

Pierce County



Auditor



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Education: B.A., Cum Laude, Liberal Studies, University of Washington, Tacoma - June - 1992.

Occupation: Pierce County Chief Deputy Auditor

Professional Qualifications: *Washington State* Certified Election Administrator, *Nationally* Certified Public Official in Management, Recording and Elections, *National* Certification in Elections/Voter Registration Administration.

Personal Information: My husband of 27 years, John, and I have 4 children. I love to cook, read and paddle dragonboats.

Community Involvement: Past Tacoma School Board Member – Elected 2 terms/served 12 years. Current Member - Tacoma South Rotary, Eastern Chamber of Commerce, City Club, and 27th District Democrats.

Personal Views: As Chief Deputy Auditor in Pierce County the past 3 ½ years I am the only candidate with **expert hands-on, relevant experience** to be Auditor. I have the professional qualifications, practical knowledge, leadership skills and proven record of commitment to be your Auditor. As Voter Outreach Coordinator, I organized the “Voter Hall of Fame” and “Voting is Cool” Programs. I **guarantee fair and honest elections** and will continue to **provide outstanding customer service** to the citizens of Pierce County. I will approach future challenges and opportunities using a **common sense and collaborative approach to managing change** and applying technology. I am dedicated to providing the **professionalism - not politics** necessary to keep the democratic process strong and stable in Pierce County.



Dale Washam
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Education: College Honors Graduate, Business Major.

Occupation: Retired; successful corporate business administrator and business owner.

Professional Qualifications: Successful business administrator; Successful pro se attorney; Expert on county and state government; Expert on election laws and procedures.

Personal Information: Married, four children; USAF Veteran; 50 year resident; 39 year property owner; Former Teamster and Retail Clerks union member.

Community Involvement: Church Officer; taught Sunday School and pro se law classes; Coached youth sports; Active in civic affairs; **Dale worked with Puyallup narcotic officers to shutdown suspected Meth Lab; Dale's writ stopped spending of \$200,000,000 of taxpayers money for defective garbage incinerator; Dale helped save Fairfax property for Pierce County Citizens.; Dale's Referendum 93-1 saved Taxpayers \$16,000,000; Dale originated Political Contract with voters.**

Personal Views: I personally defended *Truth and Justice* against perjury in the Washington State Supreme Court and won; In the Recall Of Pearsall-Stipek 141 Wn.2d 756. *It's Time for A Breath Of Fresh Air in the Auditor's Office.* I vow to be incorruptible and make ethics and Integrity foremost in the auditor's office. *I will install safeguards to protect voted ballots from being altered and track each ballot printed. It's time to stop recycling stagnant officials. Start fresh! Please hire me as your auditor. In God I Trust, Dale Washam*



Auditor



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Education:

Occupation:

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: I believe the number one issue in the 2002 County elections ought to be the illegal and unethical election practices used by the person who runs Pierce County elections and current county council members who have attempted to protect these practices. **Fact #1.** All Pierce County elections are run by the Pierce County Auditor. (A public office that all Pierce County citizens get to vote on.) **Fact #2.** The Pierce County Auditor also runs the licensing department. (You know, where you pay for your car tabs.) **Fact #3.** Three of the last five Auditors who have been "elected" - **including current Auditor Cathy Pearsall-Stipek** - have ended up on the losing end of court cases as a direct result of their actions on the job while in office. (That's every other auditor for the last 59 years.) **Fact #4.** Two of those three Auditors went to jail. **Fact #5.** Tuesday, January 9, 1996, Cathy Pearsall-Stipek closed over 150 voting precincts throughout Tacoma and Pierce County and forced 24,000 citizens in those precincts to vote by mail, whether they wanted to or not. (The Auditor eventually backed down only after months of public outrage.) **For more information: www.piercecountyinsider.com**



Prosecuting Attorney



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Education: BA Degree, 1964, Central Washington University; Juris Doctorate, 1975, Gonzaga University.

Occupation: Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Professional Qualifications: 38 years in criminal justice system, 11 years as Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor. Manage staff of 240 dedicated people. Former Special Agent, USAF, OSI. Retired reserve Lt. Colonel.

Personal Information: 22 years in Pierce County; two daughters, five grandchildren.

Community Involvement: Violent Crime Victim's Association Advisory Board; Lecturer for Citizen's Police Academy; past Congregational President of church; college alumni president.

Personal Views: I've devoted my career to working for justice and I'm seeking re-election as your Prosecuting Attorney. I have worked closely with our outstanding homicide detectives in bringing hundreds of murderers to justice. I am grateful for the support of police and my own vigorous deputy prosecutors who carry the heaviest felony case loads in the state while retaining one of the top conviction rates. My office has been recognized by the Independent Performance Audit for efficient management. We aggressively prosecute methamphetamine labs and crimes against society's most vulnerable members, especially the elderly. Our model Domestic Violence and Special Assault teams protect women and children from violence and sex crimes. **With your support, I will continue to work for justice, fight for victim's rights, and attack the root causes of crime.**

Pierce County



Council, District No. 1



Jerry Hartley
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Education: University of Puget Sound, Bachelors Degree in Education.
Occupation: Retired teacher and coach. Now works in private business.
Professional Qualifications: Five years as a small businessman, Jerry also worked as an educator for 33 years at Puyallup and Rogers High Schools.
Personal Information: Jerry and his wife, Kay, live in Sumner and have three grown children and 10 grandchildren.
Community Involvement: Eastern Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, Puyallup Aquatic Club, Past Kiwanis member.
Personal Views: As a third generation Pierce County resident, my roots run deep. My grandfather lived and mined in the town of Wilkeson. I want to ensure that our community remains a **quality place to live, work and raise families**. I am running for the County Council because I am concerned about the direction of county government. We need to **end partisan gridlock**, roll up our sleeves, and work together to find **common sense solutions**. I will fight to **protect the safety of our homes, schools, and businesses**. I will strengthen our battle against meth and increase penalties for those who break the law. Our chronic transportation problem and inadequate park facilities must be fixed. Finally, we need to **stretch our tax dollars** by conducting yearly performance audits of all county departments.



Shawn Bunney
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Education: BA with Public Administration focus; UPS Law School Graduate.
Occupation: Attorney
Professional Qualifications: 10+ years service as legal counsel and policy advisor to the Pierce County Council; Lake Tapps Task Force Coordinator; White House Intern with President Reagan and aide to U.S. Treasury Secretary.
Personal Information: My wife Patti and I reside in the Lake Tapps community where we plan to raise our family.
Community Involvement: Vice-President, White River Youth Coalition; Eagle Scout and Past District Executive, Boy Scouts of America.
Personal Views: With 10+ years of experience as legal counsel and policy advisor to the Pierce County Council I will be effective for you immediately. Unlike my opponents, **I won't need on-the-job training**. The best way to address Pierce County's needs is through open, fair processes with a place for everyone at the table. Working together we can reshape County government with less government expense and more efficient services. The County's focus should be on core services that create **good paying jobs** and **sound economic growth**. These include public safety, transportation, water supply, and high-speed data availability. We need healthy and safe youth activities from "schools-out to lights-out", and better outdoor recreational opportunities. In Pierce County, our quality of life is everything. **Together we can achieve it all.**

Pierce County



Council, District No. 1



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Education: White River High School

Occupation: Self-Employed

Professional Qualifications: Owner/Manager of the Burnett Store for 25 years.

Personal Information: My wife of 27 years, Daillene, and I have one daughter, Shannon, and five sons, Carbon, Strydar, Gunner, Angus, and Cedar. We are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and have lived in the Carbonado area all of our lives.

Community Involvement: I have served 20 years on the Carbonado School Board, currently town councilmember, volunteered 18 years on the fire department, and coached youth sports. I have served on various White River High School Facility Planning Group and youth programs. I have also served in the Boy Scouts for over 15 years.

Personal Views: I believe **county employees** should remember they are **employed by the taxpayer** and should work for us not against us. I believe critical areas such as "Wet Lands" are **important** but so are **property owners and good old common sense**. I know first hand the **expense and frustration** dealing with Pierce County as it took years to build a new building for my business. Together we can work towards county government accountability **simply because enough is enough!** **Vote for Jay Argo** an *ongoing student of the School of Hard Knocks*.

Pierce County



Council, District No. 5



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Education: BA Political Science, Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Retired Public Official.

Professional Qualifications: I have prior experience on the County Council and served as Assessor Treasurer (1992-2000). Member of Washington Association of County Officials, Puget Sound Council of Governments, Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County, Central Puget Sound Economic Development Board, Washington State Association of County Assessors, Washington State Association of County Treasurers, International Association of Assessing Officers.

Personal Information: I have been a lifelong resident of the Parkland-Spanaway-Tacoma area, and a graduate of Lincoln High School, Pierce College and Pacific Lutheran University. My husband, Herb, and I have raised 4 children.

Community Involvement: Some of my community services include: Pierce County Arts Commission, Municipal League Citizen of the Year – 2002, League of Women Voters, Trust Committee – Trinity Lutheran Church, South County Chamber of Commerce, Freeholder Candidate – Home Rule Charter, Law League Courthouse Education Program, produced Pierce County Speaks, Tacoma Rotary #8, Pierce County Life Skills.

Personal Views: Customer service and working for the public interest has been my number one priority. I will continue to work hard to make sure all citizens are treated fairly and government works for you. *I ask for your vote on November 5th!*

Pierce County



Council, District No. 7



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Education: BA, Sociology – University of Washington, J.D. – Willamette University.

Occupation: Legislative Liaison/Policy Analyst – Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Professional Qualifications: School Board Member, Peninsula School District (1977-1981). 26th District State Representative for Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula and portions of University Place and Tacoma (1987-1994). Thirteen years as a policy analyst and sixteen years of management experience in the public and private sector. Wes is a personable, mission-oriented individual with a reputation for fairness and integrity.

Personal Information: Married to Patricia Pruitt (32 years). Two sons, Spencer and Cameron. Two grandchildren. Member, Harbor Christian Center.

Community Involvement: President, Communities in Schools of Peninsula; Member, Greater Pierce County Community Network Board; Pierce County Clean Air Task Force; Growth Policy Advisory Board.

Personal Views: I believe I can make a significant contribution as a Pierce County Council member to keeping our communities safe, healthy, and livable. As a former legislator and community volunteer, I spearheaded accountability initiatives to improve education and state government, wrote comprehensive clear air legislation, and co-founded a county-wide children's alliance. I will bring my leadership skills and a bipartisan, problem-solving approach to getting things done for the people of Pierce County.



Terry Lee
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Education: 1964 Curtis High School. 1970 Central Washington University, B.A. Chemistry, B.A. Zoology. Post graduate in Nuclear Physics and Radiology.

Occupation: Electrical Construction Project Manager.

Professional Qualifications: Eleven years - Pierce County Planning Commission. As chairman, last seven years, we've shepherded in a new era of comprehensive growth management in Pierce County.

Personal Information: Married 30 years, two children. Raised in University Place, 26 years, have lived in Gig Harbor 29 years.

Community Involvement: Eight years - Peninsula Advisory Commission, chairman - four years. Active member: Chapel Hill Church, Elks, Audubon Society and IBEW 76.

Personal Views: The debt for the Narrows Bridge is too large for a small community. The state needs to buy down tolls, keeping them at a reasonable level. Responsible economic development will help reduce transportation impacts and provide a tax base for much-needed community services.

We can employ responsible building practices that provide for people while protecting fish, thus reducing surface water fees, flood insurance rates, and restoring salmon to our streams. Criminal justice: Our underlying drug problem needs addressing by using our very expensive jail for hardened criminals and moving drug offenders into less expensive, proven programs that break their cycle of crime. **Terry Lee will listen to you and work for our community.**

Pierce County



Council, District No. 7



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Education: Bachelor of Arts Central Washington University

Occupation: Veteran 15 year Pierce County Probation Officer. My current position is with District Court Two, Gig Harbor, under the late Honorable Thomas Farrow.

Professional Qualifications: Current Vice President of the Washington State Misdemeanant Corrections Association

Personal Information: I came to this area while serving with the US Air Force. My wife of 22 years, Annie, was raised in Tacoma. We moved to this District to raise our three sons in a community that was committed to education, recreation and community spirit.

Community Involvement: We were actively involved in our sons education through the Peninsula School District, their involvement in sport activities and other recreation.

Personal Views: This District has undergone many changes over the years. This area and the County as a whole are facing many difficult decisions relating to community safety, planning and recreation. Future decisions must be made based upon factual information, common sense and the voter's wishes. Rather than doing away with services due to budget restraints we must use common sense and focus on finding/developing other funding mechanisms and cost saving measures. We need to put an end to *business as usual* and *political agendas* in decision-making. A new thought process is needed.

District Court



Division No. 2, District No. 1, Position No. 2



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Education: J.D., University of Puget Sound School of Law, 1979; B.A., University of Washington, 1971; R.N., Shoreline College, 1973.

Occupation: Judge, State Court of Appeals, 1993-present.

Professional Qualifications: As Chief Judge in 1997-1999, Judge Houghton successfully worked to reduce the court's backlog of cases. While performing her own job, Judge Houghton volunteered for two months as a Pierce County Superior Court judge when that court was shorthanded following the removal of a judge.

Personal Information: Judge Houghton and her two daughters live in Puyallup. She enjoys fly-fishing, hiking, kayaking, and gardening.

Community Involvement: Judge Houghton volunteers for the Puyallup School District Business Week program and senior board reviews. Judge Houghton teaches at the People's Law School because she believes in helping people better understand how the legal system works. She is also a member of Quota International of Tacoma (charitable service organization) and City Club of Tacoma.

Personal Views: I am honored to be an elected judge and represent you on the Court of Appeals. During my nine years as a judge, achieving the highest principles of justice – fairness and integrity – have been my top priority. Also, I have kept my commitment to make our courts work more efficiently. Thank you for your consideration.

District Court



Position No. 1



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Education: Gonzaga University School of Law, MS, MBA, JD; Washington State University, BA
Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge
Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Judge; Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor; Legal Advisor, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Colonel, United States Army Reserve; Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law
Personal Information: Married to Cheryl, 24 years
Community Involvement: Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club; Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy Board; Judges in the Classroom; Inter Faith Shelter Network
Personal Views: Judge Jack Nevin has the proven judicial and legal experience we need on the District Court Bench. A graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law and Washington State University, Judge Nevin is a former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor, and Legal Advisor to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Jack serves as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and he is active in numerous community service organizations. Judge Nevin is endorsed by the Washington State Patrol Troopers Association, the Tacoma Firefighters Local #31, the Tacoma Police Union #6, and the Tacoma Police Management Association #26. Let's keep Jack Nevin's experience and dedication working for us on the District Court Bench.

Position No. 2



David M. Kenworthy
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Education: Two Bachelor of Science degrees, Iowa State University; Juris Doctorate, Georgetown University Law Center; Master of Business Administration & Master of Public Administration, UPS; Several National Judicial College & American Academy of Judicial Education courses
Occupation: District Court Judge
Professional Qualifications: Attorney 1971 - 1994, admitted to practice in Washington, U. S. Supreme Court, & Federal District Court
Personal Information: Tacoma resident since 1979; Colonel of Marines (Retired)
Community Involvement: Life Member - Veterans of Foreign Wars & Marine Corps League; Member - Irish Cultural Club, The Retired Officers Association, & City Club
Personal Views: I am privileged to serve as a judge in Pierce County District Court. I'll keep doing my best to ensure that every case is fairly and efficiently tried. And, as the District Court transitions into a county-wide court, I will work to ensure that the court remains as readily available to all citizens of Pierce County as is possible under current fiscal constraints.

District Court



Position No. 3



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Education: B.A. in History (magna cum laude) University of Washington; Juris Doctor University of Washington School of Law, 1976

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: Private Law Practice 1976 – 1987; Court Commissioner, Pierce County District Court, 1987 – 1997; Judge 1997 – present

Personal Information: Native of Pierce County. One of 5 children of Alfred and Leona Culpepper. Married to Wendy Firth for 22 years. 2 children, Kristina and Stephen.

Community Involvement: Past membership on various Bar Association committees, Past Director Eastside Boys' and Girls' Club, past Cubmaster for Pack 218 Cub Scouts, Past President Pierce County Film Society.

Personal Views: It has been my honor to serve as a Pierce County District Court Judge for almost six years. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities presented by consolidation of the District Courts and continued cooperation with the Superior Court. It is the Court's duty to fairly and impartially decide disputes and to hold individuals accountable for their actions. A court must do this while respecting the rights of persons appearing in court, the rights of victims, and the interests of the public. As a judge, my responsibility to the public is to ensure that justice is done openly, fairly, and expeditiously. With your continued support, I will do my utmost to meet this responsibility.

Position No. 4



James R. Heller
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Education: University of Northern Iowa, BA; United States Air Force Officer Training School; University of Puget Sound, JD with honors

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Judge since 1985; Attorney, Private Practice

Personal Information: Married

Community Involvement: District & Municipal Court Judges Association; Community speaking

Personal Views: I have been privileged to serve on the District Court for Pierce County since November, 1985. To be a judge on this court is to be involved in many of the problems of daily life in our community. By dealing with domestic violence and people who drive while under the influence and with civil cases involving both small claims and significant civil suits for damages up to \$50,000, we, as judges, are constantly being asked to fairly and consistently resolve your disputes. It has been and continues to be a privilege to serve you.

District Court



Position No. 5



Judy Rae Jasprica
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Education: University of Puget Sound, BA, JD with honors
Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge
Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Judge; Pierce County District Court Commissioner; Attorney, Private Practice
Personal Information: Mother, one son
Community Involvement: District & Municipal Court Judges Association; Seattle University/UPS Law Alumni Council; Parent volunteer; Community speaking
Personal Views: Our judges need to reflect the values of our community. We expect our judges to be fair, but firm when dispensing justice. That's exactly what we get every day from Judge Jasprica. She is serving us with distinction on the Pierce County bench. In order to develop a coordinated community response to domestic violence, Judge Jasprica helped establish the Domestic Violence Court – the first of its kind in Pierce County. Judge Jasprica has been endorsed by the Washington State Troopers Association and Tacoma Police Management Association, Local #26. Judy is a life-long member of our community graduating from the Seattle University/UPS School of Law, UPS, Pierce College, and Mt. Tahoma High School. Judge Jasprica, the only woman judge serving on the District Court bench, is a judge we can always count on to be straightforward, tough but fair.

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2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma

Sprinker Recreation Center Parking Lot
14824 South "C" Street, Parkland/Spanaway

Parking Lot
16023 Meridian East, South Hill

Fred Meyer Parking Lot
1100 North Meridian & River Road, Puyallup

Century 21 - Swarthout Realty Parking Lot
19413 Hwy 410 East, Bonney Lake

Pt. Fosdick Square Safeway/Big 5 Parking Lot
4811 Pt. Fosdick Square, Gig Harbor

Browns Point Town Center
1000 Town Center, Browns Point

Lakewood Town Center
6000 Main St SW, Lakewood

Rite Aid (Parking Lot)
1912 N Pearl Street, Tacoma

Rite Aid (Parking Lot)
1105 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Tacoma

Green Firs (Parking Lot)
40th & Bridgeport Way, University Place

County-City Building (drop box)
2nd Floor Lobby, Tacoma
*Open 7:30 am - 5:00 pm



Open from 7am-8pm November 1 - November 5

District Court



Position No. 6



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Education: U.P.S. Law School

Occupation: Judge, Gig Harbor Municipal Court; Attorney

Professional Qualifications: 23 years' experience as a lawyer handling the type of cases heard in District Court, and my status as Gig Harbor judge ruling on the same type of cases, gives me the insight, wisdom and judicial temperament essential to fill the role of District Court judge.

Personal Information: Married; grown children. Army veteran

Community Involvement: As judge, I implemented community forums addressing issues such as domestic violence, DUI, and youth crime with a view to prevention, punishment and treatment. As an attorney, I participated in volunteer attorney clinics and provided free legal services to people in need.

Personal Views: The duties of a judge are to protect the community and to treat everyone in the courtroom with the fairness, courtesy and respect they deserve. As a judge I treat scofflaws firmly, but recognize that citizens coming to court about a traffic ticket or for a lawsuit are apprehensive. They should not have to be concerned that their case may be pushed through the system without a fair opportunity to be heard. My view is that justice and fairness are the hallmarks of a good judge, and I have established these credentials in Gig Harbor Municipal Court.



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Education: University of Puget Sound School of Law; Western Washington University

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Commissioner

Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Commissioner, 5 years Municipal Court Judge, Town of Ruston, 2001; Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor, 14 years

Personal Information: Mother, two children

Community Involvement: City Club of Tacoma; YMCA Soccer Club Volunteer; Saint Patrick School Volunteer; Pacific Harbors Council Boy Scouts Volunteer

Personal Views: Leaders in our community and the legal profession agree — Commissioner Maggie Ross is the clear choice for Pierce County District Court Judge, Position 6. For the past five years, Maggie Ross has served with distinction as our District Court Commissioner, presiding over all phases of criminal and civil cases. A former deputy prosecutor for fourteen years, Maggie Ross has nearly twenty years of experience making sound judgments on behalf of all the citizens of our community. She's earned our trust and our vote. Maggie Ross is endorsed by the Washington State Troopers Association, the Tacoma Police Management Association #26, and the Tacoma Police Union #6. Maggie is supported by nineteen judges from the State Supreme, Superior, District, and Municipal Courts. Commissioner Maggie Ross has the experienced judgment we need on the District Court Bench.

District Court



Position No. 7



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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Puget Sound School of Law; Bachelor of Arts in History, St. Louis University; Registered Nurse, St. Lukes Hospital, KC, Mo.

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Professional Qualifications: Attorney, Private Practice; Member of the Washington State Bar Association; Pierce County Bar Association; Past member Washington State Trial Lawyers Association; Licensed Registered Nurse

Personal Information: Strong family ties to the community; Successful ascent of Mt. Rainier; Avid fly fisherman and bird watcher. **Endorsed by Vernon R. Pearson, Washington Supreme Court Justice Ret., Robert E. Cooper, U.S. Magistrate Judge Ret.**

Community Involvement: Guardian ad litem/child advocate; Mediator, Pierce County Dispute Resolution Center; Advocate for citizens in need of legal aid, Pierce County Bar Association

Personal Views: A judge is required to be knowledgeable of the law, analytical, fair, objective and decisive. Above all, the position requires integrity. As an experienced attorney and former cardiac surgical nurse, I bring those qualities to the bench. The judicial system should ensure public safety. I make the commitment to the residents of Pierce County to enforce the laws to provide a safe environment. I greatly appreciate your support and vote.



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Education: Fife High School; University of Washington, BA; University of California, Davis, JD

Occupation: Attorney, 29 years

Professional Qualifications: Pro Tem Judge and Commissioner; Municipal Court Judge, Milton, 4 years; Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Prosecutor; Arbitrator, Superior Court; Law Clerk, Washington State Supreme Court; United States Army Reserves, 6 years

Personal Information: Married to Terry for 28 years; two sons: Ryan and Joe

Community Involvement: Fife Senior Services Advisory Board; Fife-Milton Rotary Club; Tacoma Urban League; Gig Harbor-Peninsula Youth Basketball; Pierce County/Gig Harbor Youth Soccer

Personal Views: Position No. 7 is a new county-wide judgeship. Fair and reasonable access must be achieved for all citizens, including those residents of East Pierce County and the Gig Harbor Peninsula. The District Court is the "People's Court". Citizens deserve to be listened to and receive fair-handed justice. As a lifelong resident of Pierce County and former Federal Prosecutor, I pledge that the District Court will be administered with hard work, civility and integrity. I have the experience and judgment to be decisive and assure that all parties will be accountable to the Court. The Pierce County Prosecutor, the Washington State Patrol Troopers Association and the Tacoma Police Management Association #26 have endorsed me. I hope to earn your trust. Thank you.

Tacoma Municipal Court



Position No. 8



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Education: University of Minnesota, BA; Gonzaga University, Juris Doctor; Stanford School of Business, Executive Programs; Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.

Occupation: Pierce County Councilman, Attorney at Law

Professional Qualifications: Practicing attorney, **25 years**, representing criminal, civil, land-use litigants; Department of Assigned Counsel, panel attorney. Elected Pierce County Councilmember, **6 years**. Created/chaired Criminal Justice Task Force focusing on improvement of the courts and jail. Oversaw the performance audit of the sheriff's department and county courts. Elected Port of Tacoma Commissioner, **16 years**, president for 4 terms.

Personal Information: Married to Enid Buchanan, three sons, 9-15. Retired decorated Navy lieutenant.

Community Involvement: Pierce County delegate to Regional Transportation Improvement District. Board member World Affairs Council. Former board member Washington Council on International Trade, Japan-American Society, Washington State China Relations Council. Bethel Schools bond levy election committee.

Personal Views: *To be effective, a judge must have a broad understanding and appreciation of our citizens and community.* Quality of life is important. **Citizens deserve protection from fear** and have a right to feel safe in their homes, parks, schools, and shopping centers. The district court is where most residents come for justice. **I expect a judge to listen and respect the people** who rely on the court to resolve matters of importance.



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Education: JD, University of Puget Sound Law School, 1986; BA, University of Washington, 1983.

Occupation: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County, 1987 to present.

Professional Qualifications: As a trial lawyer for 15 years with the Prosecutor's Office, I have done numerous trials. Currently I prosecute drunk drivers who have injured or killed people on public roads. Other cases I have handled include assaults, rapes, robberies, and murders. Some of these crimes involved domestic violence. Experience in criminal law is important since the majority of cases handled by District Court Judges are criminal cases. As a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, I have demonstrated my ability to handle a very large caseload efficiently, without compromising quality.

Personal Information: Native Washingtonian; 18 years in Pierce County. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. Activities include boating, salmon fishing and horseback riding.

Community Involvement: Puget Sound Inn of Court 1997-1999, SMART tutoring program 1997-1998.

Personal Views: I am the best qualified candidate for this position. I believe judges must protect law abiding citizens and the community as a whole. My experience as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney has taught me the importance of commitment and integrity in public service. My knowledge of the law and dedication to fairness will make a difference in our courts.

Tacoma Municipal Court



Position No. 1



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Education: Stadium H.S. Class of 1977; Associate of Arts – Tacoma Community College 1979; Bachelor Degree, Washington State University 1981; Law Clerk program – completed 1990

Occupation: Attorney at Law

Professional Qualifications: Admitted Washington State Bar Association 1991; Prosecutor, City of Tacoma, 1991 – 1994; Pro Tem Judge, City of Tacoma 1994 to present; Attorney, Private Practice 1994 to present

Personal Information: Raised in large family of 16 children in Tacoma. Now reside in the same house I was raised in with my wife Diane and our three sons, David Jr., Taylor and Daniel. We have two older children, Trevor and Tanya.

Community Involvement: Active in neighborhood Safe Streets project; Past Chairman, Central Neighborhood Council

Personal Views: The Tacoma Municipal Court serves a vital role in our community by helping to ensure public safety. As a former prosecutor and Judge Pro Tem in Tacoma Municipal court for the past eight years I am well qualified to continue this important function. The court not only reacts to those who have committed crimes, but also helps to prevent further crime from happening by directing those people to proper resources to obtain professional help or treatment. I look forward to serving Tacoma and it's citizens.

Position No. 2



Jack Emery
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Education: University of Washington School of Law; Gonzaga University; Bellarmine Preparatory

Occupation: Tacoma Municipal Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: Tacoma Municipal Court Judge; National Judicial College; Attorney, 27 years

Personal Information: Life-long resident of Pierce County; Vietnam Veteran

Community Involvement: St. John Bosco Church; Optimist Club; Kiwanis; Boys and Girls Club; King Center

Personal Views: Judge Jack Emery is working for us on the Tacoma Municipal Court Bench. For the past four years, Judge Emery has heard hundreds of cases in his courtroom. Every citizen appearing before Judge Emery is guaranteed an impartial and fair hearing based on the facts and the evidence presented. We can count on Judge Jack Emery to continue dispensing fair and reasoned judgments. Born and raised in our community, Jack Emery graduated from Bellarmine Prep and the University of Washington School of Law. Jack is a Vietnam veteran and has been extensively involved with service and charitable organizations in our community.

Tacoma Municipal Court



Position No. 3



**Elizabeth E. "Betsy"
Verhey**
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Education: Central Washington University, B.A., Magna Cum Laude; U.P.S. School of Law, J.D.

Occupation: Judge

Professional Qualifications: Managing Partner/Attorney: Griffin, Imperiale, & Verhey P.S.; Pro Tem Judge: Tacoma & Fife Municipal Courts, Pierce County District Court Nos. 1 & 2; Court Commissioner: Pierce County District Court No. 1; Pierce County Superior Court Arbitrator & Elected Pro Tem Judge

Personal Information: Judge Verhey lives in Tacoma with her husband, Jim Leggett and two sons.

Community Involvement: Children's Home Society: Board Member & past Chair; Big Brothers Big Sisters of King & Pierce Counties: Advisory Council Member, Past Board Member, Officer, & President; Catholic Woman's Club: Member & past President; Zonta Club of Tacoma: Member; American Assn. of University Women: Member & Board Member

Personal Views: Judge Verhey works hard to maintain the highest personal & professional standards and increase the efficiency of the Court. Through her leadership as Presiding Judge, the Court received the 2002 Pierce County DUI & Traffic Safety Award for its re-licensing program and maintained the community service work crew, as an alternative to incarceration and fines, saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. With your continued support, Judge Verhey will continue her dedication to public safety, judicial economy and fairness. It is important to retain Judges of her caliber - **Firm but Fair.**

Pierce County



Special Election — Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by Pierce County
On behalf of the City of Bonney Lake Annexation Area No. 5

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 1023 concerning the proposed annexation of an area described as Annexation Area No. 5. This proposition, if approved, would annex to the City of Bonney Lake an irregularly shaped area of approximately 54.55 acres with approximate boundaries as follows: Eastern – current city limits; Western – Generally follows Fennel Creek; Northern – Sumner-Buckley Highway East; and Southern – highway SR-410. Following annexation, the area would become subject to the City’s property tax levy and would be taxed to pay for currently existing City indebtedness. Should this annexation proposal be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, the area known as “Annexation Area No. 5,” located in unincorporated Pierce County contiguous to the City of Bonney Lake, would become part of the City of Bonney Lake. All property within the annexation area would, upon annexation, be assessed and taxed on the same basis and at the same rate as property within the City of Bonney Lake is assessed and taxed to pay for the then outstanding indebtedness of the City.

Proposition No. 1 will be authorized if a majority of at least three-fifths of all votes are cast in favor of the proposition, and the number of persons voting on the proposition is not less than forty percent of the total number of votes cast in the area at the last preceding general election. However, state law provides that the Bonney Lake City Council may adopt a resolution accepting the annexation without assumption of indebtedness, if the combined ballot proposition is approved by a simple majority of the voters voting on the proposition.

Statement For:

No statement was submitted for this issue.

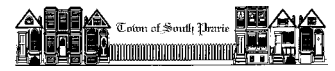
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Statement Against:

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Town of South Prairie



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by the Town of South Prairie Regular Tax Levy

Ballot Title: The Town Council of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington, adopted Ordinance No. 428 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will authorize the Town to increase its regular tax levy by 75 cents from \$1.6992 to \$2.4492 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and notwithstanding the otherwise applicable limitations contained in RCW Chapter 84.55, with proceeds used to finance maintenance and operation expenses, including maintaining fire and police protection services, all as provided in Ordinance No. 428. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: The Town of South Prairie is in need of additional funds to provide the services demanded by the Public including police and fire protection. The Town lost funds as a result of recent initiatives and the State supplement to make up for the loss of funds has terminated.

Statement For:

Initiative 747 calls for a vote of the citizens to increase local taxes above the 1% limitation. The Town of South Prairie is being fiscally prudent and responsible to the taxpayer by asking for authorization to collect the \$.75 allowed by law and the voters. The 1% limitation erodes the operating budget of the town because costs increase faster than 1%. The revenue provided by this proposition would help maintain fire and police emergency services, streetlights, parks and other purposes as deemed necessary.

A \$.75 increase in your property tax means a house valued at \$100,000 would cost an additional \$6.25 per month.

In these uncertain times, it is nice to know the services our town provides will be there. Let's give the town the tools they need to maintain the level of service we have come to expect. Please vote "Yes" for South Prairie. Thank you.

Committee Members Include: Peggy Levesque and Barbara Wigton

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Proposition One came about in direct response to citizens' request for continued funding of emergency services.

Consulting legal counsel can protect the town and its citizens from future litigations. It would be irresponsible to make decisions without or contrary to legal advice.

Citizen input is encouraged. Meeting and Legal Notices are posted in accordance to State regulations, and Council minutes are available for review at Town Hall.

Vote "Yes" to help maintain our emergency services.

Committee Members Include: Peggy Levesque and Barbara Wigton

Statement Against:

My wife and I are against a tax levy increase in the Town of South Prairie for the following reasons: 1. I have attended a number of Town Council meetings, voiced opinions and made suggestions to only fall on deaf ears. 2. A major amount of time and budget is used to defend the actions and decisions of the Council in court and/or to pay attorney fees for advice on every decision that they make. 3. They make no real effort to inform the citizens as to what they are doing and how they are representing us.

Our tax dollars should not go to defend the decisions made by our representatives if they are not truly hearing the wishes of those whom they represent. We need more communication, representation and fewer lawsuits. Send a message to our council and vote no for this levy increase.

Committee Members Include: Doug Hinkle and Toni Hinkle

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Our Town is benefiting from new streets & sidewalks, a water filtration system, sewer treatment improvements, water lines, a linear trail, and parks from grants by Pierce County, the State and Federal Government. Our police and fire service is contracted out. Water and Sewer rates are high in order to keep that service in the black. We can't afford to be a town any more! Our money would work better for us at Pierce County.

Committee Members Include: Doug Hinkle and Toni Hinkle

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Initiative No. 1
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: Initiative No. 1 amends Tacoma's anti-discrimination law. Initiative No. 1 removes those provisions of the Tacoma Municipal Code which prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation, and lending based on sexual orientation or gender identity. A yes vote enacts the Initiative. A no vote defeats the Initiative. Should this Initiative become law?

Explanatory Statement:

Tacoma's Current Law Against Discrimination

On April 23, 2002, the Tacoma City Council passed a law prohibiting discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity in Tacoma in the areas of employment, housing, lending, and public accommodations.

The Effect If This Initiative Becomes Law

If this Initiative is passed, discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity would no longer be unlawful in Tacoma in the areas of employment, housing, lending, and public accommodations.

Statement For:

Initiative 1 Stops Special rights For Homosexuals!

This is about bad law, not hate or intolerance. The final Ordinance came before the Council *twenty minutes* before they passed it, and they paid no more attention to detail than they did when they bought the Carlton Hotel for \$300,000 over market value.

Initiative 1 Stops Intrusive Government & More Lawsuits!

If accused, you're refused access to the courts until appeal; then, if proven innocent, you still pay your own court costs. You're presumed guilty until proven innocent and penalized for proving your innocence! That's a violation of due process.

A Vote For Initiative 1 Is The Right Vote!

Under the current law any man can walk into any ladies' room in Tacoma without penalty if he's wearing a dress; this was confirmed on local radio by the City Attorney's office. A golden opportunity for sexual predators!

Did the Council plan this? Of course not - they just didn't think. But if they won't, we'd better.

Vote **Yes** On Initiative 1!

Committee Members Include: Hap M. Butler, Douglas A. Delin, Steve Rodli

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

A Vote for Initiative 1 Is The Right Vote!

Initiative 1 is almost identical to similar measures Tacoma passed twice before in rejecting special rights for homosexuals, the last time overwhelmingly (71%-29%)!

Homosexuality must not be given special status in the workplace or anywhere else. It's not right. It's not fair! If you support equal rights, not special rights, let's repeal the new city ordinance once again by voting "Yes" on Initiative 1!

Committee Members Include: Hap M. Butler, Douglas A. Delin, Steve Rodli

Statement Against:

Voting No on Initiative No. 1 is Voting No Discrimination

Ballot measures can be confusing. This time, it's simple. The *only* way to show you're opposed to discrimination of any kind is to vote *no* on Initiative No. 1.

No Other Law Prevents Discrimination

In Tacoma, it's illegal to discriminate against someone because they're gay. State and federal laws do *not* prohibit this type of discrimination. That's why we must keep Tacoma's law in place. That's why we must vote *no* on Initiative No. 1

People Should be Judged on the Quality of Their Work, Not on Their Personal Life

Voting *no* on Initiative No. 1 means you believe that no one in Tacoma should live with the fear of being fired, denied a loan, or refused service in a restaurant because someone else thinks that they are "different."

All People Should be Treated Fairly

Tacoma values tolerance and diversity. Voting *no* says Tacoma is respectful and supports basic rights. Simply stated, it's wrong to discriminate against gays and lesbians. **Vote no discrimination, vote no on Initiative 1.**

Committee Members Include: David Alger, Thomas Dixon, Pamela Transue

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Gays and lesbians were added to our anti-discrimination law in April after *extensive* public hearings. Tacoma has successfully and impartially enforced its anti-discrimination law for over 15 years. Businesses haven't suffered.

Tacoma's law doesn't grant anyone special rights. It protects everyone's basic right to be treated fairly.

If the law is repealed, it becomes legal to single people out for discrimination. That's not Tacoma. **Vote no discrimination. Vote no on Initiative No. 1.**

Committee Members Include: David Alger, Thomas Dixon, Pamela Transue

University Place Fire Protection District No. 3



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 3

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

Ballot Title: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 3, Pierce County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 091702-368 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will authorize the District to levy an excess tax upon all taxable property within the District of approximately \$0.70 per \$1,000 of true and assessed valuation, to provide \$1,322,041, to be levied in 2002, collected in 2003, and used for maintenance and operations to maintain the current level of fire services and emergency medical services as provided in Resolution No. 091702-368. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: In 1939, the legislature established fire districts to serve rural areas; the tax levy was intended to fund a rural level of service, rather than dense urban areas like University Place. The regular levy is inadequate to provide fire, emergency medical and rescue services to a city of more than 30,000 people, with urban density, including substantial commercial and multiple family development. Due to population growth over the last 20 years, continuing inflation, and increased demands for paramedic services, the regular property tax levy is no longer adequate to continue providing high quality service.

This excess levy would pay for approximately 23% of the department's budget. It will cost approximately \$.70 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This amounts to \$105 annually on a \$150,000 home. The money will be used to maintain services to the community.

University Place Fire Department is a combination fire department, utilizing both paid and volunteer firefighters to provide advanced fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical and rescue services throughout University Place. Currently, the Fire District also provides fire prevention and education, fire marshal and Fire Code enforcement services to the City. The regular tax levy is insufficient to maintain this level of service.

Statement For:

Your support is needed to maintain the operations of the University Place Fire Department. We are asking you to vote **Yes** for a one-year maintenance and operations levy. The levy amount is approximately 1.3 million dollars or \$0.70 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Since 1995 the call volume for the department has risen almost 40%. Additional Firefighters and staff are needed to meet the growing needs of the community. In addition, the department needs to replace worn out fire and rescue vehicles.

Recent initiatives and legislation have significantly impacted fire department funding. Current funding levels no longer provide enough revenues to operate the department adequately. Your **Yes** vote will help offset these lost revenues. Help keep the community and the Firefighters safe. *Vote Yes and Keep Help Coming.*

Committee Members Include: Pat Tobin and Jim Sharp

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Peninsula Fire & Rescue

Fire Protection District No. 16



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

Ballot Title: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 16, Pierce County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 07-02-372 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will authorize the District to levy an excess tax upon all taxable property within the District of approximately \$0.80 per \$1,000 of true and assessed valuation, to provide \$800,000, to be levied in 2002, collected in 2003, and used for maintenance and operations and to increase the current level of fire services and emergency medical services as provided in Resolution No. 07-02-372. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: In 1939, the legislature established fire districts to serve rural areas; the tax levy was intended to fund a rural level of service, but the service expectations on the Key Peninsula are now greater. The regular levy is inadequate to provide fire, emergency medical and rescue services within this fire district. Due to population growth over the last 20 years, continuing inflation, and increased demands for fire and medical aid services, the regular property tax levy is no longer adequate to continue providing high quality service.

This excess levy would pay for approximately 27% of the department's budget. It will cost approximately \$.80 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This amounts to \$120 on a \$150,000 home for a one-year special levy. The money will be used to maintain services to the community, but also primarily to purchase necessary capital assets, such as equipment and apparatus.

Key Peninsula Fire Department is a combination fire department, utilizing both paid and volunteer firefighters to provide advanced fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical and rescue services throughout this growing community. Currently, the Fire District also provides fire prevention and education services to the area. The regular tax levy is insufficient to maintain this level of service.

Statement For:

Since the fire department was established 50 years ago you have supported special levies which supplement basic property taxes for fire/emergency medical services.

Continued support for this special levy is needed. You're voting on a one-year, 2003, levy. The levy amount will be \$800,000 which is approximately \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value.

This levy will allow us to continue funding our vehicle/equipment replacement plan.

The Washington Industrial Safety/Health Act was recently amended to require at least four firefighters on scene before they enter a burning building to perform fire fighting "rescue" operations. What has been a long standing accepted practice is now a law.

We need to provide our firefighters with better crew safety, extend their power, allow them to carry the equipment modern firefighters need.

Your yes vote will provide necessary funding to purchase air packs, rescue truck, new jaws of life, other equipment and 2 new fire engines.

Committee Members Include: Edward A. Taylor, Eric L. Nelsen, Ruth Bramhall

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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South Prairie Fire Protection District No. 20



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20
REGULAR TAX LEVY

Ballot Title: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 20, Pierce County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 02-2002 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition, if approved, will authorize the District to increase its regular tax levy from \$1.00 to \$1.30 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation as allowed by RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.160, and notwithstanding the otherwise applicable limitations contained in RCW Chapter 84.55, with proceeds used to finance maintenance and operation expenses, all as provided in Resolution No. 02-2002. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District 20 has adopted a Resolution requesting an election to authorize an increase in the regular property tax levy from \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.30.

RCW 52.16.160 allows an additional fifty cents (50¢) per thousand dollars of assessed value to carry out the purposes for which fire protection districts are created, to any fire district with at least one full time employee.

The Board believes the increase is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, life, property and general welfare in this district, and to maintain and increase the high standards of operations in fire protection and emergency medical services. The increased cost of 24-hour services requires a tax levy increase merely to maintain these high standards.

The funds raised if this measure passes would be used to increase training and availability of day-time staff for fire suppression and emergency medical care.

Statement For:

Pierce County Fire District #20 is asking for the support of the voters. Due to the rising cost and increasing demands for higher standards, the District is asking for a levy increase of \$.30 per thousand assessed valuation. With this increase the District will be able to buy essential equipment, implement advanced training programs and maintain safety standards for all its personnel. Vote yes to give your Fire Department the resources they need to do the job you expect and deserve.

Committee Members Include: Cheryl Bylin, Brenda Harter, Jake Doty

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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East Pierce Fire & Rescue

Fire Protection District No. 22



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22
RENEWAL OF REGULAR EMS TAX LEVY

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 be re-authorized to impose regular property levies of \$0.50 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of ten consecutive years, beginning in 2002, to continue providing emergency medical services and advanced life support (paramedic) services?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue) has passed a resolution requesting an election to reauthorize for ten years a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. This levy would only be for emergency medical services (EMS). It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by paramedics and emergency medical technicians. The voters have authorized an EMS levy since 1980.

The funds would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and facilities. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the levy amount, which may be less than, but will not exceed, fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Most District calls for emergency service are EMS calls. The regular levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. Rapid population growth has increased demand for services, and especially emergency medical services. A 10-year EMS levy helps to plan for these increases, and continue to provide Advanced Life Support Services (paramedics) at least until more permanent funding can be identified.

Statement For:

Renewal of our current Emergency Medical Services Levy is necessary to retain the paramedic service provided by our fire department. This is **not a new tax**, but a **renewal** of the current EMS Levy, at the same rate currently assessed. *Paramedic service* is a vital part of our community safety net. Over 75% of the 3000 emergency calls that our fire department responded to last year were for medical aid. The EMS Levy funds are required by law to be spent on providing this essential life-saving service. Please continue to support our fire department by voting **Yes for the EMS Levy!**

Committee Members Include: Zane Gibson, John McDonald, Karlyne McGinnis

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Redistricting Facts

What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of redrawing political district boundaries. Using new U.S. Census Bureau data, legislative and congressional district boundaries are realigned every 10 years to accommodate population increases and decreases within the state.

What is reapportionment?

Reapportionment occurs every 10 years to reallocate congressional seats among the 50 states in order to reflect population changes since the last census. The United States Constitution establishes 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Each state receives at least one congressional seat and the remaining 385 are apportioned according to population. The Census 2000 population count indicated that Washington has nearly 5.9 million residents – enough to have nine congressional seats. However, even with our significant growth, Washington did not gain a 10th congressional seat in 2001.

Why do we have to redistrict?

Redistricting is done to ensure that every Washington citizen is represented fairly in the Legislature and Congress. The U.S. and state constitutions require that each congressional and legislative district be represented by an equal number of people to ensure fair distribution of political power. Births, deaths and migration contribute to statewide and district population shifts from one decennial census to the next. Redistricting adjusts political boundaries to reflect these changes.

How many people will each legislative and congressional district contain?

As a result of the 2001-2002 redistricting process and Washington's 5.9 million residents, each of the 49 legislative districts has approximately 120,288 persons. Each of the nine congressional districts had approximately 654,902 persons.

Who is in charge of redistricting in Washington?

The Washington State Redistricting Commission is the bipartisan commission charged with preparing a legislative and congressional district plan after each U.S. Census. The five-member Commission must submit a redistricting plan to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2001. The new districts will be used beginning with the 2002 congressional and legislative elections.

Has Washington always redistricted by commission?

No, the Legislature established the boundaries of Washington's election districts until 1980. In 1983, the voters of the state approved a constitutional amendment that established the independent Redistricting Commission. Legislative and congressional redistricting by commission was first done in 1991.

How were the commissioners appointed and who may serve?

Each House and Senate caucus leader appointed one voting member to the commission in January. The four commission members, in turn, appointed the nonvoting commission chairperson. A commissioner may be any registered state voter who 1) is not a current registered lobbyist, or former lobbyist within one year before appointment; or 2) is not a current elected official, or an elected state, district, or county party official, or has not held such a position for two years prior to appointment. Commissioners may not campaign for elective office or actively participate in or contribute to a state or federal candidate running for office. A commission member must refrain from holding or campaigning for a state legislative office or for Congress for two years after the effective date of the plan.

How does the Commission adopt a redistricting plan?

Can the plan be changed by the Legislature or vetoed by the Governor?

A redistricting plan must be approved by three of the four voting Commission members. This plan becomes final unless it is amended by the Legislature within 30 days after the beginning of next regular or special session. A legislative amendment, however, can affect no more than 2 percent of a district's population and must be approved by two-thirds of the members of each chamber. The Governor may not veto the redistricting plan. There is no final vote of approval on the redistricting plan, and it takes effect after the 30-day period elapses. If the commission fails to meet the submission deadline, the state Supreme Court must prepare a plan by April 30, 2002, of years ending in two.