business; Oregon State
University; 2004

Community Service
President UP Lacrosse Club 2021-Present; Head Coach UP
Vikings Youth Football 2021-Present; Basketball Coach Fircrest
Parks and Rec 2017-2022

Statement
I am a committed family man, entrepreneur, coach, community
leader, and longtime resident of University Place, where I reside
with my wife, Ashleigh, C ’99, and our three children, who all
attend U.P. Schools.

As a candidate for the UPSD Board, my vision is to help build
strong schools that empower every student to reach their full
potential. I am deeply passionate about helping children become
confident, happy and successful individuals.

I will prioritize the physical and emotional well-being of our
students. I will advocate for the implementation of additional
physical education programs and outdoor education initiatives,
reducing sedentary time in classrooms.

I am committed to equipping and empowering teachers with
the necessary resources to effectively manage their classrooms
and provide personalized attention and education to each
student. To achieve our shared vision, open communication
and collaboration are essential. I will foster an open channel of
communication among parents, teachers, and administrators,
ensuring that our decisions and actions are aligned with our
goals. By implementing innovative approaches to physical and
emotional well-being of students, supporting our teachers
and fostering open communication, we can build a strong
educational community that prepares our students for a bright
future.
Elected Experience
Director, University Place School District (6 terms)

Other Professional Experience
Lecturer, University of Washington Tacoma: (5 yrs); K-12
Educator: Math/physics teacher; district and state level school administrator (18 yrs); Lecturer, PLU (23 yrs); US Army (20 yrs), Lieutenant Colonel

Education
BS Engineering, West Point; MA, Pepperdine; MA, Catholic University; Ed.D, University of Southern California.

Community Service
University Place School Board (24 years, 10 times elected President); Usher, St. Charles Borromeo (6 yrs); Board of Directors, Washington State School Directors’ Association (11 years); UP Citizens for Incorporation (1 yr); Hawaii State Board School Advisory Council (1 yr)

Statement
UPSD's well-deserved reputation (see https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/s/washington/ and https://www.schooldigger.com/go/WA/districtrank.aspx) is that of a team (supportive community...involved families...dedicated educators... and motivated students) building competent, contributing citizens who are healthy, physically fit, and grounded in character. This community expects its board to lead by example, setting high standards and demanding accountability for results. Successful boards begin by looking to their own performance delivering community-accountable governance for the district.

Patsy and I chose University Place as our home because of its schools...we are proud to claim Katherine, Nate and Molly as Curtis graduates. My pledge is to maintain our community's standard of excellence, press for continuous improvement beginning in the boardroom, assuring district and school leadership, that focuses on and support teaching and learning.

The board plays an essential role in our school district's path to excellence, governing (not micromanaging) on behalf of the community. I am committed to ensuring board focus on results, sustaining excellence where it already exists but demanding it everywhere else. We must exercise thoughtful stewardship for children and resources entrusted to our care.

An article I wrote for the American School Board Journal offers more on the beliefs, values, and attitudes I bring to this role (https://nsba.org/ASBJ/2023/june/six-not-so-simple-rules-for-school-board-success)
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Elected Experience
Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Director, Nov. 2015-present

Other Professional Experience
US Customs Service, Import Specialist - applied trade law; US Department of Education, Office of Inspector General, Special Agent - investigated financial fraud cases; Real Estate Broker – 2006 to present.

Education
Western Washington University, BA, History; Secondary Teaching Certificate; Investment Company/Variable Contracts: NASD Series 6; The Audit Process for Non-Auditors; Strategic Problem Solving, Juran Institute.

Community Service
ManeStage Theatre Company; Girl Scouts; Hidden Lake Community; classrooms, schools, and parent groups as needed. In the past, Lake Tapps Lacrosse Club, led church small group, and United Way Combined Federal Campaign.

Statement
My wife, Rebecca, and I originally hail from Federal Way. Over the last 29 years we have traveled from Lynden, WA, to Sacramento, CA, and home to Lake Tapps 20 years ago. I enjoyed my time with Watch DOGS at Crestwood. Our daughter is now a Sumner High School student.

Since 2016, I have worked toward policies and practices that strengthen public communication, transparency, oversight, feedback loops, and community engagement. Elementary schools hosted four curriculum nights for parents during the last two years. As a member of the Safety Task Force, community and expert engagement provided cost effective recommendations to implement.

I am proud to support new programs including JROTC, now offered at both high schools. Robotics, Core Plus, and a host of industry certificates prepare students for post graduation options. AP, IB, and Running Start dual credit opportunities continue growing. STEM experiences are offered across all elementary schools. Theater, music, art, athletics, and other extracurricular activities engage students in meaningful ways.

Meeting the needs of this growing district will continue to require reflective and thoughtful consideration. I value that approach and hope to continue serving our community with your vote.

Rocco Lamanna

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Associate Vice Provost, Golden Gate University

Education
BS. in Business Administration, Central Washington University; Master of Organizational Development and EdD in Educational Leadership and Management, Alliant International University

Community Service
Currently active in school committees and events for our two sons' schools (in middle and high school). I previously served as chairperson for 2 terms on the San Francisco School District School Site Council.

Statement
It is important that the schools have the resources to support student learning and engagement and that teachers are equipped to help students succeed.

As a Sumner Bonney Lake School Board candidate for District 2, I am committed to ensuring each student in the district has access to high-quality education that: 1. Prepares them well in life to become productive members of their community; 2. Provides the educational foundation and confidence to pursue higher training, education, or work experience; 3. Feel safe, supported, and engaged in their learning.

I will advocate for policies that prioritize student well-being and success, while also supporting teacher development, retention, and recruitment to foster innovation and creativity for the entire school community.

I am confident that with your support coupled with my life and educational experiences, we can together make a positive contribution to students, teachers, and the entire school community. Thank you for your vote and support.
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Elected Experience
School Board Director, SBLSD School Board

Other Professional Experience
Manufacturing Sales Director (7 years); Small Business Owner Consulting Agency (3 years); Director of Sales Action Sports Industry (16 years)

Education
University of Washington Tacoma, Green River Community College; Sumner High School

Community Service
Coach, Sumner Basketball Academy; Volunteer, Sumner Middle School Spirit Wear Coordinator; Committee Chair, Donald Eismann Elementary PTA; Volunteer, McAlder Elementary PTA; Volunteer, City of Sumner Early Act Rotary; Member, SBLSD Equity Advisory Committee; Volunteer, Fishing Kids and C.A.S.T For Kids; Member, Pierce County Boating Advisory; Founder, #BeLikeHayley Scholarship for SHS, BLHS, Elhi Hill

Statement
I'm proud to call the Sumner-Bonney Lake community our home. It's an honor and privilege to now serve the same district I graduated from.

There's a lot to celebrate in this district. When it comes to stability our enrollment is up, and our finances are strong. When it comes to services, we've increased multilingual training for staff, and saved before and after school care when the City of Bonney Lake planned to cut funding. We've increased graduation rates and prepared students for post high school careers. We've grown our workforce ready programs that landed 13 seniors jobs at Boeing directly after graduation this year. We've implemented JROTC programs at both high schools and continued to win awards for enrichment programs like Culinary Arts, Band, Robotics, and many others.

There is still much work to do. We need to know, value, and support every child in the district to ensure they have a welcoming, diverse, and safe environment. I'm eager to continue my involvement at the district level to serve this great community.

On behalf of myself (SHS 97), my wife (SHS 97), our two daughters (SHS 21 & 24) and our rescue pets your vote is appreciated.

Denis Caron

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Elected Experience
First elected position

Other Professional Experience
Manager/ Director of Security managing site safety, contract enforcement; Seneca County Sheriff’s Office in NY FTO Corrections officer; Sales representative machinery sales company encompassing WA, OR, Utah; USAF Instructor.

Education
Dawson College: Poli-Sci/ Criminal Justice; CCAF: Instructor-Technical and Military Science, Applied Science; Pierce College- Applied Science; Graduated NYSSA Accredited Academy; Seneca County Sheriff's Department.

Community Service
Served as Deacon with our church for the last year and Security Captain for 5 years providing a safe, welcoming atmosphere for all. Coached youth soccer for 3 years, U-8 and U-9 working with 3rd thru 5th graders developing social and athletic skills.

Statement
I've been in Bonney Lake for a total of 11 years. We raised our 4 children here and have 2 graduates from BLHS. Having observed the changes over the last 2 decades I decided it's time to take a stand. I've listened to neighbors and students tell me how these changes have impacted them.

I want to use this platform to amplify voices of concern and stand up for parents and families that want our schools to be more fiscally responsible, for our schools and teachers to align with the values and ideas the taxpayers hold close, and to make our schools a place our children can feel safe attending. As a former USAF instructor, I am intimately familiar with building curriculum and lessons, I spent years as a Field Training Officer training new recruits to exemplify their oaths to the public.

I want to expose the strengths and weaknesses to make our schools the best in the state, bringing the focus back to the parents and children the Board serves. With my addition to the Board, I can be a voice for the parents, driving change we need in schools and with your support, we will do just that.
Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 - Director District No. 4

Bill Gaines

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
Assistant Superintendent, High School Principal, High School Assistant Principal, Classroom Teacher (Special Education, Science, General Studies), High School Coach, Community College Coach, SPSL League Principal, Washington State High School Soccer Coaches Association Vice President, AESD Accreditation Team member, 41 years serving WA public schools, 26 years in SBL SD.

Education
M.A. Education (Administration), B.A. Education (K-12) with focus in Special Education

Community Service
Coaching boys' and girls' soccer, volunteered and support for Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center, Campaign Coordinator for United Way, supporting and leading various business and community partnerships with the SBLS SD.

Statement
Every student in the SBLSD deserves a world class education to provide them with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be successful. I have demonstrated dedication and successful leadership to the youth and communities for 26 years. If elected, I will provide this within the SBLSD Board of Directors and our communities. From my 41 years in public education, service at multiple levels, and community service has provided me experience and knowledge.

As a proven effective collaborator, problem solver, and independent thinker, I am committed and strive to understand others and a wide variety of issues. I have demonstrated success in positions of leadership where I have been able to guide processes to reach positive solutions. Fiscal responsibility for District budgets and public funds is critical. I have successfully demonstrated the skills to work with others to sustain financial efficiency and effectiveness. Doing this takes effective communication, collaboration, and communications with others.

If elected to the SBLSD Board of Directors, I will be provide leadership and positive direction, while working collaboratively and communicating with other directors, the community, staff, and students. With open and honest communication, relationships are built. With relationships you build trust. With trust, you will build success.

Paul Monsen

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
30 years experience as a journeyman plumber, plumbing foreman and currently a plumbing superintendent since 2015.

Education
Graduate of Falmouth High School in Falmouth, MA, plumbing apprenticeship, Reno, NV. Private pilots certificate.

Community Service
Boy Scouts of America Cubmaster for 4.5 years, Boy Scout Chaplain & Committee member for 7+ years, 11+ years of various community service projects with BSA, led small groups.

Statement
I've lived in Bonney Lake 17 years. I've been married to my wife for 28 years and we have two boys. Our boys started their education in private school and later moved into public school, so I have the experience of viewing education from both perspectives.

I'll have a pragmatic common sense approach, prioritizing a high quality education for all students. I believe core subjects like mathematics, language arts, history and science are fundamental. Keeping up with the newest technologies and providing trade based career opportunities are essential as well. I want to provide opportunities for all students to succeed, while in school and after they graduate.

In my professional career, I've worked as part of a team to see each project to its completion, on time and on budget. I'm committed to maintaining a balanced budget and being fiscally responsible. If elected, I will bring that same approach to the school board. Our children are our biggest investment. It's our responsibility to provide them with a strong foundation which to build from. I'd be honored to serve on the school board.
Greg W. Johnson

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Elected Experience
5+ years as District 2 Board Member

Other Professional Experience
Current - Vice President of Sales at HPS; Past - Regional Sales Director at Anixter / Wesco

Education
The University of Montana - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Emphasis in Finance

Community Service
Past Little League coach, HOA president and community food bank volunteer

Statement
I believe that education is more than just imparting knowledge; it is about fostering a love for learning and equipping our students with the necessary skills and tools to navigate an ever-evolving world. The boards’ goal is to enable our administrators to hire teachers that inspire creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity in our students, empowering them to become responsible global citizens who can contribute positively to society.

I understand that each child’s journey is unique. I value open communication and engagement with families, recognizing that their partnership is essential in ensuring the success of our district.

Finally, the role of the school board is not political. The role is to ensure the policies enacted are followed and the district’s financial position is solid.

I appreciate your support. Greg W Johnson
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Elected Experience
No governmental elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

Education
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Community Service
Husband to one wife, Dad to two men, Papa to two boys. I have previously served multiple terms on the Board of Elders at Grace Community Church, to include one term as Chairman. I am currently serving a third term on the Board of Directors for Quiet Water HOA, currently President. My wife and I have volunteered for over twenty years helping engaged and married couples achieve a healthy marriage.

Statement
Dieringer has great schools, surpassing neighboring districts in most academic measures. Still, fewer than 70% of Dieringer students meet ELA, Math, and Science standards. Better-than-average is not good enough and there is much to do to repair the damage caused by recent shutdowns. If elected, I will not be satisfied with better-than-average academics.

Unfortunately, a district focus on academics is increasingly challenged by a state-imposed focus on social issues. While it is the parents' job to teach their values to their children, state-written social policies are actively pushing state values onto your children through your schools. If elected, I will take every opportunity to push back on state social influence and lead our district to implement policies that reflect our community, not Olympia. They are your children. Teach them your values.

Finally, because competition makes everyone better, I support efforts to get Washington State to fully fund quality education in a way that supports school choice (dollars follow the child).

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Elected Experience
Currently hold the position of School Board Director for District 5. Board President 2022 to present.

Other Professional Experience
Human Resource and Payroll Professional

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
I am honored to present myself as the incumbent school board member and current board president seeking re-election for another term. I have had the privilege of serving our community, and I am committed to continuing my dedication to education, student success and fostering a positive learning environment. During my tenure, I have worked tirelessly to ensure every child receives an excellent education. I have advocated for increased funding for our schools, resulting in improved facilities and the hiring of highly qualified teachers. I have also advocated for a curriculum that caters to diverse learning styles. Collaboration is key to achieving meaningful change within the education system. I have actively engaged with parents, teachers and community members to understand their concerns and incorporate their valuable input in decision-making processes. I will continue to advocate for policies that promote academic excellence, foster critical thinking and equip our students with the skills necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing world. I humbly ask for your vote to allow me to continue serving as your board member. Thank you for your trust and support!
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Elected Experience
Currently serving on the Orting School District Board.

Other Professional Experience
I work as a Service Manager for an industrial equipment supplier based out of Tukwila, WA.

Education
I attended four years of apprentice school and earned my Journeyman Plumbers license.

Community Service
I have coached baseball and soccer in the Orting community for over 15 years. I served as the President of the Orting Performing Arts Booster Club for two years. I currently serve on the council at my church. With my church I have been to Haiti to teach carpentry and to Ensenada, Mexico to build homes for families in need.

Statement
I have been a member of the Orting community for almost 20 years. I have spent many hours at concerts, teacher conferences, sporting events and Daffodil parades in the support of my children during that time. I have had four of my children graduate from Orting High School, two of them were 13 year seniors. My youngest child will be attending there this fall and is looking forward to participating in all things Cardinal. I support the schools, the teachers and the students in our neighborhoods. I believe that we need to prepare and equip students for life after high school; whether that route is through entering the work force, learning a trade, or earning an advanced degree.

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Elected Experience
Currently serving second term as Orting School Board District #3 Director, Board President.

Other Professional Experience
Customer Acquisition Manager, Smith Brothers Farms. National association executive leadership task force, mentor, committee chair. Customer Experience Professionals Association Member.

Education

Community Service
Recent volunteer work has been in schools, in support of students. I've also given time and support to Ducks Unlimited, Wounded Warrior Project, Fred Hutch & Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Horizon Ridge HOA.

Statement
As a director, I bring a common-sense leadership style to the board. With professional strengths in communication, growth strategy, and long-range planning, I'm qualified to tackle inevitable opportunities and challenges we face as Orting evolves. I'm well-versed in finding common ground in complicated situations and value fiscal responsibility.

I've demonstrated my commitment to Orting students, and believe in the powerful impact teachers, staff, administrators, and families collectively have on student success. I advocate for transparent, candid conversations to drive district and school-level improvement, and Student Services and Career and Technical programs that support individual graduation paths. I'm proud of the dignity and agency work in schools, and believe students deserve adequate, modern spaces for learning. Community values and engaging Orting citizens in schools is also very important.

Orting has been home for 25 years. Our sons are 2020 and 2023 Orting graduates. I'm passionate about education and personally invested in the district's mission to Connect, Empower, and Inspire each student.

Progress takes thoughtful leadership and dedication. I'm in. Orting students inspire me. I will advocate for them by investing time, talent, and heart into their education, and would be honored to continue serving as Board Director.
Elected Experience
Four years on the OSD School Board. Worked as OEA President and officer and bargained. Worked collaboratively with the PSE union. I know how we can all work together for our common goals. Proud parent of an OHS graduate, married to an OHS alumni with 3 grandchildren at OSD.

Other Professional Experience
I taught 33 years. 16 in Special Education, the rest at second grade. I was a substitute teacher at the primary level. I still enjoy chatting with my former students.

Education
I am a CWU graduate. I got my Masters from Gonzaga and became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2006.

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
In the last 4 years the present Board has worked collaboratively to accomplish many of our goals. We hired a great new Superintendent and have pushed hard to improve our communication with all levels of our community and schools. We developed a much needed Long Term Plan for our growing community. Our next step is to start implementing it through building projects. We have been good stewards of our assets and budget. We need to keep building toward the future on all of these goals. I would like to focus on academic and program growth so that we can provide a rich educational experience for all of our students. This is a time for building towards the future. When we accomplish these steps we can take great pride in the excellent results of our work together.

Melissa Kinzler

Elected Experience
Orting School District Board Director District #5

Other Professional Experience
Office Manager at a specialty construction company putting communication, accounting, customer service and analytical skills to work daily. More than 20 total years employed in accounting/finance departments.

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
Member/Co-Founder of Orting Girls Basketball Booster Club. Served on Neighborhood HOA Committee. Classroom volunteer during my kids' school years. Attended volunteer opportunities for projects offered through various employers.

Statement
As a former parent and current Board Director, I am passionate about ensuring that our students receive the best education available. Three of my children attended Orting Schools -graduating from OHS. I have been involved in various programs and initiatives within our district, including volunteering in classrooms, participating in and attending various district activities, along with attending board meetings for these past four years. Through these experiences, I have gained a deeper understanding of the needs and challenges facing our schools. With that, there is also an awareness of opportunities for improvement.

I will work to: Advocate for policies and programs that enhance the quality of education our students receive, while also being fiscally responsible; Promote transparency and open communication between the school board, educators, parents, and community members; Collaborate with other members of the board to identify and address the needs of our student population; Ensure that all students have access to the resources and support they need to succeed.

I am committed to working with all stakeholders to create a school system that provides every student with the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you
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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
30 years of experience in education, including as an educator in non-profit child care, Head Start/ECEAP, family literacy programs, and teacher preparation. Currently, an administrator at a community college serving our military population on JBLM.

Education
Higher Education Administration, Northeastern University; M.S. Science of Instruction, Drexel University; B.A. Human Development, Pacific Oaks College; ATA Early Childhood Education, Olympic College.

Community Service

Statement
When my family moved to Lakewood 16 years ago, we chose Clover Park School District because we wanted a diverse community where our children could see themselves reflected in their peers. The diversity of our district makes it a great place to learn and grow.

I'm a parent and an educator. I know that all children are different and there is no one size fits all when it comes to education. We must pay attention to current research and data, then use it to inform practices and decisions on policies in our schools. We also need to lean into the expertise of those we hire and give them the space and trust to do their jobs. Our district must continuously evolve to meet the current and future demands of our community.

My years of involvement in CPSD have given me a first hand view of the ways our district has changed. I'm committed to ensuring our district remains a place where all students thrive. I'll advocate for adequate funding, curriculum that meets the needs of students, and employment opportunities that attract and retain talented staff.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Pierce County Labor Council and our teachers (WEA).

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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
OBEE Credit Union, Chief Human Resources and Administrative Officer. Union negotiations; Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Education
Masters in Organizational Management and Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management, Ashford University

Community Service
Chairperson, Lakewood Public Safety Advisory Committee; Chairperson, Lakewood Civil Service Commission; Director, Communities in Schools, Lakewood; Member, Lakewood Police Oral Boards; Community Emergency Response Team

Statement
The Clover Park School District shaped me and I'm running to ensure it continues to positively impact students' lives for generations to come. Having been a student and a parent in the district gives me a unique perspective; I love this community and see where we can do better.

The military brought my family to Lakewood and it has remained my home. Both of my daughters attended Clover Park schools. My family, like our students, reflects the diversity of Lakewood and our school board should do the same. Our diversity, equity and inclusion policies give more opportunity to all students; not less.

Divisive politics have no business in our schools, we need to focus on student achievement. I'll set a vision and clear goals for the district, measuring our success against those goals. But students can't succeed if they are hungry or worried about their housing. I'll advocate for our families, students and teachers to have the resources they need to excel.

I bring decades of leadership and management experience to this role and will use these skills to move our district forward. I'm proud to be endorsed by the Pierce County Labor Council.
### Janet Caldwell

**Elected Experience**
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**
Bethel School District Teacher, (1993-2021); Bethel Education Association, President (2021-Present); Contract Negotiator (2003-Present);

**Education**
Master of Education - City University - Educational Technology; Bachelor of Arts in Education, Washington State University - Reading-Language Arts, Early and Middle Childhood; National Board Certified Teacher;

**Community Service**
Washington Education Association Board Director (2018-Present); Bethel Education Association, Vice President (2011-2019), Treasurer, Executive Board; School District Discipline Committee Co-Facilitator; Co-chair Behavior Team;

**Statement**
As a resident of Lakewood for over 40 years, I know the Clover Park School District as a student, parent, and educator. On the School Board, I'll bring experienced, level-headed decision making that keeps children, parents, and the community at the center while keeping our district fiscally solvent.

I'm a passionate advocate for public education and have over 27 years of teaching experience. I know that every child has unique learning needs and that access to resources is crucial to student performance. I'll advocate for our children to achieve and thrive in safe classrooms under the guidance of quality educators. I'll champion policies that are inclusive and represent the diversity of the district.

Our proximity to Joint Base Lewis McChord creates added challenges and opportunities for many of our families. As a Military spouse, I have a first-hand understanding of this community. I will be a strong voice on our School Board for the nearly one-third of our district's families who are military-connected.

I'm committed to ensuring we meet the needs of all our students, families, and staff. I'm endorsed by my colleagues (WEA) and the Pierce County Labor Council. I'd be honored to have your vote.

### Noa Bunting

**Elected Experience**
Precinct Committee Officer.

**Other Professional Experience**
T.C. Harris School - Direct Support Professional; U.S. Army - Administrative Law/Military Justice Paralegal Specialist; President - Lambda Chi Alpha, Psi Zeta Colony.

**Education**
Purdue University - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Minor in Law & Society.

**Community Service**
Bread of Life (soup kitchen); Peyton Manning Children's Hospital; Ethiopian Community in Seattle; YWCA (women's shelter); Natalie's Second Chance No Kill Dog Shelter; Third Phase Christian Center (shelter/food pantry); Moore Love Rescue (pet adoption).

**Statement**
Our students deserve a quality education that is free of divisive politics and prepares them for success. I am running for Clover Park School Board to improve education outcomes for students, increase safety, and empower parents as the primary stakeholders of their children. As a 24-year-old, I would be the most recently high-school graduated member of the board, offering an in-touch perspective of issues in education.

As a school board director, my top priority will be providing a safe learning environment with adequate resources and programs for students to excel. Academic achievement should be Clover Park School District's (CPSD's) core value, yet CPSD results leave much to be desired. I will ensure our schools teach practical, relevant curricula free from needless politicization and fringe academic theories.

I will work tirelessly to ensure our students have a safe learning environment. A recent CPSD budget survey and the Student Advisory Council both identified safety and discipline as critical priorities. Students cannot learn when they don't feel safe, and I will address these issues head-on.

Parents must be central to CPSD's community engagement and stakeholder groups. I will champion transparency and seek parent engagement. This district's best days are ahead!
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Elected Experience
Peninsula School district Director 2019-2023, Key Peninsula Community Council Director (president) 2013 to present

Other Professional Experience
Retired Battalion Chief, KP Fire Department; General Contractor

Education
Peninsula School District Graduate, Electrician thru WA LNI Apprenticeship program, Washington State Fire Academy where I returned to teach, Certified IFSAC Fire Service instructor, EMT and Fire Officer.

Community Service
Previous Board member of Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, School District Capitol Facilities Planning Group, Pierce County Flood Control Advisory Board, Chair of Key Free Clinic, Board Member Key Peninsula Community Council, Key peninsula Land use Advisory Board.

Statement
As a school board member, I want to continue to work with our teachers and staff to assure that all students have the tools and opportunities needed to learn. This is my home where I raised my family. I want to assure that my grandchildren will have the same opportunities for a great education as I did in our Peninsula Schools.

With my background in construction, I will continue to make the checks and balances for efficient, cost-effective construction while assuring the buildings, with proper maintenance, will endure the test of time. We should never have leaking roofs!

Recognizing the need for higher education, I will strive to see more offerings in trade schools and apprenticeship programs. We need electricians, welders, and mechanics as well as doctors and scientists. I am dedicated to making this community a great place to raise and educate your family.

It would be my honor to continue to serve you as a member of this amazing board. With your support this board has led the effort to build the four new elementary schools, modernize two of the middle schools, and has pushed our focus on career trade programs expanding our offerings, including the JROTC program.

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Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
As a life long learner I am passionate about self-development and find reasons to celebrate learning.

I believe that a safe space is needed to learn and I am a strong advocate of mental/emotional/physical health and inclusivity. In my k-12 experience, I was 3 years varsity in sports and VP of my FFA and I understand the importance of and believe in building community through learning.

As a Public Servant, I want to inspire a love of learning and share my enthusiasm for the arts, trades, health and stem programs. I am an advocate for people with disabilities and a strong believer in adaptive learning/teaching styles. I want to help support and develop existing school communities and mentor the creation of new ways for kids to connect. I feel that connecting with the kids and understanding their morale is an important part of being a director. I want to bridge connections and find ways to help students feel like they matter. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to support and serve our community.
Peninsula School District No. 401
Director District No. 3

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Elected Experience
Peninsula School Board, 2018-present

Other Professional Experience
Since college, I have worked in the banking and airline industries.

Education
BA in Business Administration, Washington State University

Community Service
Discovery Elementary VPO Board, Young Life Leader, YWAM “Homes of Hope” leader for two house builds in Ensenada, Mexico, Rancho Milagro Orphanage volunteer, GHHS Scholarship Committee, “Kids’ Gig” Build Committee Volunteer Coordinator (recruited and organized nearly 1,000 volunteers), “Night To Shine” Prom Buddy, served on work crew for numerous YL camp sessions.

Statement
I am a 33 year resident of Gig Harbor who raised three children in the Peninsula School District. I have served on the school board since 2018 and am honored for the opportunity to continue this important work.

During my last term, we accomplished many great things. We hired a new superintendent, developed a strategic plan, celebrated the completion of four new elementary schools, two modernized middle schools, and established a Navy JROTC program. We are grateful to voters for your unwavering support. By passing the 2019 capital bond and the 2023 levies, you have demonstrated your commitment to education by providing the best resources for our students.

Our aging high school facilities now demand attention. We must ensure that our students and staff have access to safe and modern facilities, and foster an environment conducive to learning and growth for future generations.

My focus remains steadfast on improving learning outcomes in core academic subjects like literacy and math. Student safety and well-being must be prioritized, along with clear communication. I am also committed to expanding educational opportunities in skilled trades to equip students for an ever-changing world. Thank you for your continued trust and support. Lori Glover; GloverforPSD@gmail.com

Peninsula School District No. 401
Director District No. 4

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Elected Experience
Peninsula School District Board Director 2019-Present; Peninsula School District Board President 2022-Present

Other Professional Experience
Military Liaison - Alamogordo Public Schools, Adult Basic Education Instructor - Clovis Community College, Director - Clovis Teen Alliance, International Operations Agent - Wild Planet Toys, Inc

Education
B.A. Linguistics, UC Berkeley

Community Service
Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission - Present Chair, Gig Harbor Sister Cities Council - Present Vice Chair, WA State Military Compact Commission - Advisor, Military Child Education Coalition - Member, Gig Harbor Tides Scholarship Foundation - Past Secretary, Kopachuck Middle School PTA - Past Member, Holloman Elementary School PTA - Past President

Statement
It is my honor to continue serving on the Peninsula School Board. Four years ago, I prioritized hiring a highly qualified superintendent and developing a strategic plan focused on increasing student achievement. I am proud to have delivered on these goals and more.

Our community-driven strategic plan aspires to Inspire and Empower Every Child, Every Day by focusing on academic excellence, innovation, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement in a safe learning environment.

We secured grants to increase elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Arts programs, three of which received state and national recognition. We implemented Transitional Kindergarten at four sites, doubling PSD's early learning opportunities.

Under my leadership, we launched the Naval JROTC program that prioritizes community service and positive citizenship for over 100 student leaders. We built a coalition of school districts to help pass legislation in support of military-connected students in PSD and throughout Washington. I am eager to continue this work, focusing on creating additional graduation pathways, enhancing district safety programs, targeting efforts to boost literacy and academic achievement, improving communications, increasing community partnership opportunities, and continuing legislative advocacy for local control and funding. Thank you for your continued support as a neighbor and partner in education.
Michael Scott

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Elected Experience
I have honorably served as a PCO for district 29 for the past two years. I have engaged voters on both sides of the political spectrum.

Other Professional Experience
I have worked my entire adult life. Largely in the sales/service industry. The past fifteen years, in the transportation field.

Education
Bethel high school. A variety of additional courses to improve career stability. At several of our local schools. Additionally two correspondence courses from Texas A&M.

Community Service
I serve as ambassador and advocate for rights of the community. To ensure that our voices are heard at the county, state, and federal levels.

Statement
With the exception of my military service. I have lived in Pierce county my entire life. I will listen to your voices. I will put our childrens education, mental, and physical health ahead of any political agenda. Our children are literally our future. They should be taught and encouraged to be self aware, self sufficient, and productive members of society. They should not be afraid to attend school. I will serve both you and them. I will watch for unethical, illegal, or immoral behaviors. Whenever possible, make you the community of parents and guardians of these students as aware as I can. I thank you for your consideration.

Alex Davis

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Elected Experience
Alex Davis is a passionate leader supporting those who seek more from life but lack direction on how to obtain it. A husband and father Alex believes in family. A board director since 2019 Alex continues to support the efforts of the district. People are people and that's enough to care and serve.

Other Professional Experience
Business owner and local Pastor

Education
High School Diploma and Training Certificates

Community Service
Rotarian #8, Palmer’s Scholars Board Member, Franklin Pierce School Board Member, Progress House Board Member, KIT Mentorship Program Director and Founder, Community Donations Coordinator for Koinonia Community Development Counsel, Member of the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance

Statement
I love serving the parkland/pierce county area community through the school board. Understanding the role of a School Board Director takes personal conviction but teamwork efforts and the willingness to be accountable to the community in which we serve. I am not only a board director but I am also a parent who supports our overall district, its students, staff, and families. I look forward to continuing my serving to such a great district community.
Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 - Director District No. 3

Mark Baumgarten

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Elected Experience
I am currently serving on the Franklin Pierce Board in an appointed position. I previously served on the Franklin Pierce Board for 24 years, from 1995 to 2019.

Other Professional Experience
Retired. 13 years with a General Contractor specializing in school construction. 27 years as a School District Facilities Director and most recently 3 years as Franklin Pierce Schools Capital Projects Construction Manager.

Education

Community Service
24 years serving on the board, 3 years as an employee and volunteering since retirement.

Statement
I have had the honor of serving on the board for 24 years, the district has experienced a lot of growth and improvement in that time I am proud to have been a part of. I feel fortunate to have been involved first hand in the construction of our five new elementary schools. Few people get to build schools in their own community.

I believe in public education.

We are living in some challenging times we must continue to have unwavering focused leadership on the board. Franklin Pierce is a solid District. I believe that we have a strong board. We must continue to listen, learn and govern basing our actions on fact and reasoning. We have great students, staff and an extremely supportive community and they all deserve our support and hard work.
Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
28 years of service to our community including 18 years in local and state government and 10 years in higher education at Pierce College.

Education
Graduated Wilson High School, attended Gonzaga and Central Washington Universities, graduated Pierce College: AA in Accounting and Technology.

Community Service
Currently a regular attendee at Mid-County Leadership meetings; former member of Pierce County's Solid Waste Advisory Council, Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Citizen Advisory and Department of Retirement Systems Advisory Committees; and a lifetime member of the Washington Public Employees Association.

Statement
It has been my privilege to serve on the Franklin Pierce School Board. I believe in public education. However, we must continue to do all that we can to prepare our students for life beyond high school. It is also important to make sure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely, while providing opportunities for all students in our district. They cannot do it alone. It will take all of us working together--students, parents, grandparents and guardians, teachers, staff, administration, school board, and community members--to provide our children with the best education possible.
Elected Experience
Precinct Committee Officer, Washington State 2nd Legislative District.

Other Professional Experience
Medical Case Manager and Mental Health Professional at Catholic Community Services 2019 - present; Bilingual Youth Counselor and Medical Coordinator at YouthCare 2018 - 2019; Teacher at Spain Ministry of Education and San Benito Public School 2015 - 2017; Student Success Advocate at Madison High School 2013 - 2014.

Education
Master of Science in Education, Portland State University; Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Portland State University.

Community Service
Bethel School District Career and Technical Education General Advisory Committee 2023 - present; Pierce County Commissioner for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs 2022 - present.

Statement
I believe that education is the great equalizer as well as a pathway for being a part of and achieving the American dream.

As your next Bethel School Board Director, I will work at the local, state and federal levels to obtain increased funding for our school district through other means to not increase property tax; so that our student's receive the quality K-12 education that they deserve. In addition to strong, bold, independent minded leadership I will reach out with an open door policy to encourage and listen to all my constituents; students, parents, and teachers. I will also be a proactive school district leader; as well as bring my skills of relationship and partnership building with businesses to create career opportunities for our students. I am a homeowner in this school district and this is where I want to raise my family.

My priorities are: fully funded K-12 schools, supporting teachers to thrive, safety for all children, implementing and expanding dual language education programs, expanding access for the Running Start Program, increasing career opportunities for our students and no cost school meals for all students. I am endorsed by major labor unions and many elected and community leaders.
Elected Experience
Bethel School District No. 403 Director Dist. 4

Other Professional Experience
King County Environmental Health Program Manager, Small Business Owner

Education

Community Service
My Brother Keeper Alliance, AmeriCorps

Statement
Communication is a key component to understanding the challenges facing our community and school district as we continue to provide quality education with increasingly limited county resources allotted to our community. Our current school board directors and I have worked diligently to keep our community informed and to listen carefully to public input on the issues related to our children's education and community needs. I am committed to advocating for increased funding for schools, particularly the severely underfunded special education system and regionalization inequities.

Regionalization calculations give less money to districts with a lower cost of living, which is just another form of 'Redlining' our students and community. Because of this, marginalized districts across Washington State are spending down reserves, which is not a sustainable solution to maintain operations and retain quality teachers.

As a parent to Bethel School district students, I know that; Every student needs a sense of purpose. Every student needs creative spaces, tools, and opportunities. Every student need's hope. Every student needs to believe in themselves, of course. But not all do. Students need a champion–someone to believe in them when their own conviction falters.

I'm committed to being that champion for our students and community.
**Teresa Cosio**

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**Elected Experience**
Kapowsin PTA President & Treasurer (July 2016-June 2023), Bethel Area Council PTA Treasurer (July 2020-June 2022), Bethel Area Council PTA President (July 2023-June 2024)

**Other Professional Experience**
Bookkeeper for Jeff Bartlett Trucking LLC since 2005-Current, Bookkeeper for Hubster Logging, Inc since 2018-current, Bookkeeper for Jack N Latherow Trucking LLC since 2018-Current

**Education**
High school graduate from Bethel Sr. High School, Class of 1997 (Graduating in 1998)

**Community Service**
I've served on the board of Kapowsin PTA and helped in my kids schools. I've helped with the Coalition Against Graham & Eatonville-Roy Airport.

**Statement**
I have been a member of the Bethel School District community since I was in 3rd Grade, when my family moved to the Frederickson/Spanaway area. Later graduating from Bethel Sr. High School in 1998.

I work hard for the three small family owned logging industry businesses that I work for. All based out of Graham, WA.

I am a proud mother to three children (well, 2 are adults now).

Why am I running? I see the call for change to better the lives of our students and staff. I see the bullying. I see the lack of support for staff. I see the lack of community. And I saw with my own children the need for more resources and paths to graduation. I want to bring lasting change that builds a bright future for our students over the next four years. Something that can hopefully be built upon in the years coming after. I've shown my dedication to Kapowsin Elementary's students and staff for the past 7+ years. I would love to share that passion with the rest of our community to build a better Bethel School District by representing District 5.

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**Terry Martin**

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**Elected Experience**
None

**Other Professional Experience**
Ten years in real estate; 25 years in education, as home school coordinator, and as a classroom teacher in public, charter, and private schools, in California and in Colorado.

**Education**
Undergraduate: University of San Francisco and Regis University, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts. Graduate: Regis University, Master of Education, with Graduate Certificate in Literacy Development

**Community Service**

**Statement**
The world is changing. It's becoming more competitive on a global scale, and our children will need to be prepared to meet the challenges and prosper in this new environment.

That is going to take hard work from the entire education team—the kids themselves, of course, guided by their parents, teachers, administrators, and directors. We all have to work together to accomplish our shared goals.

I believe I have the qualifications to be an asset to the team. I bring varied skills to the table; a real estate background to help guide property decisions, 25 years teaching experience, plus time as an administrator and as a mentor and trainer of teachers. I have the academic credentials to back up the classroom experience. I can do the job, and that's why I'm asking the voters to hire me for this position.

What's even more important, I have a burning passion for education and a commitment to work hard for the future success of our children, our grandchildren, and their children after them. I would be honored if you hire me to work with you on Bethel's team.
Karen Carr

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Elected Experience
First time running!

Other Professional Experience
With 24 years in Real Estate and finance and diverse teaching roles in four of five of our schools in Library, Technology, STEM, and Special Education, my unique expertise promises to effectively enhance our district and community.

Education
24 years of real estate education. Paraprofessional certification, my unique expertise bridges property management, community development, and education, ensuring comprehensive school improvement.

Community Service
I'm actively involved in our community; I've coached youth sports, taught in church, and mobilized youth for the unhoused, providing care packages. I collaborated initiatives like Yarn Bombing for Lunches and spearheaded Giving Forward, addressing local child hunger.

Statement
Hello Eatonville! As a proud mother of four boys who have all attended Eatonville schools, I am excited to run for our School Board. I aim to create an environment where every child’s potential is realized and all stakeholders work collaboratively for our students’ success.

Public education’s quality is primarily shaped by top-level decisions, including budget allocations, academic program approvals, and the effective use of our tax dollars. I firmly believe we need to bridge the gap between OSPI (state)/administration, teachers, students, and parents to foster a supportive, all-inclusive system.

Instead of pointing fingers, let’s work together. Each child, irrespective of their background or circumstances, deserves our full support. As a board member, I commit to closely scrutinizing behind-the-scenes decisions, understanding and advocating for our children’s diverse needs, and pushing for policies ensuring the highest equity level for all students.

We have a responsibility to prepare our students not just academically but also emotionally and socially for the world ahead. With your support, I pledge to work tirelessly to ensure Eatonville School District provides an enriching, inclusive, and high-quality education that equips each student for their future. Let’s work together for a better tomorrow!

Corey Ackerman

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
Journeyman Machine Tool Mechanic for Boeing; IFPS Master Mechanic in Hydraulics and Pneumatics; Milling and Lathe Certification (Renton Tech); Automotive Salesman and Mechanic

Education
Washington State Apprentice Graduate 2019; Bingham High Graduate 2004; 2 years Tradition College (SLCC)

Community Service
Coach for multiple sports for EYSA. Cub Scout and Varsity Scout Leader. Leader of many 9/11 days of service projects. Local Youth group leader. Currently sit on School Board.

Statement
Eatonville is a special place! Its rich history of hard work and devotion to family are easily seen. If elected I will continue in that tradition! I will work tirelessly for our children and families. The family is where our community starts. I will devote my time and talents to ensure our parents are the primary stakeholders in our children’s education. My goal is to be accessible to parents and the community. I want to communicate and educate how the Board can help students and parents.

I will continue to push for policies of accountability and stewardship. I will empower all in the district to do better and to be better. I want Eatonville School District to be a beacon of success across our State. I want to change the expectations of success. To push Students, Teachers and Staff to exceed State requirements. My desire is to work with the Superintendent to achieve the community’s vision for our children.

With your vote I plan on serving our children. To assist you in giving them all the tools necessary to succeed. With your support I look forward to creating Eatonville’s future leaders. Together we can keep Eatonville Special!
Paulette J. Gilliardi

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Elected Experience
Twenty-two years on the Eatonville School Board

Other Professional Experience
Partner in family business

Education
Graduate of Eatonville High School

Community Service
WSSDA Board, Daffodil Festival Queen Mother, CTE Advisory, and various committees and community organizations. Church activities and serving homeless.

Statement
I have spent my entire adult life helping children in the Eatonville School District get their needs met by volunteering in the classroom, being involved with youth sports, and helping out in any way I could. I became a school board member to continue faithful service to children.

Children and their educational needs are the highest priority for me. I, along with parents, community members and school staff want every child to be successful both in school and in life. As a board member, working with parents, community members and school staff, I am confident we can make that happen.
Travis Rush
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Elected Experience
No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience
Current AESD TechED Lead, former Eatonville School District teacher, former Technology Education Lead for the Eatonville School District

Education
Bachelors From Western Washington University in History and K-8 Education, Masters in Education, Administration Certificate from PLU, Library and Digital Media Certification from University of Washington

Community Service
Current organizer for South Pierce County Mountain Bike Association, coach for Capital City MTB, former Eatonville Middle School girls JV soccer coach, former Eatonville Middle School boys football assistant and head coach, volunteer trail work for Friends of Capitol Forest and Evergreen Mountain Bike Association, general volunteering for community and area events.

Statement
I am not taking money, nor am I placing signs in yards. If you would like to donate, please donate to the Eatonville Family Agency. I want the focus to be on the students' education and role the community plays.

For all of us as parents our first job is to our families. Our families create the foundation of a strong community. Our schools should reflect the families that entrust their children to them. We have let national politics affect our local responsibilities. I want to work together to strengthen policy and procedures that reflect our community and its values. I'm not a member of any political party and am a registered Independent. We need schools that push for the 21st century and beyond. My goals are to support high standards, more opportunities for students, internships, hands-on learning and much more. Our students have challenges that we have never had to deal with, from social media to AI and a global market where they may feel lost or not able to compete. Schools need to work with families to help students navigate these issues.

I will answer questions at travislrush@gmail.com, or at any location if invited.

James Waldron
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Elected Experience
This is the first time seeking election.

Other Professional Experience

Education

Community Service
Coach youth sports; Student career day events

Statement
I am a Husband, father, and follower of Christ. The end goal of our children's education is to prepare them to take on life with the knowledge and abilities to succeed in whatever they decide for their future.

I want to ensure the Parents are the driving force in their children's education. Transparency and communication are keys to their child's success.

I want the teachers to know that I understand the importance of having the necessary tools to educate our children. Also their career choice to become educators of the young minds is so valued among parents and students alike.

When the time comes for a student to reach out and grab a high school diploma, we want to know we have done all we can to make sure that student is ready to take on the world. That is why as your next Board Member for Eatonville District 3, I will do my part to work through and help influence policy that will lead to a bright future for our children. -Our Children Their Future-
Auburn School District No. 408
Director District No. 2

Arlista Holman

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Education
University of Phoenix, BS Business Management

Occupation
Retired- School Administrative Assistant 30 years

Statement
Auburn has been my home for 44 years and over these years I have been responsibly involved in the Auburn Community. I believe one of Auburn's most important assets is its schools. Supporting Auburn's Pre-K through 12th grade students in a safe and welcoming learning environment continues to be my highest priority. I do this through thoughtful policy decisions and fiscal responsibility.

The Auburn School District's strategic plan focuses on providing students with an educational experience that helps develop their full potential academically and socially. This plan is the blueprint of our commitment to ready students for the future paths they choose. I enjoy the work as a school board member in service to students, families, district staff and the Auburn Community. I'm excited about the direction our district is going and look forward to continuing this work! I ask for your vote.

Auburn School District No. 408
Director District No. 4

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Education
Attended Green River Community College; B.S. in Computer Science from Western Washington University

Occupation
Advertising Sales; prior Insurance Agent & Agency Business Owner

Statement
My involvement with the Auburn School District began when my oldest daughter started kindergarten. I joined PTA to be involved with her new adventure. As I saw how parental involvement boosted not only my child's educational life but that of all students, I took leadership positions with the PTA - local, council, and regional.

My connection with the district started as I was able to spend several days a week as a volunteer in the classroom and around the school. Getting to know the teachers and staff and learning more about the daily workings of the school district motivated me to keep involved. My goal for the School Board still remains to continue improving. Let's make sure we reach every student in our community.
Valerie Gonzales

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Education
Green River community college graduate of practical nursing program and a degree in Human Development

Occupation
Licensed Practical Nurse school setting for medically fragile students

Statement
I felt a need for my voice to be louder. I desire to listen to community, staff, students and families of ASD. I want to support policies that make sense having the greatest benefits to everyone. My husband and I attended elementary through HS in Auburn. Where our five children attend. Our eldest is deaf. She graduated from Auburn taking classes with hearing peers. Two of our kids are in the highly capable program. I'm fortunate to have worked in a variety of classrooms in Auburn and neighboring districts. I know challenges from both sides of the IEP table. I've developed a unique perspective and currently seeking to protect valuable traditions that remain effective in education and support changes necessary to stay current with progress. I have an eager spirit with a heart of compassion and service. I'm excited to serve as a school board director if awarded the opportunity.

Dirk Dearinger

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Education
Grand CanyonOnline, Special Education Teacher (3years); Highline CC, Information Technology (3years); Renton Tech, Emergency Dispatcher

Occupation
UPS/member Teamsters Local 174 Also Paraprofessional at Kent School District

Statement
Thank you to 5,199 voters who voted for me in 2021. The winner served only 4 months then resigned. I promise I will serve every day with energy and dedication. If I don't win, I'll run again 2 years from now. I will serve this community. I want our student learners to succeed remarkably. I want our developmentally disabled students to grow stronger mentally and physically. I want every nickel of funds to be used wisely. I want to sit with the 4 women now on the board to accept challenging assignments, contribute as someone who has been in Auburn schools for 8 years. I'm in Kent currently and see and listen to ideas every single day from people on the inside; staff, principals, specialists, parents. My presence on this board means improvement. Auburn residents will see a new attitude, someone that keeps them informed and listens to their needs.
Karen Bunker

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
34 years of combined teaching experience in Lake Washington and Sumner-Bonney Lake School Districts. Most of my teaching experience is in the early years, K-2.

Education
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education from Central Washington University. Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University.

Community Service
Past volunteer service includes a variety of roles within White River School District PTAs, PTSAs, and Booster Clubs including president, co-president, and treasurer. Served 20+ years in Kids World at Calvary Community Church in Sumner.

Statement
It has been a privilege to serve on the White River School Board for the past five years. My family has been part of the Buckley Community for over 25 years. Both of my children are White River success stories, each taking a different path to graduation.

My 34 years as an educator provides a lens for board work that is unique, and I am proud of the work we’ve done. This year Elk Ridge and the Early Learning Center joined WRHS and Mountain Meadow as award-winning Model PLC Schools. In addition, our District is one of two National Model School Districts in Washington and one of thirty-five nationwide. Last year our Board was named a 2022 Board of Distinction.

During my time in office, we have expanded our offerings for all students. We opened the ELC to offer our youngest learners the best opportunity for early success and intervention. At the high school level, we have continued to expand our Career and Technical Education offerings for students seeking employment opportunities immediately following graduation.

One of the best things about our White River Community is the continuous outpouring of support for our schools. We are all better together!

Stacy Mahnke

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Elected Experience
Served on several committees and boards

Other Professional Experience
12 years lead teacher. 6 years, At Risk trauma informed care

Education
Child Development; Birth -12 years

Community Service
Working with all levels of the White River School District, being a part of parent groups, PTAs, Booster Clubs, WR Truancy Board, White River Families First Collation, and other community and civic groups, I have witnessed the challenges our students, teachers, and community member have been experiencing over the last 20 years. It has given me a broad base of knowledge and experience in collaborative and creative problem solving and evaluating and managing risk.

Statement
As a long-time member of our community, I’ve seen firsthand the importance of parent involvement and volunteering both in the classroom and through activities. It is critically important that teachers and staff partner with parents to create learning environments where students feel safe and inspired that will spring board them to reach their highest potential. With my experience as a parent and community member serving on several advisory committees, I am eager to help improve school, teacher, student, parent and community communication and experience. White River needs to be the leader in staff excellence and retention. With the unprecedented growth development and increasing student population, the challenges created during pandemic, we need to adjust to accommodate the trials of the student population. During the shutdown, I took the opportunity to home school. It was the opportunity necessary to create a fun, safe, stimulating, learning environment while adjusting the needs of my student to which we were able to successfully navigate.

Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out to me.
Elected Experience
Current White River School Board Director, District #3

Other Professional Experience
Affiliate Faculty, University of Washington, serving as an instructor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry for over 20 years. I have served on multiple university committees, including the Admissions Committee. General Dentist and Business Owner, providing dental care to our local community for over 20 years.

Education
Alumni of White River High School. Undergraduate degree from Pacific Lutheran University, B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of Washington.

Community Service
I have worked with local public health and international teams providing dental care to underserved communities.

Statement
My roots in the local community run deep, literally. My grandfather worked in the coal mines in Burnett, not far from where I now live. I am a fourth generation WRHS graduate, with my son, now at Glacier Middle School, on track to be the fifth. I am grateful for both the education I received at White River, as well as the many lasting relationships I continue to have in our community.

My experience on staff at the University of Washington has provided me with a unique insight into what is necessary for college-bound graduates to prepare for the future. However, coming from a large local family I also have a deep appreciation for vocational trades. I believe that it is important for public education to provide opportunities and support for all students, whichever path they choose.

The district has grown considerably over the years, but the commitment of our community to providing quality education to our kids has remained constant. I am grateful to be a part of continuing this tradition, helping our schools prepare graduates for success.

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Elected Experience
Appointed: January 2017 & Elected: November 2019

Other Professional Experience
Tech Sales for AWS, formerly Director of Sales - managing budgets and personnel while across western half of country. Coaching over 15 years from rec. sports to competitive basketball.

Education
Phoenix Institute of Technology, Casper College and University of Wyoming

Community Service
White River Education Foundation - treasurer, Career & Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Board for WRSD, DECA volunteer judge, foster parenting (retired), coaching, volunteering in schools

Statement
I am a dedicated husband and father of four children, two graduates from WRHS and two currently attending WRSD. I am committed to providing each student with a quality education, by helping create an environment offering opportunities and choices for all children in K-12 so they can reach for future success with confidence.

I joined WRSD Board in 2017, and take pride in the accomplishments the district has achieved. Fiscal responsibility, prioritizing education, completing the approved bond work, and securing needed resources through levies have been paramount. Setting district goals for student learning, such as ensuring 90% of students are reading at grade level in the early years, has laid a strong foundation for our children's future.

My commitment to our community's kids extends beyond the school board, working with the White River Education Foundation. Through fundraising efforts, the foundation supports various educational initiatives, including field trips, PSAT testing, and scholarships.

Beyond my dedication to our community's education, I bring over 25 years of experience in the business sector, including leading sales teams. Currently employed at Amazon Web Services, I utilize my professional expertise with six years of school board service, to make me a well-rounded and qualified candidate.
Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 23-18 approving a proposition for bonds. This authorizes the District to replace Fife High School, including its athletic field and stadium, and make other capital infrastructure improvements, to issue $204,800,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 21 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 23-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

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Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, please contact the Pierce County Assessor at (253) 798-6111.

Statement For

Yes For Rebuilding Fife High School and Uniting our Community!
With strong community support, the 2018 Bond Program delivered new and safer schools. Fife Public Schools is now ready to address our last school - Fife High School! FHS will unite all of our communities’ students as graduates!

The New Fife High School!
Your yes vote will make FHS a full, comprehensive high school with an emphasis on vocational programming, modern classrooms, student and staff safety, and state of the art music and athletic facilities.

Your Investment in our Bond Program is an Investment for all Fife students!
This bond adds $.67 per $1,000 of assessed home value. That’s only $16.75 per month for a $300,000 home! Our proven record of completing projects on time and under budget allows us to meet the needs of our growing community and keeps our tax rate among the lowest in the region.

Your Yes vote!
Your yes vote will ensure all our schools are modern learning environments equipped with the latest technology, safety standards and space to grow along with our communities!

Committee Members: Jessica Connaway
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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.
Iesha Ki’ Kidd
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**Elected Experience**
Sept 2017 - Present  Fife Public Schools Board Director

**Other Professional Experience**
Washington Schools Risk Management Pool - Director of Claims & Litigation

**Education**
Washington State University, Pullman - Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice & Criminology; Federal Way High School

**Community Service**

**Statement**
I have served this community as a school board director since September 2017. From day one, I have been dedicated to supporting an inclusive Fife Public Schools culture where differences are valued and celebrated. I have listened to the diverse voices of the Fife, Milton, Edgewood (FME) community to make informed decisions that better the educational environment of all FME students. Each decision I have made has been to not only serve the students who are currently walking the halls of our buildings, but for many generations to come.

Every child is deserving of a quality education. My role is to ensure that that education not only meets but exceeds the needs of each individual student in this district. In order to do that, I will continue to make knowledgeable decisions to support our teachers and staff, stay engaged with our FME community and provide a safe and supportive space for students to come and learn.

Thank you for trusting me with your students, again.

Chelsea Bjorkman
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**Elected Experience**
Fife School District Director No. 2; 2017-Current

**Other Professional Experience**
10+ years as a teaching undergraduate and graduate level business courses for a local university. Public Accounting Lead, Fiscal Analyst.

**Education**
Bachelor's of Science in Psychology: Saint Martin's University; Master's Degree in Business Administration; Six Sigma Business Certification.

**Community Service**

**Statement**
I believe in our community, our district, and our people. I love that being on the Fife School District Board of Directors allows me to serve our community and all of its members. I have three sons that attend Fife Schools (Taylor, Jayden and Cameron); who are proud that they will be graduating from the same high school that their grandfather did, and carry on the Fife Trojan legacy.

My work in higher education has given me a unique perspective on how the education system works and its potential challenges. While I lean upon my professional experience when making decisions, it is imperative to listen to the needs of the community and its children before making any determinations. I will continue to do so, if I am elected to the board.

Our district is building and growing. During my tenure on the board, thanks to our voters, we have built new schools and made our existing schools safer by their upgrading existing equipment and facilities. If elected, I will continue to fight for the needs of our kids, educations, administrators and the community to ensure all stakeholders can be as proud as I am to call the FME community home.
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
Commissioner Position No. 5

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Elected Experience
Current Fire Commissioner 2017-Present. Local community
groups, organizations & clubs

Other Professional Experience
Over 40 years of Fire Service. Assistant Chief of Education Injury
& Prevention, Public Information Officer, Emergency Medical
Services, Battalion Chief, Puyallup School District substitute.

Education
Rogers High School, Pierce College, Bates College Tacoma,
National Fire Academy, Fire Service Management, Fire Service
Leadership, Management of Emergency Medical Services.

Community Service
South Sound 911 Board Member, South Hill Historical Society,
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Community Services Volunteer.

Statement
As Chief Officer at Central Pierce Fire & Rescue for 24 years, I
managed Logistics, EMS, Training and Public Education. As a
Public Information officer, I worked with numerous community
groups, service clubs, and home owner associations. Teaching
fire prevention to all ages from pre-school to seniors. These
experiences provided me with unique perspective of our voters
needs.

My top 3 priorities are: Fiscal responsibility, Firefighters trained
at the highest level, maintaining the departments assets. It
is essential that our Firefighters have the tools, training and
resources necessary to keep our community and firefighters
safe. Public, staff and firefighter input will be key factors in my
decision making process while ensuring taxpayers money is
spent wisely and assuring that our communities get the services
it deserves.

CPFR is among the finest fire departments in our state. I am
proud to be associated with such high caliber professionals. I'm
not a career politician. I provide a fresh perspective and bring
necessary leadership and your voice to this position.

I will be honored to have your support. Together we will ensure
that Central Pierce Fire & Rescue continues to provide the quality
services we are proud of.

East Pierce Fire & Rescue
Commissioner Position No. 4

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Elected Experience
Fire Commissioner (2002-present); Pierce County Fire
Commissioners (2015- present); Washington State Governor's
Safety Board

Other Professional Experience
33 years manager at Weyerhaeuser. 14 years serving as
Weyerhaeuser's; Corporate Safety Director

Education
University of Wisconsin, Bachelor's and Master's Degree
in Industrial; Management. Extensive training in Hazard
Communication, Occupational Safety and Health, and
Emergency Management.

Community Service
Edgewood resident for 46 years. Member of Mountain View
Lutheran Church. Married 56 years to Barbara with four children
(Mike, Brian, Chris and Jenny) and seven grand-children. Active
volunteer with Kiwanis and the Board Chair of the Tacoma
Seafarer's Center.

Statement
Helping to support our community's heroes as they keep our
cities' safe is one of my proudest accomplishments. I would be
honored and thankful to continue serving you. The East Pierce
Fire and Rescue is a highly qualified group that truly defines
"team." These professionals risk their lives daily and their
compassion, speed and agility are all hallmarks, critical to serving
our community's diverse needs.

As your Commissioner, I will continue to work diligently to
ensure our community's safety and your confidence. Facing
many difficult budget decisions ahead I will continue to bring
research, empathy and an open mind to each equipment and
facility discussion. Keeping the regions property and health
in mind with each budget and management decision, I will
continue to ensure we meet the mission and goals of this
district. My life of professional service working in safety and
health management continues to drive my passion to serve you
and our community. Most importantly, I value your thoughts and
comments and will always be open to your concerns and new
ideas. Thank you for your consideration as we continue working
together to ensure the strength of this great community.
Elected Experience
I have been elected as a Fire Commissioner to East Pierce Fire and Rescue for the past 6 years.

Other Professional Experience
I am a US Navy Veteran, and have 20 years of experience in Facilities Management and Construction Management.

Education
BS in History, and Naval Engineering from the University of Idaho.

Community Service
Board Member for a local youth Sports Organization. Volunteer Member of the Sumner & Bonney Lake School District Capital Facilities Advisory Committee.

Statement
I am seeking re-election as Fire Commissioner for East Pierce Fire and Rescue. With a strong background as a US Navy veteran and a career facilities manager, I have consistently demonstrated my unwavering commitment to community safety and the well being of our firefighters.

Drawing upon my military and facilities management experience, I understand the values of teamwork and attention to detail, which have shaped my approach to fire safety and emergency response. As Fire Commissioner, I will continue to prioritize the safety of our community and work tirelessly to ensure our fire department maintains the highest standards of excellence.

With the endorsement of Firefighters IAFF Local 3520 and your support, I remain dedicated to quality community safety and emergency response. I will advocate for state-of-the-art equipment and training for our firefighters and continue to foster strong partnerships within the community.

As a father and husband, thank you for this opportunity to continue to serve this amazing East Pierce community.
Elected Experience
No elected experience.

Other Professional Experience
Retired Firefighter – 40 years of service with King County Fire District #40, Renton Fire Department, Renton Regional Fire Authority. Served on the Executive Boards for the Fire District 40 and Renton Fire Fighters Local's 864 and 1912.

Education
Meridian High School – Meridian Idaho; Associate in Arts Fire Science and Associate in Arts Fire Command and Administration - Bellevue Community College – Bellevue Washington; Bachelor of Science in Management – University Of Phoenix.

Community Service
I have held various leadership roles with Boy Scouts of America. Helped coach youth sports. Past board member of the Renton Firefighters Benevolent Association.

Statement
I have over 40 years of experience in the fire service. Most of my duties were on Fire Engines, Aid Units, and Command Vehicles. I also helped establish the Planning Division with the Renton Fire Department where I worked on the Standards of Cover and the Strategic Plan for the department. I also worked with the Washington State Survey and Ratings Bureau for the Renton and Fire District #40's Fire Departments Insurance Services Office fire rating. My experiences have helped me become familiar with City, Fire District and Fire Authority organizational budgets and funding mechanisms.

We live in a rapidly evolving and changing community and will be faced with many challenges and opportunities in the future. As one of your fire commissioners I will strive to keep Graham Fire & rescue operating in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner possible within its available resources.

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Elected Experience
Current Fire Commissioner for South Pierce Fire and Rescue. Currently serving in my sixth year.

Other Professional Experience
Former Regional Vice President with national retail chain overseeing 125 locations in 12 states. Responsible for $350M in annual sales within region.

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Being a current commissioner, I understand the issues at hand within our district. Prior to serving, our fire district was in a very tough financial position. During the current term, the team at SPFR has been able to move this forward and I am proud to be part of this. Education on our needs was key to maintain the service citizens needed and expected. The citizens generously approved the levy needed to update stations, equipment, training and staffing. Currently we still make tough decisions as dollars continue to be very tight. The goal of the team is continue on the path forward with the citizens support and use the tax dollars they provide, as this is our only true source of funding. Without the citizens confidence in us we can not move forward. My promise is to continue the use of their resources responsibly to ensure we focus on the must have's for vs the nice to have's. Being a resident within SPFR, I personally hold myself to the highest standard to serve you as a partner to ensure you are cared for by providing the best service possible with the funds available. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.
Olivia H. Werner

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Elected Experience
12 consecutive years as Commissioner for Fire District #17 now South Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Other Professional Experience
Retired after 10 1/2 years as Financial Administrator/District Secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners for Graham Fire and Rescue. My previous employment was 18 years in the banking industry as Training Officer and Branch Manager.

Education
High School, college courses, American Institute of Banking Certificate, National Fire Academy Finance Certificate.

Community Service
I served as chairperson and committee member for several South Pierce Fire and Rescue EMS Levies.

Statement
My experience in the banking industry and fire service has given me insight into the importance of fiscal responsibility, by the leaders of both organizations. As trustees of public monies, it is the responsibility of elected officials to be prudent in spending, providing equipment and personnel, to protect the lives of their citizens. If elected Fire Commissioner, I will work to ensure every citizen has the protection needed to preserve their life and property. South Pierce Fire Fighters Association has recognized my commitment to the community and is endorsing my candidacy for Fire Commissioner.

Judson Willis

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Elected Experience
October 2020 - Current, South Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner

Other Professional Experience
August 2019 - August 2021, Pierce County Master Builder Board Member; August 2019 - August 2021, Pierce County Legislative Strategy Committee Member; May 2023 - Current, SSHAPE Pierce County Advisory Board Member

Education
2018 - 2022, B.A. Marketing and PR; 2022 - 2023, M.A. Organizational Management

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
Hi, I'm Judson Willis and I am running for South Pierce County Fire & Rescue, Commissioner Position #5. This role is incredibly important to the safety and wellbeing of our community, and I believe I am the perfect candidate for the job. With my years of experience in business consulting, my knowledge of the district's authority, and my endorsements from prominent members of the community, I am committed to providing the highest quality of service as your South Pierce County Fire & Rescue Commissioner. I humbly ask for your vote and support so that I may serve you in this capacity. Thank you!
**Scott Casebolt**

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**Elected Experience**  
Fire Commissioner, Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One, 2006-2013

**Other Professional Experience**  

**Education**  
Associates in Applied Science, Tacoma Community College; BS in Business Management, Bellevue University; National Fire Academy, multiple courses.

**Community Service**  
Current: Advisory Board for Pierce College EMS. Previous:  
Director, Gig Harbor Optimist Club; Make-A-Wish Foundation; Deacon, Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church; Greater Albany (OR) Rotary Club

**Statement**  
In 2018 I retired from a 42-year Fire Service Career, serving in many different roles, from Firefighter to Fire Chief. I was also a member of the Puget Sound Urban Search & Rescue Task Force (FEMA WATF-1) and deployed to the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01. In 2013 when I left for Oregon to assume my role as Tangent Fire Chief, I was serving as an elected Fire Commissioner for Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One and President of the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association. As a firefighter, I was a lifelong learner, attending classes at the National Fire Academy nine times, attending educational conferences as a Commissioner, and completing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Throughout my career I have been involved in my community in many volunteer capacities and would like to continue that service as a West Pierce Fire Commissioner. More than ever the Fire Service is in need of strong, experienced leadership, and I believe my extensive and diverse Fire Service background and education will be a valuable asset to the Fire District, and I look forward to serving the citizens of Lakewood, Steilacoom, and University Place in that role.

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**Chris Hannon**

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**Elected Experience**  
This is my first election for public office. It would be an honor to represent the community.

**Other Professional Experience**  
Highly skilled business and military leader with expertise in Finance, IT, and HR. Recent roles include Chief Financial Officer of a large lumber company (NW Hardwoods) and a furniture manufacturer (Watson Furniture). Other experience includes leadership roles at Boeing and Milgard Windows, as well as proud service as a US Army Captain.

**Education**  
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point); MBA, Pacific Lutheran University

**Community Service**  
Youth and High School Soccer Referee; Washington Trails Association trail maintenance crew; Metro Parks Tacoma volunteer

**Statement**  
As an Army Veteran, I know what it's like to be part of a team dedicated to protecting our country. As a business leader, I know how to build organizations that achieve results while being financially accountable. And as a resident of University Place for 18 years, my family and I have enjoyed contributing to this wonderful community.

If elected, I would blend my military, business, and community experiences to represent the citizens served by West Pierce Fire & Rescue, ensuring a balance between the needs of the department, the needs of the community, and the need to be fiscally responsible. Coordinating these items starts with thoughtful planning and responsible budgeting, something that I am uniquely qualified in given my professional background as a Chief Financial Officer.

Your safety is my top priority. As Fire Commissioner, I am committed to ensuring that West Pierce Fire & Rescue will always be there to respond if your family has an emergency. I am also committed to being a diligent steward of your hard-earned tax dollars, especially in today's challenging economy.

I look forward to serving this community with integrity and would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you!
FPD No. 5 (Gig Harbor)
Commissioner Position No. 2

D. Alex Wilsie
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Elected Experience
Fire commissioner, District 5, 2018-Present; Board member, Tapco Credit Union; President, Professional Public Safety Managers Association

Other Professional Experience
Assistant Fire Chief with Tacoma fire department with 27 years' experience.

Education
Curtis High School class of 1993; University of Puget Sound 1994-1996; University of Washington, Foster School of Business, executive leadership academy

Community Service
During my service at Local 31, Tacoma Firefighters, I did work to support Communities in Schools, MDA, IAFF coats for kids, and Course in Courage.

Statement
As a current commissioner for fire district #5, I have used my 27 years of experience in the fire service to support the direction of improving service to our community while maximizing the dollars that are available to the district. We have added personnel, made efficiencies in the shift schedule, and with the help of our voters, passed a bond that will improve our fire stations and training facilities. All of these improvements are aimed at providing better service to our community and to our firefighters. Fire district #5 is ready for the future and our communities' growth. Thank you for your continued support and please vote to Retain Fire Commissioner Wilsie!

FPD No. 13 (Browns Pt. & Dash Pt.)
Commissioner Position No. 3

Dave Noll
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Elected Experience
Current Fire District 13 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience
Over 35 years of supervisory and business analyst experience in Information Technology with focus on software support, project management, requirements gathering and end-user support

Education
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (Accounting, University of Washington) and Master's degree in Business Administration (University of Washington)

Community Service
Past board member, officer and volunteer with Points Northeast Historical Society, board member and officer with Dash Point Social and Improvement Club, current board member and volunteer with Bikes for Kids program with Marine View Presbyterian Church, and volunteer for Fusion transitional housing in the Federal Way area.

Statement
I have appreciated the opportunity to represent our local community and am seeking re-election for a second term. I welcome the challenge to expand my knowledge and represent the voters/citizens of Fire District 13 to ensure that fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property are provided as set forth in the applicable state statutes (RCW's).

As a Fire District Commissioner, I understand our role in establishing goals, planning for the future, reviewing budgets, having oversight and ensuring accountability from district personnel. I believe in strong financial reviews to ensure that tax monies are appropriately used to provide the needed services.

If re-elected as a Fire District Commissioner, I will continue to focus on long-range planning and to be aware of the legal, financial and operational aspects that influence our district.

Please vote Dave Noll to represent you with honesty, integrity and thoroughness.

Thank you for your vote.
**Peter Allison**

**Elected Experience**
Fire Commissioner for 17 years. Serve on the NW Section board for IAEI (International Association of Electrical Inspectors) as the Puget Sound representative.

**Other Professional Experience**
Electrical Contractor from 1988 to present; Hold ME01 - Electrical Master's License in WA and also have a Journeyman license for Oregon.

**Education**
JM Perry Tech graduate; take continuing education courses in the Electrical and Fire industries on an on-going basis.

**Community Service**
Serve on the Pac Oversite Board for JM Perry Tech in Yakima. Member of Temple Baptist Church where I serve in various areas of building needs.

**Statement**
I would like to thank the Riverside voters for the honor of serving as their representative for the past 17 years. We have worked to ensure that our community is well protected with outstanding fire and EMS services at a reasonable cost to the community. Being a Contractor, I understand the importance of education and training to keep up with the changes and technology that impact my industry so that I can better service my customers. Likewise, at Riverside, we have worked hard to keep our staff trained and prepared to be of the best service to the community of Riverside. I would be honored to continue serving the Riverside community for this next term.

**Bill Shearer**

**Elected Experience**
Appointed by the District 14 Board in January 2023 to fill Position 3 left vacant due to the retirement of the Commissioner.

**Other Professional Experience**
My 17 years of management and Quality Assurance/Quality Control experience in the Nuclear Power Industry was primarily focused on mitigating any hazardous radiological exposure to both the plant operators as well as the public. As it relates to Riverside Fire and Rescue, I appreciate the mission to keep safe the public and RF&R staff.

**Education**
BA at TESC, at TCC.

**Community Service**
Volunteer at New Beginnings in Puyallup. Served many years as Deacon at PCF and Usher at Trinity churches.

**Statement**
"...of the people, by the people, for the people..."[A. Lincoln, 1863] Many years ago I made a commitment to myself that, once I retired, I would seek a way to serve my community in some manner in a public position. I appreciate that one of the most fundamental duties we enjoy in this country is the right and obligation to vote for our representatives (of the people). Along with the duty to vote is the duty, for those who are called, to serve the public especially at the local level (of the people). Last January I was approached by one of the RF&R Commissioners to ask if I would consider filling a vacancy left by a retiring Commissioner. Now after several months of having the pleasure of working with the Board of Commissioners, the Fire Chief and many of the excellent staff at Riverside Fire & Rescue I am ready to commit to executing the requirements and responsibilities of Commissioner to the best of my ability and to engage my neighbors in District 14 (and beyond) to learn from them how to improve our fire department (for the people).
Elected Experience
Fire Commissioner, Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16 (Oct. 2016 – Present); Parks Commissioner, Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (Jan. 2016 – Present); Former Precinct Committee Officer, 26th District

Other Professional Experience

Education
Phoenix Institute of Technology

Community Service
Former Member, Pierce County (Key Peninsula) Fire Protection District 16 – Citizens Advisory Panel (2016 Secretary); Pierce County Sheriff's Citizen Academy Graduate (2015); Key Pen Parks Volunteer, Annual Parks Appreciation Day; Volunteer, various other Community and School activities over the years.

Statement
A Fire Commissioner's duty is to understand the history and laws that pertain to governing the district and actively, collaboratively, and respectfully participate in its governance with the other Commissioners to determine levels of service desired by the community and funding necessary to meet those needs; establish goals and policies; approve procedures and budgets; and represent equally all citizens served by the district.

The particular challenges of the last few years, including the impacts that increased costs caused by the aftermath of the pandemic response have had, is felt by all of us both financially and emotionally. Aging facilities and equipment prompted investments in long-term capital and financial planning, both of which are crucial to identifying future needs and how best to meet the challenges in delivering fire protection and EMS services in a rural district where funding is primarily derived from residential property taxes.

With challenge also comes opportunity and I will always strive to maximize services at the lowest cost to our citizens while supporting the mission statement of our front-line professionals and fostering mutual respect among all who serve with integrity.

It's been my honor to serve, and I humbly thank you for your continued support.
Cambria Queen

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**

**Education**

**Community Service**
Volunteer at various libraries 1996-2000; PTA President 2014-2016; Vice-Chair Key Peninsula Fire District Citizen’s Advisory Panel 2022; Chairperson Key Peninsula Fire District Citizen’s Advisory Panel 2023; Rater and judge Mock-Trial competitions 2014-current.

**Statement**
Using my skills and experience as an attorney, I will ensure the laws are followed in an effort to help improve the Board’s decisions. My goal is to support the interests and needs of the citizens and the community as a whole. If I am elected, I will bring additional, fresh perspectives and insight into the Board meetings to make sure the voices of the community are heard. My education, history as a business owner, and leadership experience make me the perfect candidate for this position because they have given me the ability to offer multiple solutions to any potential situation that may arise.

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John Pat Kelly

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**Elected Experience**
Commissioner, Key Pen Parks (2013-2019); 26th Legislative District Party Chair (2016-2018); Precinct Committee Officer #26-317

**Other Professional Experience**
Wedding officiant; project manager; 20 years in Sales and Administration in material handling industry.

**Education**
Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, Seattle; Blueprint Reading, South Seattle Community College; Graduated Mt. Rainier High School, Des Moines, WA

**Community Service**
Currently serving as Secretary of the KPFD’s Citizens Advisory Panel, Minter Creek Elementary PTA member, My wife and I are foster parents. Raised money for Lions Club’s White Cane Days. Volunteered for Key Pen Parks and for Peace Lutheran Church meal program. Host of KP political discussion group since 2015.

**Statement**
I am running for KPFD Commissioner to return fiscal responsibility to the Board. I oppose buying property at twice its value (2.1 million for property valued under $934,000), and realize the power of negotiating for a better deal. I oppose paying huge property management fees with zero return for taxpayers.

I support an independent Fire District with local leadership dedicated to the unique needs of our community. I oppose merging with any other district. I oppose retaliatory suspensions that pay firefighters to sit at home ($180,000). I oppose overtime schemes like the one that helped cost the District $600,000 last year.

I support making the best use of the facilities we have, including using unmanned facilities (Wright-Bliss station) before building new. I oppose construction of new headquarters facility until the district’s reserves are fully restored, I support a stronger Citizens Advisory Panel to help guide decisions by the Board. I support a return to respectful treatment of our Volunteers, including fully funding recruitment, training and equipment. I support more transparency and no more secret deals. I support listening to, and acting on behalf of, the community.

My motto is that even a dollar of taxpayer money wasted is too much.
FPD No. 18 (Orting)
Commissioner Position No. 1

Joe Palombi

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Elected Experience
I have served as one of your Fire Commissioners since November of 2021.

Other Professional Experience
I have been a career firefighter for over 16 years. Currently, I am with Seattle Fire and prior to that I worked for Charleston Fire in South Carolina. I have taught in fire cadet programs. I am also a commissioned police officer.

Education
Northern Burlington County Regional High School (2004).
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Mercer County Community College (2006).

Community Service
The Orting Recovery Cafe, The Orting Senior Center, The Orting Youth and Young Adult Program, and the Seattle Youth Educational Program.

Statement
I was appointed as one of your fire commissioners in 2021. As a commissioner and resident of this community, I strive to make a difference. I want our citizens to have the best services possible within the budget of our taxpayer dollars. I will continue to collaborate with your other commissioners and OVFR management to serve this community.

FPD No. 18 (Orting)
Commissioner Position No. 3

Arlene Dannat

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Elected Experience
Rivers Edge Orting HOA President 11 years, Federal Way Youth Soccer Secretary, City Of Orting Planning Commissioner 3 years.

Other Professional Experience
Registered Dental Assistant 32 years.

Education

Community Service
Pierce County Community Dental. Team working with the homeless and underinsured. Director Des Moines Waterland Festival Jr Parade. HOA event organizer. What's Right About Orting award winner. City of Orting Holiday committee member. Orting Valley Fire and Rescue citizens advisory member. Co-organizer for the National Police Week events for Orting Police. Sunshine committee for the Pierce County Fire commission.

Statement
In May of 2016 I was honored to be appointed to position 3 for the Orting Valley Fire and Rescue Fire Commission board and elected to this position in November 2017. Prior to that I was a member of the OVFR citizen advisory panel for several years. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of such a wonderful commission and would love the opportunity to continue as a Fire Commissioner for Orting Valley Fire and Rescue. I believe that being involved makes for a better community.
**Holly Mortenson**

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**Elected Experience**
None

**Other Professional Experience**
My experience includes Lahar evacuation planning and drills, Emergency Operations, Workplace injuries coordination, Safety Committees, and Hazard Mitigation Planning for the Orting School District. I am passionate about serving my community, education, public safety, and human relations.

**Education**
Master's degree in Leadership and Management Sciences from Western Governors University, and a Bachelor's degree of Science in Business Administration, Human Resources from Western Governors University. I have several FEMA certifications, and I am a Society of Human Resources Management Certified professional.

**Community Service**
Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

**Statement**
Dear Members of the Community,

I am honored to be considered for the position of Fire Commissioner. As someone with a strong commitment to public safety, I am enthusiastic about ensuring that our community has access to the highest quality emergency services. With my years of experience in the fields of safety and emergency management, I am confident that I have the skills, knowledge, and leadership qualities necessary to effectively serve as a Fire Commissioner.

As Fire Commissioner, I would be dedicated to collaborating closely with firefighters, first responders, and other public safety professionals to ensure that our community is as safe and prepared as possible in the event of an emergency. I am committed to collaborating with community members and local businesses to develop innovative programs and initiatives that can help prevent emergencies from happening in the first place.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the safety and well-being of our community as Fire Commissioner. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Kevin Gorder**

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**Elected Experience**
6 years as a Fire Commissioner with Orting Valley Fire and Rescue. 2 years as Vice Chair of the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association.

**Other Professional Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Education**
Lakes High School and Pierce Community College with an emphasis in Community Art and Public Relations.

**Community Service**
Several years with the OVFR Citizens Advisory Committee prior to being elected to Fire Commissioner. 4 years with the Washington Emergency Management Department.

**Statement**
I have lived in Pierce County since 1970, with the last 16 years in Orting. In the last 6 years we have made Orting and the surrounding Pierce County area one of the best protected and safe county's in the state. I would be proud to continue my service to OVFR.
Gordon Babo

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Elected Experience
Currently serving as Fire Protection District No. 27 Commissioner Position 2. I was selected by the existing Commissioners to fill a vacancy from a panel of candidates in September of 2022.

Other Professional Experience
Professional experience includes marine/yacht industry, automotive service, and ownership of transportation and lodging businesses. Additional experience includes commercial rental property management and management roles in county and municipal judicial systems in Phoenix, Arizona.

Education
Central High School graduate, Phoenix, Arizona; Phoenix College, Phoenix, Arizona; Rio Solado Community College, Phoenix, Arizona; Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

Community Service
Support regional food banks; Organize annual food drives

Statement
I have enjoyed serving as Commissioner for Fire Protection District No. 27 Position 2.

With your support, I wish to continue my service to the fire protection district and the fine men and women who have volunteered as well as the full time employees.
Valley Regional Fire Authority
Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Fire Authority Bonds

Questions? (253) 288-5800
Complete resolution text at PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title
The Board of Governance adopted Resolution No. 187 concerning voter approval for financing certain capital improvements of the Authority. If approved, this proposition would authorize the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, equipping, and furnishing of two new fire stations, one existing station (including a new head office), and a logistics and maintenance facility and training grounds, all to be financed by the issuance of not more than $96,500,000.00 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to be repaid by the annual levy of excess property taxes, all as provided in Resolution No. 187. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement
The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) provides fire and life safety services to the Cities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific. This proposal would finance the Authority's capital plan through 2026, to construct two new fire stations, one in the City of Pacific adjacent to the border with Algona, and one in North Auburn; rebuild the headquarters response station; and construct a Logistics and Maintenance facility and training grounds. The financing would include land acquisition, construction, equipping and other incidental costs. The projects are expected to be completed over the next three years.

If approved, this proposition would authorize not more than $96,500,000 of general obligation bonds. The bonds would mature within 20 years and be repaid from annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies. The estimated tax rate would be about $0.332 or less per $1,000 of assessed value, or about $12.50 per month for a $450,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the County Assessor's Office in your county.

Statement For
We rely on the VRFA for quality fire protection, life safety, and emergency response services.

Using a community based, data-driven approach, VRFA has developed a capital facilities plan designed to improve firefighting and emergency medical service response times for our residents and commercial properties. The plan incorporates design and construction efficiencies to provide rapid, safe, and dependable services in proximity to population centers and hazards. It includes a new station in Pacific adjacent to Algona, a new station in North Auburn, a rebuild of the existing headquarters station, and improvements to training, support, and maintenance facilities.

The estimated cost to an average homeowner of a $450,000 home is between $12 and $13 per month.

VRFA strongly protects our physical safety and our public dollars. They serve us well, and now it's our turn to support them. Please vote yes on Proposition 1 to help maintain a strong and healthy community.

Committee Members: Debbie Christian, George Frasier, Jim Jaques
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Statement Against
No statement was submitted against this issue.
Anderson Island Park & Rec. Dist. 
Commissioner Position No. 1

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Elected Experience
Appointed in May 2022, I have served as the Vice Chair helping to work through park development challenges while coordinating with fellow commissioners, residents, and Pierce County.

Other Professional Experience
I’ve worked as an engineer for 15+ of 20+ years I’ve been in the building industry. As a department manager and leadership team member I take projects through the design process while also mentoring and developing staff and helping to manage and grow the firm. I’m also a small business owner of a small local farm that provides fresh food to the community.

Education
BSCE, 2008; MSCE, 2012

Community Service
AI Nature Camp Volunteer 2011-2014

Statement
I have been a visitor to Anderson Island since 1996 and a full-time resident since 2000. I have loved the outdoors and parks since I was little, having been exposed through many travels and camping trips during my youth. Through my years on the island, I have had the pleasure of enjoying countless hours in our park system and numerous natural spaces which has helped keep me centered and inquisitive of the vast natural beauty in the world and on Anderson Island.

I have the pleasure and opportunity to provide my technical expertise, business development, leadership skills, and familiarity of working through Pierce County permitting regulations on a multitude of different project types in this role.

Despite our small size in comparison to other Park and Recreation Districts, we have a dozen parks and counting. I’m excited to see us continue to expand on the existing park trails and add additional recreation opportunities for the community. I look forward to growing my passion for stewardship of the beauty of Anderson Island and having the opportunity to share and mentor that with others in the community.

Anderson Island Park & Rec. Dist. 
Commissioner Position No. 2

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Elected Experience
N/A

Other Professional Experience
I have directed summer programs in a variety of outdoor settings, most recently as the Education Coordinator at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum. This position allowed me to share local history with thousands of children and families. My experience includes event coordination; developing educational programming; managing staff; and program evaluation and improvement.

Education
Western Washington University, BA in Sociology; Mississippi University for Women, M. ED. Gifted Studies

Community Service
I have served at events with the Anderson Island Historical Society; as an EMT with two volunteer fire departments; Metro Parks Tacoma; and a variety of church and youth programs.

Statement
I have grown up in Lakewood and started visiting Anderson Island as a young child. After 15 years living in a variety of different states, I gained broad experience in Parks and Recreation departments as both a consumer and as staff. I moved to the island with my family 12 years ago, where I enjoy the outdoors, birding, and photographing around the parks. It is my hope that I can help provide recreational activities and opportunities as well as continue the preservation of open space and wildlife habitat on our lovely island.

I have appreciated the continued work on the trails in the Anderson Island parks that I visit, and look forward to adding my skills and knowledge in serving our island community. I look forward to working for you!
Elected Experience
Served on the Anderson Island Park and Recreation District board since 2018 as the Financial Officer

Other Professional Experience
I have been a small business owner and communications professional for over 25 years, working in the Technology, Marketing, and Learning & Development industries. Currently, I work as an organizational development professional, helping large companies improve the performance of their people and processes.

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
I've brought to this role my business savvy, technology expertise, and passion for educating the community on naturalist topics, acting as the commissioner sponsor for our annual Children's Nature Camp, managing communications through our parks website and social media for better communication outreach, and planning and executing park improvements.

During my time as the Financial Officer, I've documented processes and policies, worked closely with the State Auditor to improve our compliance and transparency, and established protocols with a CPA Firm to manage the professional aspects of bookkeeping for this municipal corporation. These updates to managing our financial obligations increases the ease with which another board member could take on this critical role for the organization and/or offer coverage as a back-up for this unpaid position.

Though we are a small entity on a limited budget, Anderson Island Park and Recreation District is the steward of almost 10% of the island's acreage. I'd like to see us continue to develop trails and recreation spaces that allow our community to actively enjoy this gift, as well as expand educational opportunities that encourage our citizens to be responsible, conservation-minded stewards of our natural spaces.
Kenneth Y. Lee

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Elected Experience
None

Other Professional Experience
retired program manager

Education
EE from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from the University of Phoenix

Community Service
president of a non-profit: South Sound Pickleball Club and the district pickleball ambassador

Statement
I love to help people have fun. I also like to keep things simple. I am very interested in helping people to be active and engaged. In particular, I would like to provide more fun athletic activities for all ages especially like pickleball. I have experience in running sports tournaments, refereeing some sports and teaching players in some sports. I also have experience with handling large and small teams on various projects. However, I am not a politician, but I have been told I work well with people and will do my best to help people stay active in our community if given this opportunity.

Kip Clinton

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Elected Experience
Key Pen Park & Recreation District Commissioner/Clerk; Key Pen Metro Park Formation Committee Secretary 2003-2004; elected Key Pen Parks Commissioner and Board Clerk 2004, 2005, 2011, 2017 to present; appointed Key Peninsula Advisory Commission 2020 to present.

Other Professional Experience
Interned WA Dept. of Ecology SEPA permit department; participated with DOE's legal counsel in Northern Tier Pipeline's defeat; President Clinton's Music House Inc. (Tacoma--now closed); currently retail sales.

Education
B.S. Biology University of Washington, 2 years University of Puget Sound Law School. Webinars WSU Forestry, WDFW, Pierce Conservation District.

Community Service
KPP representative at Key Peninsula Council meetings and KPAC meetings prior to appointment.

Statement
I believe in being fiscally creative and inclusive while building a park system for all recreational interests. Citizens are financially stressed by inflation and emotionally stressed from the past 4 years; you need parks to relieve that stress. I have a duty to you to continue developing the Park System you use and enjoy--in a fiscally responsible way.

Key Pen Parks has been extremely successful acquiring grants (some I assisted writing and shepherding through the process). Many Key Pen Parks' facilities, 360 Trails, Maple Hollow, Key Central Forest, Taylor Bay and Gateway Park's expansions, were acquired through grants. Volunteer Park's field upgrades and Gateway Park's development (splashpad included) were grant funded. I continually look for funding to expand opportunities for beach users, boaters, hikers, cyclists, equestrians, field sport players, playground and water feature users, picnickers and those who simply want trails for a walk in the woods.

While serving you as Key Pen Parks Commissioner, we have successfully sought other funding to maximize park value for Key Peninsula Citizens, lost a beloved Park Director and hired a highly qualified new leader. Re-elect Kip Clinton to Position 5 Key Pen Parks so I may continue to advocate for you.
Elected Experience
Metro Parks Tacoma Commissioner 2011–2023, currently Board President

Other Professional Experience

Education
Bachelor of Science - University of Puget Sound; first graduating class of Henry Foss High School

Community Service

Statement
As a lifelong resident of Pierce County, I am honored to be of service to our community. Thank you to the people of Tacoma for allowing me to serve as your representative to the Park Board. Your support of our 116-year-old parks, recreation and zoological system makes Tacoma a special place to live, which was demonstrated in 2019 when Metro Parks won the National Gold Medal Award as the best system of its size in the nation.

I am proud of our partnerships with Tacoma Public Schools, the City of Tacoma, Boys & Girls Clubs, the YMCA, Greentrike, and numerous other collaborators who work together to serve every resident. As we learned during the pandemic, it is vital to our quality of life to provide open spaces and recreation programs. I intend to ensure that our parks system continues to serve all our community members for generations to come by maintaining and keeping our parks and zoos safe along with providing affordable programs for all ages.

Endorsed by: House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker, School Board President Elizabeth Bonbright, Pierce County Council Chairperson Ryan Mello
Tony Anderson

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**Elected Experience**
National Vice President Order Sons of Italy in America, President Tacoma Athletic Commission; Board of Sister Cities International; Grand Knight to the Knights of Columbus. Board President Calvary Cemetery.

**Other Professional Experience**
USMC Honorable Discharge (Medical); Washington State Department of Agriculture 1979-1983, retired. Community Organizer. Proven Leader

**Education**
White River HS 1975-Diploma

**Community Service**
Boys/Girls Clubs; Tacoma Dome Committee; Bates Board of Trustees, City of Destiny Award for Adult Leadership; Tacoma/PC Sports Hall of Fame; Governor Albert D. Rosellini Memorial Award; Service Award-Bates; Tacoma/PC Oldtimers Baseball Hall of Fame-Tip of the Hat Award, Marc Blau Meritorious Award & the Dill Howell Award. Co-Founder WRHS HOF

**Statement**
I was born in Tacoma in 1957 and I have lived in the greater Tacoma-Pierce County area my entire life. I began my community involvement in 1987, and over these past 36 years I have given back to my community with an “it’s not about me; it’s all about us” approach. I have always viewed community service as “look what we did,” and this working together ethic is what I will bring as a Metro Parks Tacoma Commissioner. In volunteering for my community, I have too many proud moments to list here, but one example I am most proud of is being one of the leaders & part of the Bob Maguinez Memorial Committee that raised just over $246,400 to renovate Metro Parks' Heidelberg/ Davis Sports Complex. Also $32,000 to create his scholarship Fund. The reason that I'm running for Metro Parks Tacoma Commission is that our city's parks are for all of us, young & old.

We're all a team here in the City of Tacoma and the Metro Parks system, and I want to be a member of the team to help our parks move forward with everything that needs to be done.

Matt Mauer

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**Elected Experience**
N/A

**Other Professional Experience**
Government Affairs Manager, Port of Tacoma (2021-Present); Director of External Affairs, Office of WA Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib (2019-2021); Government and Community Relations Associate, Vulcan Inc (2017-2019); King County Veterans Affairs Director, Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray (2014-2017); Boatswain's Mate, United States Coast Guard Reserves (2005-2014)

**Education**
Master of Public Administration, Seattle University; Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs, Seattle University; Coast Guard Leadership and Management School

**Community Service**
Board Member, Child Care Resources

**Statement**
Tacoma has incredible parks. I'm running to ensure the success of our parks system for my son and generations to come. Visiting our world-class parks is a central pasttime for my family and it kept us connected during the pandemic. If elected, I would be the only Commissioner with a school age child. As a parent, I see first-hand the ways we can improve our parks. Everyone deserves to feel safe when visiting green spaces and I will advocate for strengthening programs, like an unarmed park ranger program, that increases safety while offering alternatives to calling the police. I'll work to ensure we have the infrastructure for folks to safely access parks, especially for those walking and rolling. I'll work to increase accessibility so every family has access to a park near their home.

My range of professional experience in the military, government, nonprofit and private sectors has taught me how to work across sectors for the greater good. I'll leverage this experience to create new partnerships to better serve our community and strengthen existing partnerships and programs.

I'm excited for the future of our parks and look forward to the opportunity to serve you on our Parks Board.
Explanatory Statement

Since voters approved the formation of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) in 2004, PenMet Parks has been developing a comprehensive park and recreation system to meet its citizens' needs and is attempting to keep pace with the significant population growth experienced over the last two decades. Today, PenMet Parks serves more residents than ever before, yet the property tax levy rate was reduced from the $.75/$1,000 levy rate voters approved in 2017 to $.58/$1,000 because of annual limits. If the levy is restored to the rate previously approved by voters, PenMet Parks can maintain and enhance its current levels of service.

Renewing the levy would allow PenMet Parks to restore the $.75/$1,000 levy rate approved by voters and provide an annual limit of up to 6% for the five succeeding years and use the 2029 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Statement For

Vote Yes to Renew the Expiring Levy
The Parks and Recreation Levy is a renewal of the expiring levy approved by voters in 2017.

Vote Yes to Maintain and Develop the Park System Throughout Our Growing Community
PenMet Parks, like all metropolitan park districts, is heavily dependent on levy funding to provide clean and safe parks, forest trails, access to saltwater beaches and community programs. Renewing this Levy allows PenMet to maintain parks and recreation and provide more access and opportunities at existing parklands across the district including Artondale, Fox Island and the north region of the District. This levy will also continue to increase accessible services and programs for our seniors, youth and vulnerable populations.

Vote Yes to Preserve Gig Harbor Area and Reconfirm Our Commitment to Parks and Recreation
With increased population growth and development, we need parks more than ever to preserve the Gig Harbor we love. This levy renewal reconfirms our commitment to a thriving park system and allows PenMet to meet the needs, priorities and expectations of our citizens. Thank you for voting yes and supporting our community and parks.

Statement Against

Everyone values our parks, but per an internal PenMet study no additional taxes are needed.
PenMet's own 2021 cash flow study determined no levy lid lift would be needed in 2024. Yet, PenMet now demanding millions more?

PenMet levies increased 78% from 2017 to 2023—Did your household income do the same?
From 2017-2023: Levies rose from $4.7 million to $8.4 million. 2023-2029: Annual levies might go from $8.4M to $14.6M. Total additional levies could reach $24M! Has PenMet told you that?

This measure definitely increases your PenMet tax by 30% just in 2024 alone.
PenMet says it's a small monthly increase, but a rate increase from $58c to 75c is 30% next year! Is this small?

This is a referendum on PenMet's irresponsible management and spending—Hold PenMet accountable!
Child safety (rats, bats, mold), poor employee treatment, toxic culture, high turnover, unnecessary spending, massive debt, exorbitant consultant and legal fees. State Auditors: “material weaknesses in internal controls,” six figure discrepancies in financials! Example: Peninsula Gardens suffers decline and neglect while PenMet looks to buy more! PenMet, get your house in order first! PenMet is over-extending and assuming increases in your assessed values means equal increases in your household income—do you agree? No additional taxes!

Rebuttal

The opposition presents misleading, sensationalized information. This levy renews the same levy voters approved in 2017. There is no additional levy. State law limits the amount PenMet can collect, and PenMet only uses levy funds for park and recreation services requested by our community. PenMet responsibly used approved 2017 levy funds to preserve land, modernize aged facilities, improve accessibility, and increase programs. Failure to restore this levy will lead to reduced park and recreation services.

Committee Members: Heather Maher, Betty Lilienthal, Deborah Krishnadasan
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Rebuttal

A “renewal”? This is a tax increase! 30% in 2024, possibly another 33% over 5 years. PenMet has already determined it does not need this. PenMet's 2023 levy income: $8.4M. Its 2024 levy income, without this measure: About $8.4M...the same! Population growth and inflation will increase PenMet's income automatically. PenMet is not disclosing the facts...don't reward a lack of transparency. We value parks, but PenMet needs to get its house in order first.

Committee Members: Craig McLaughlin, Candy Wawro, Peggy Power
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Peninsula Metropolitan Park District - Commissioner Position No. 5

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Elected Experience
No public offices ever held.

Other Professional Experience
20+ years in the technology sector, with over 15+ years in leadership & management positions at IBM leading teams that develop and support cloud computing automation products and services for enterprise and federal clients, solving their most complex technical issues, and identifying areas of process improvements.

Education
Henderson Bay HS - ASB President. Vocational Certifications: Microsoft, IBM, Cloudera

Community Service
PenMet Parks Information Technology & Communications Citizen Committee (2019-2020); PenMet Parks Park Sorting & PROS planning Citizen Workshop Committee (2022-2023); Envirocorps Adopt-a-Road participant (2009 -2012); Envirocorps Trail volunteer (2004 - 2006); Friends of Homestead Park website creator (2001)

Statement
As a 5th generation citizen of the Gig Harbor Peninsula, I have a deep-rooted passion for our community. My family homesteaded what is now Sehmel Homestead Park in the late 1880’s. I am dedicated to making Gig Harbor an even better place to live, work, and play. With a strong understanding of our district's needs, I will be a voice that represents your concerns and works tirelessly to address them.

As Parks Commissioner, I will ensure our district takes care of existing facilities and implements financially responsible plans for future growth. Your tax dollars will be used appropriately and transparently, with a focus on supporting citizens of all abilities.

I will actively work towards the development of small park projects, including sport courts, small community fields, and improvements around water access. These spaces will foster a sense of unity and provide opportunities for recreational activities for residents of all ages.

Transparency and accountability are essential in decision-making. I firmly believe that major projects, such as an aquatics/community center, should be put to a vote of the people. Your opinion matters, and I will ensure you have a say in shaping the future of our parks. I will appreciate your vote!

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Elected Experience
No Previous Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience
I previously served an appointed position as the Chairman of the Parks and Civil Service Commission, City of Orting, 2013 - 2015; I have spent my twenty year career as an Aerospace Quality Engineer and Quality Systems Manager and am a natural people leader.

Education
Bachelor of Science, Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering, University of Washington, 2004

Community Service
Coach, Pen-Met Parks, Youth Baseball - 2/3, 4/5, Middle - 2018 to current; Trail restoration and habitat preservation, Audubon Society; Workplace Coordinator for American Heart Association Events 2012 - 2020

Statement
As a father of four, I can attest to the value of a thriving parks system in balancing work and play with my family. I use the parks as an opportunity to coach, as an avenue to nature, and as an opportunity to educate my children on the importance of connecting to something bigger than ourselves. I see the positive impacts a healthy parks system has on my family. To that end, I strongly believe that the primary effort of the parks commission should be to emphasize continued conservation efforts while ensuring access to natural park areas. I have a deep commitment to parks that beautify our community in a way that best represents life on this side of the bridge.

I also know that many in our community have been subject to property crimes while enjoying the parks. We should not have to fear that visiting a park is running a risk of break-ins and broken car windows. I intend to make security efforts a meaningful line item in the parks budget so we can enjoy without the worry.

I want our parks safe, beautiful, and natural. Your vote tells me that you want this, too.
Lakewood Water District - Commissioner Position No. 3

Edwin Buckley

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Elected Experience
Buckley, a Lakewood resident since 1996, brings a bachelor’s degree from Pacific Lutheran University and a career spanning Intel, Microsoft, Kitsap County, and ran to represent Washington’s 10th Congressional District. Certified as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and Prosci Change Management expert, Buckley excels in streamlining processes and driving successful transformations. With a data-driven approach and dedication to efficiency, Buckley stands ready to serve as a dynamic and results-oriented water commissioner, ensuring sustainable water resource management for the community of Lakewood.

Other Professional Experience
Also a Craft Spirits Industry professional.

Education
Pacific Lutheran University | University of Washington

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
A personal ordeal sparked my unwavering commitment to effect change at the Lakewood Water District. Almost one year ago, a devastating incident hit close to home—a broken water main at my mom’s house.

Having personally experienced the processes and protocols that resulted in undue hardship, inconvenience, and frustration during this ordeal, I am determined not to let that happen to anyone else.

Motivated by this experience, as your Lakewood Water District Commissioner, I am dedicated to making a positive difference by championing exceptional customer service and sustainable aquifer management for our community.

I humbly seek your support and trust.

John S. Korsmo Jr.

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Elected Experience
Elected Lakewood Water District Commissioner January, 2006. As President, I bring to the Board sound business practice and fiscal responsibility. These skills enable me to assess customer/community needs and the long-term impact of Board decisions.

Other Professional Experience
Owner of Korsmo Construction, Inc., a second-generation general contractor/construction company.

Education
Pacific Lutheran University, BA in Business Administration. Lakes High School graduate.

Community Service
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation; Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce; Associated General Contractors (AGC); Facility Advisory Committee, Clover Park School District.

Statement
I have enjoyed serving as a Water Commissioner for the past 18 years. I am running to continue the high level of consistent, dependable leadership customers of Lakewood Water District have come to expect. I have served the District as Secretary, Vice President and now President of the Board.

In the next six years the District will need strong leadership to continue our battle against PFOS and PFOA from entering our water systems. The Board of Commissions will also be working on our continuity plan as we hire and replace many of our upper management members. As a Commissioner with 20 years of history and experience, I will hold ourselves accountable for the investment in our long-range plans to provide the high-quality water we currently enjoy.

I appreciate and respect the work of our staff to improve our systems and invest in new technology, working together for the future of our Water District.

I have been a Lakewood resident for 35 years with my wife and our two children and I am an active member of Lakewood Rotary Club, Young Life Lakewood/Steilacoom, and Christ Lutheran Church.
Michael Meridth

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**Elected Experience**
I have proudly served on the McKenna Water District Board for over a decade and have devoted my time in assisting in the development of the water system serving our community.

**Other Professional Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Education**
No Information Submitted

**Community Service**
Retired United States Army with over 24 Years of Service

**Statement**
It is my hope to continue to assist in the development of our water system. It’s a path that began almost 10 years ago. A part of that change included the installation of newer meters across the district that assist the our district employees and the customer, identify early issues which saves money and one of our most important natural resources. It may seem small but it is just one small example of a great deal of change our team has made happen and we hope to keep that momentum going for years to come.

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Gary (Ted) Hardiman

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**Elected Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Education**
No Information Submitted

**Community Service**
No Information Submitted

**Statement**
I have served in the water supply industry for 36 years. Over that time my career has taken me from work on a Federal Military base, to a private water utility, to a city where I oversaw daily operations for sewer, water, streets, and parks. The last 16 years I have been the general manager for Fruitland Water on South Hill Puyallup. I currently hold the position of Secretary for the Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County. I spent 8 years in the USAR and was honorably discharged in 1993. It has been my privilege to serve the last 9 years as a commissioner for the Valley Water District, and with your vote I would like to continue working with the other commissioners and staff to provide a safe supply of water to District customers.

Sincerely,

Gary (Ted) Hardiman
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**Elected Experience**
I have served as a Sewer District Commissioner since 2018.

**Other Professional Experience**
No Information Submitted

**Education**
No Information Submitted

**Community Service**
No Information Submitted

**Statement**
i am a community member in the Wollochet Harbor Sewer District. I look forward to continuing serving as a Sewer District Commissioner.
YOUR Signature MATTERS

1% of ballots are returned either without a signature or with a signature that doesn’t match.

DON’T LET THAT BE YOU! HERE ARE A FEW TIPS:

1. If you register to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing becomes your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your drivers’ license or state ID. When signing your ballot envelope, keep that signature in mind.

2. The signature on your ballot doesn’t need to perfect. It just needs to be very similar to the signature we have on file. If you have a “chicken scratch” signature, that’s okay! Just make sure you’re consistent.

3. If you have no idea what signature you might have used, or you think your signature has changed, we recommend that you send us an updated signature. It’s easy! Simply return a paper voter registration form. You can print out a registration form at bit.ly/WAVoteRF. Or, send us an email or call us. We’re happy to mail the form.

4. After you’ve voted, if you’re worried that your signature won’t pass, you can track your ballot’s progress online at VoteWa.gov. If there’s an issue with your signature, you’ll be alerted by mail or telephone (if we have your number).
What will you do with your new “I Voted” sticker? Stick it on your water bottle? Use it as a bumper sticker? Wear it proudly? Post your pictures to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (X) and tag us. We may share it on our feeds. Include the hashtag #piercecountyvotes to raise the visibility.
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