

SAMPLE BALLOT

PIERCE COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

Initiatives & Referendums

Initiative to the People 688

Shall the state minimum wage be increased from \$4.90 to \$5.70 in 1999 and to \$6.50 in 2000, and afterwards be annually adjusted for inflation?

Initiative to the People 692

Shall the medical use of marijuana for certain terminal or debilitating conditions be permitted, and physicians authorized to advise patients about medical use of marijuana?

Initiative to the People 694

Shall the termination of a fetus' life during the process of birth be a felony crime except when necessary to prevent the pregnant woman's death?

Referendum Bill 49

Shall motor vehicle excise taxes be reduced and state revenues reallocated; \$1.9 billion in bonds for state and local highways approved; and spending limits modified?

Initiative to the Legislature 200

Shall government be prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, education and contracting?

* Department of Transportation

Public Advisory Election

Should the Tacoma Narrows Bridge be modified and a parallel bridge constructed, financed by tolls on bridge traffic and operated as a public private partnership?

Candidate Party Key

(DEM) Democrat (REP) Republican
(IND) Independent (NP) Non-Partisan

* statements available
in this pamphlet

Partisan Positions

United States Senator

- Patty Murray (DEM)
- Linda Smith (REP)

United States Representatives

District No. 6

- Norm Dicks (DEM)
- Bob Lawrence (REP)

District No. 8

- Heidi Behrens-Benedict (DEM)
- Jennifer Dunn (REP)

District No. 9

- Adam Smith (DEM)
- Ron Taber (REP)

State Legislature

2nd Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Larry Nelson (DEM)
- Roger Bush (REP)

2nd Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Jean Sensel (DEM)
- Tom Campbell (REP)

20th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Tom Beattie (DEM)
- Richard DeBolt (REP)

20th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Robert Strong (DEM)
- Gary Alexander (REP)

25th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Richard Hildreth (DEM)
- Joyce McDonald (REP)

25th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Jim Kastama (DEM)
- Grant Owen Pelesky (REP)

26th Legislative District Senator

- Beth Wilson (DEM)
- Bob Oke (REP)

26th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Patricia Lantz (DEM)
- Lois McMahan (REP)

26th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Jim Shea (DEM)
- Tom Huff (REP)

27th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Ruth Fisher (DEM)
- Eugene P. Weltzer (IND)

27th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Debbie Regala (DEM)

28th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- T. Clinton Lowry (DEM)
- Georganne "Gigi" Talcott (REP)

28th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Frank Gavaldon (DEM)
- Mike Carrell (REP)

29th Legislative District Senator

- Rosa Franklin (DEM)

29th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Steve Conway (DEM)

29th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Brian Sullivan (DEM)

30th Legislative District Senator

- Tracey J. Eide (DEM)
- Ray Schow (REP)

30th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Mark Miloscia (DEM)
- Skip Priest (REP)

30th Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Maryann Mitchell (REP)

31st Legislative District Senator

- George Tracy (DEM)
- Pam Roach (REP)

31st Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 1

- Michael Stensen (DEM)
- Dan Roach (REP)

31st Leg. Dist. Rep., Position No. 2

- Christopher Hurst (DEM)
- Les Thomas (REP)

*Pierce County Auditor

- Cathy Pearsall-Stipek (DEM)
- Scott Smith (REP)
- Dale Washam (IND)

*Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

- John W. Ladenburg (DEM)

*Pierce County Council, Dist 1

- Jan Shabro (REP)

*Pierce County Council, Dist. 5

- Wendell Brown (DEM)

*Pierce County Council, Dist. 7

- Karen Biskey (REP)



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Non-Partisan Postions

State Supreme Court Justices

Position 1

- Faith Ireland (NP)
- James Patrick "Jim" Foley (NP)

Position 5

- Barbara Madsen (NP)
- Jim Bates (NP)

Position 6

- Richard B. Sanders (NP)

*Court of Appeals, Division II, District 1, Position 1

- Karen G. Seinfeld (NP)

*District Court No 1

Position No 1

- Jack Nevin (NP)

Position No 2

- David M. Kenworthy (NP)

Position No 3

- Ronald E. Culpepper (NP)

Position No 4

- James R. Heller (NP)

Position No 5

- Judy Jasprica (NP)
- Day H. Bon (NP)

*District Court No 2

Position No 1

- Tom Farrow (NP)

*District Court No 3

Position No 1

- Alan "Hutch" Hutchinson (NP)
- Paul Treyz (NP)

*District Court No 4

Position No 1

- Richard "Rich" DeJean (NP)

*Tacoma Municipal Court

Department No 1

- Gary Sullivan (NP)

Department No 2

- Jack Emery (NP)
- Katherine M. Stolz (NP)

Department No 3

- Elizabeth E. "Betsy" Verhey (NP)
- Paul Brachvogel (NP)

Precinct Committee Officer

Ballot Measures

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County
SOUTHVIEW INCORPORATION

Shall the area of unincorporated Pierce County, commonly known as Southview, and legally described in Pierce County Council's Resolution No. R98-122, be incorporated as a non-charter code city?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by the City of Bonney Lake
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Shall the City of Bonney Lake be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 1998, to continue providing emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) services?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$200,000

To acquire land and to acquire portable classrooms, and make other capital improvements, shall Carbonado Historical School District #19 issue \$200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 15 years, and shall annual property tax levies in excess of regular tax levies be authorized to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 03-98?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICE

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1 continue to levy a regular property tax of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning with the levy year of 1998, for the continuation and improvement of emergency medical care and services?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside)
REGULAR TAX LEVY

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside) be authorized to increase its regular tax levy from \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation as allowed by RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.160, notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 84.55.010 through 84.55.040?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICE

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20 continue to levy a regular property tax of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning with the levy year of 1998, for the continuation and improvement of emergency medical care and services?

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Ballot Measures (cont.)

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21
(Graham Fire and Rescue)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 be authorized to impose regular tax levies of 38 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years for Emergency Medical Services?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22
(Lake Tapps Fire Department)

REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 1998, to continue providing emergency medical services, and adding advanced life support (paramedic) services?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23
(Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue)

REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Shall Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue be authorized to levy, in 1998 a regular property tax of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be collected for each of six (6) consecutive years for emergency medical care, beginning with 1999?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Anderson Island Park & Recreation District
EXCESS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
Shall the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District be authorized to impose an excess property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 1999, to continue to maintain and operate park and recreation facilities on Anderson Island?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District
EXCESS TAX LEVY

Shall the District be authorized to levy an excess levy of approximately \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation upon the taxable property within the District, in 1998 for collection in 1999; to be used for the maintenance, operation and improvement of Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District facilities during the years of 1999, 2000 and 2001?

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Proposition No. 1

Submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma
**POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM IMPROVEMENTS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS — \$35,000,000**

Shall the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium renovate and add additional animal exhibits, visitor and support facilities, and finance such improvements from general obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and payable out of annual property tax levies in excess of any constitutional or statutory limitations as more specifically provided in Resolution No. R102-98 of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma?

Reminders

Election Day is November 3, 1998

You may bring this sample ballot with you to the polls for reference, but it is not an official ballot.

Not all candidates and measures on this sample ballot will appear on *your* ballot.

Election Terms

Primary Election:

A procedure for nominating candidates to public office, and narrowing the field of candidates which will appear on the General Election ballot.

General Election:

An election required to be held on a fixed date recurring at regular intervals. (see below for dates)

Measures:

Any proposition or question submitted to the voters of any specific constituency.

Precinct/District:

A geographical subdivision for voting purposes, established by a board of county commissioners, by a city council, or by the board of supervisors of a township.

Local Election Schedule

1998

Primary Election: September 15
General Election: November 3

1999

- ◆ February 2
- ◆ March 9
- ◆ April 27
- ◆ May 18

Primary Election: September 14
General Election: November 2
(◆ Possible Special Election date)

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998



Department of Transportation
Public Advisory Election

Ballot Title

Should the Tacoma Narrows Bridge be modified and a parallel bridge constructed, financed by tolls on bridge traffic and operated as a public private partnership?

Project Description

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) proposes transportation improvements to be developed with public funding and the imposition of tolls under the Public Private Initiatives in Transportation Act, RCW 47.46.

Toll revenues will be used, in whole or in part, to finance only the improvements to the existing Tacoma Narrows Bridge, a new bridge parallel to the existing bridge and a toll plaza located on the west side of the Narrows. The essential elements of these improvements are described below.

A new suspension bridge, parallel to and south of the existing Tacoma Narrows Bridge, will be built providing three eastbound travel lanes with shoulders for emergencies and provisions for bicycle/pedestrian use. The new bridge will be designed to support a future second deck. The existing Tacoma Narrows Bridge will be reconfigured to provide three westbound travel lanes and a shoulder for emergencies. When High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes are constructed in the rest of the SR 16 corridor, one travel lane on each bridge will be designated a HOV lane.

A toll plaza will be constructed on the west side of the Narrows. Tolls will be collected one way in the eastbound direction before crossing the new bridge. Toll collection will be electronic on the through travel lanes. Adjacent to the through travel lanes, there will be a manual toll collection facility.

An initial round trip toll not to exceed \$3.00 will be charged when the new bridge is open to traffic. The round trip toll may be adjusted at any time after the new bridge is open consistent with limits imposed by state law. Toll revenues will be used to pay for development, financing, design, construction, maintenance and operations. Tolls will be removed after all capital outlay costs have been repaid.

Washington State will be responsible for funding certain necessary improvements between Jackson Avenue and a new interchange on the west side of the Narrows. These state funded improvements include retrofitting the approach spans on the existing Tacoma Narrows Bridge to enhance safety in a seismic event. In addition, state funding will be used to close Stone Way and 24th Street entries and exits and provide access at a new interchange in the vicinity of 32/36th Streets. State funding will also be used to construct an additional lane in each direction on the roadway approaches to and from the bridge structures between Jackson Avenue and the new 32/36th interchange.

All precincts except: 31840, 31851, 31855, 31870, 31874, 31875, 31878, 31879, 31880

Rebuttals are printed because this is a State issue.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Public Advisory Election (cont.)

All precincts except: 31840, 31851, 31855, 31870, 31874, 31875, 31878, 31879, 31880

Statement For:

Vote Yes - Tacoma Narrows Advisory Election

The DOT has proposed to expand capacity and improve safety in the Highway 16/Tacoma Narrows corridor under the state Public Private Initiative Act. The proposal includes expanding capacity to six lanes; building a new bridge at the Narrows; and reconfiguring and improving the seismic safety of the existing bridge. A modest toll on users will pay for the improvements.

Vote Yes for a Safe Narrows Corridor Now

Between 1993 and 1996 there were over 1100 automobile accidents in the Highway 16 corridor - more than one a day! 63% of the accidents were congestion related, with 42% resulting in injuries. During this period there were 8 fatal accidents in the corridor, over three times the state average for similar roadways! The Narrows Expansion project will relieve congestion, dramatically improving safety in the corridor. East and westbound traffic will be separated to eliminate head-on accidents and shoulders will be provided for emergencies.

Vote Yes to Relieve Congestion Now

The proposal will increase capacity across the Narrows by 70% over the existing 4-lanes. In addition, the existing narrow lanes will be widened to standard 12' width. This will relieve existing congestion in the corridor, and the new bridge will be designed to allow easy addition of a second deck to accommodate future addition of high speed bus or commuter rail service.

Vote Yes for Environmental Improvements Now

The project will improve air quality by reducing peak hour congestion, and a runoff collection system will be installed to improve water quality. In conclusion, on November 3rd please vote "Yes" to improve safety, relieve congestion, and restore the reliability of the Highway 16/Narrows corridor.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Let's at least get the facts straight! A new bridge across the Narrows will increase capacity 70% and eliminate head-on accidents. The bridge corridor improvements will be fully funded with state and federal resources, and a \$3.00 toll. Federal loan guarantees and private sector management efficiencies will actually decrease project costs, and construction on the new bridge will begin now, instead of 20 years from now. Vote yes for a safe, reliable Narrows Corridor now!

Submitted by: Bob Oke, Ruth Fisher and Karen Schmidt

Statement Against:

The Project Only Adds Two Carpool Lanes

Carefully read the ballot title. You're voting to reject or approve tolls to add two carpool lanes across the Narrows and construct a toll plaza. That's it. The state will need an additional \$400 Million, not currently available, to complete these carpool lanes from Interstate 5 through Gig Harbor. Even if they find this \$400 Million, carpool lanes alone won't solve the problem. This tolled project does nothing to reduce Highway 16 congestion. Vote No.

Tolls Are Just More Taxes

The state originally proposed six pilot toll projects under the experimental Public-Private Initiatives Program. Five have been eliminated because of public opposition. This is the last pilot project but it could be the first of many expensive public-private toll projects statewide, costing commuters thousands of dollars each year in addition to the gas taxes we already pay. Vote No.

Don't Sign A Blank Check

A private company will have the authority to collect roundtrip tolls on these publicly-owned bridges. The state won't guarantee, promise or fix the toll rate. State studies indicate that using private funding instead of public financing could double the initial toll to more than \$6.00. State law allows this private company to increase tolls without public review or approval for up to 50 years. Vote No.

This Project Won't Reduce Congestion

Adding new tolls on existing public roads is unfair and will place an extreme financial burden on targeted drivers across this state. Don't be fooled by unfunded promised improvements that may never happen. Let's find a solution that works today without using overpriced public-private partnerships. Vote No.

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Everyone wants transportation improvements, but allowing an out-of-state private company to put unregulated tolls on this public road for the next 50 years is wrong. Supporters want you to believe bridge tolls solve everything. Toll only pay for carpool lanes on the bridge, which moves the bottleneck but doesn't solve the problem. The costs are still unknown. Don't sign a blank check and don't start giving our public roads to private companies. Vote no.

Submitted by: Randy Boss, Jerry Adkins and Karen Biskey

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998



THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE
WRITTEN BY THE COMMITTEES.
THEY ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE CONTENTS THEREIN.

Pierce County Auditor

Four-Year Term

Cathy Pearsall-
Stipek
Democrat
2604 S 76th St
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Education: University of Washington, Business Administration, Home Economics; Certified Public Official degree.
Occupation: Pierce County Auditor
Professional Qualifications: Certified Public Official, Elections, Land Records, Record Management. 3rd Vice-President, National Association, County Clerks, Record-ers, Election Officials. **Former: State Legislator; Tacoma School Board Member; County Council Member; Owner/Manager Drapery Shop 29 years. Speaker:** National Postal Forum; Election Center.
Personal Information: Dave Stipek, Husband, Best-Friend, **Proud parents**, three sons, three daughters; **Proud grandparents of eleven. Two furry friends** Fergie and Franklin.
Community Involvement: Tacoma South Rotary Board Member; **United Asbury Methodist Church**, Member; **Chamber Commerce; City Club; Ladies Auxiliary VFW.**
Personal Views: *By using prudent management practices we returned \$559,709.00 to the 1997 General Fund; Increased* voter turnout from 24.1% to 76.3% with 53.26% of all registered voters **requesting** absentee ballots; Established **Voter Pamphlets** for all elections; Established new Election Center **within** budget resulting in **decreased** election costs; Decreased Voter Maintenance Costs of **\$158,586.00** to local jurisdictions over three years; Began sending **election results** to Out-Of-County/State/Overseas voters; Added Domestic Violence **warning** on Marriage License applications; Instituted New Imaging System capable of handling over **450,000 documents** yearly; Collected **\$115,631,970.75** Vehicle/Vessel Licensing revenue. *Cathy's 'no-nonsense' approach assures Honesty and Integrity within the Auditor's Office.*

Scott Smith
Republican
19311 110th Ave Ct E
Graham, WA 98338
(253) 846-8947

Education: Accounting Degree
Occupation: Insurance Agent 1991-1997; Photographer 1997-Present
Professional Qualifications: State Representative, 2nd District - 2 terms; Government Administration Committee member (overseeing elections)
Personal Information: Married to Leslie, with three children. Live in Graham.
Community Involvement: Paint Tacoma/Pierce County Beautiful; Scout Advisor; Active in Church
Personal Views: I'm uniquely qualified for the County Auditor position because of my legislative experience. I've sponsored several bills to assure honesty and integrity in our election system. One bill would have required the Department of Motor Vehicles to assess U.S. Citizenship **before** registering people to vote. Today, that's illegal. We can't even ask if they are citizens. We simply register them to vote.

Another bill I sponsored would have stopped premature opening of ballots — thus stopping election workers from identifying trends. Under my administration, **we won't open or tally ballots until Election Day.** Additionally, I'll reopen many voting places closed by the current Auditor.

Every single vote and who you vote for is vital to actually winning this election. It doesn't matter whether you're Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, Reform Party or Heritage Party — if you agree we need a new County Auditor, I would appreciate your discerning and crucial vote. Elect **Scott Smith** for County Auditor. *It's a matter of trust!*

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WHO ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE CONTENTS THEREIN.

Pierce County Auditor

Four-Year Term

Dale Washam
Independent
P.O. Box 73634
Puyallup, WA 98373
(253) 840-3567

Education: FSCC Honors Graduate, STI Graduate, 22 years Pro Se Attorney, 4 years USAF

Occupation: Numerous years corporate management, owned & operated business, legal researcher and consultant.

Professional Qualifications: Dale has been a **principled county leader who fought vigorously for integrity and security in the election process.** Dale took to court these issues: 1) Opening voted absentee ballots before election day and 2) Recall of the Auditor. Dale supported term limits, property rights, and fair rental laws. His legal skills have stopped the misuse of \$16 million in taxpayers obligation bonds and stopped Pierce County officials from purchasing an air polluting incinerator.

As a 1994 Pierce County Auditor candidate, Dale received 78,511 votes (47.89% of the vote).

Personal Information: Married to his teenage sweetheart for 42 years, 4 children, 2 grandchildren.

Community Involvement: Member PTA, coached youth sports, taught Sunday school and legal rights classes.

Personal Views: The Auditor's office should be non-partisan. **Declare your independence. Vote for the person - NOT the party!** When elected Auditor, Dale will reopen polling places and stop the fraud prone practice of opening ballots before election day. *Dale believes the Ten Commandments are the foundation of the United States Constitution and should be followed in our daily lives. In God I Trust, Dale.*

Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney

Four-Year Term

John W. Ladenburg
Democrat
7301 S Alaska St
Tacoma, WA 98408
(253) 472-6839

Education: Bachelor's Degree: Political Science 1971, Gonzaga; Juris Doctorate, 1974, Gonzaga

Occupation: Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney 1987 to present; Private Practice Attorney 1974-1987

Professional Qualifications: 24 years experience as a trial lawyer, 12 as elected Prosecutor. Active in trying complex homicide cases and managing the second largest prosecution office in the State. Chair of the Pierce County Law and Justice Commission; Member of the Governor's Drug Policy Board; Director, Statewide Drug Prosecution Program; Former President: State Prosecutors Association

Personal Information: Washington State native, raised in Pierce County. Married to wife, Connie, for 29 years. Five children, two grandchildren.

Community Involvement: Safestreeets Board 1987-98; Eastside Boys & Girls Club Board 1986-97; Chair, Indian Land Claims Committee 1989-90; Tacoma Actors Guild Board 1989-90

Personal Views: I am proud to have made the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office into one of the best in the state. The Independent Performance Auditor's singled out our office as the most management efficient in the County, while still maintaining a conviction ratio equal to any office in the State. It takes experience and ability to manage a office of over 110 prosecutors. I have demanded tough, but fair, prosecutions and have been willing to take on the big cases and the entrenched criminals.

Pierce County Council, District No. 1

Four-Year Term

Jan Shabro
Republican
P.O. Box 7381
Bonney Lake, WA
98390
(253) 862-9048

Education: Pacific Lutheran University - B.S. and M.A., Education

Occupation: Pierce County Council Member

Professional Qualifications: My working career includes: 10 years as a public school teacher, an instructor for the Boeing Company, office manager, legislative assistant in Olympia, and executive secretary to the Secretary of State.

Personal Information: My husband, Dick, and I have four adult children and two grandsons.

Community Involvement: Creator Lutheran Church - member; Valley Women's Republican Club - member; 2nd & 29th Republican Club - member

Personal Views: These past four years, **I held the line on taxes**, added **15 new deputy sheriffs**, and created four Land Use Advisory Commissions to give citizens more say in **local land use** issues.

I sponsored legislation that gave more than \$80 million in low-interest loans to local businesses **saving more than 1,600 jobs** and **creating 150 more family-wage jobs**.

Low-income senior citizens and the disabled have reduced stormwater fees because I worked to change state law.

I sponsored ordinances that reduce flooding and require stormwater be clean before discharged into our rivers and lakes.

More challenges face us: a new jail, the Endangered Species Act, performance audits, etc.

Your vote is important so I can continue to work for you.

Pierce County Council, District No. 5

Four-Year Term

Education: University of Puget Sound. B.A. Business.

Occupation: Insurance agent, County Councilmember.

Professional Qualifications: Former member House of Representatives, Former Assessor-Treasurer, past six years member of the County Council.

Personal Information: Born and raised in Pierce County. Graduate of Mt. Tahoma High School, Bates Vocational School and the University of Puget Sound. I also served in the United States Air Force. I'm married, have three children and four grandchildren.

Community Involvement: Boy's and Girl's Club of Pierce County, American Cancer Society, Board member Centro Latino, Life member Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Domestic Violence Commission, Safe Streets board, Health Board member and Pierce Transit board.

Personal Views: Code enforcement: I began a campaign to clean up the problems with abandoned & Junk vehicles, illegal dumping and operating a business without a permit. I'm committed to strengthening the code to enforce these regulations. **Public Safety:** This year we added 16 Sheriff's deputies and strengthen the domestic violence program. We are beginning the process of building a new Jail. **Senior Citizens:** I voted against the increased surface water management fee proposed by the county, when it passed, I went to Olympia and fought for an exemption to these fees for seniors, which we won. I'm also fighting for full funding of senior centers.

Council, District No. 7

Four-Year Term

Education: University of Washington; Seattle Central Community College

Occupation: Pierce County Council 1995-1998; Registered Nurse

Professional Qualifications: Pierce County Council (Chair); Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Committee; Pierce County Law and Justice Commission (Chair); Public Safety Human Services Committee (Chair); Planning and Environment Committee (Chair); Pierce County Trauma Care Task Force (Chair); Performance Audit Committee; Commission for Children, Youth and Families; Pierce County Regional Council; Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Disability Advisory Board; Tacoma – Pierce County Health Department Board of Directors

Personal Information: My husband of 27 years and I have three children who attend local public schools. We have lived in Pierce County since 1980 and in the Puget Sound area for 30 years.

Community Involvement: League of Women Voters; Peninsula Heritage Land Trust; Tahoma Audubon Society; Tacoma City Club; Rails to Trails; Tahoma Land Conservancy

Personal Views: In the next four years I want to establish improved relations between county and city governments, assure a restoration program for salmon and maintain improvements made in growth management. Economic stability, clean air and water, open spaces for people and wildlife, good schools and safe streets are what we all want. I am committed to making our communities the best they can be for us and for generations to follow.

Wendell Brown
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Court of Appeals

Division II, Dist. No. 1, Pos. No. 1

Six-Year Term

Karen G. Seinfeld
P.O. Box 1657
Tacoma, WA 98401
(253) 627-5344

Education: Bachelor Arts Political Science: Stanford University; Juris Doctor Cum Laude: University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Appellate Court Judge: 1992-current (Chief Judge 1994-96); Superior Court Judge – Pierce County 1987-92

Professional Qualifications: Civil and Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; First General Counsel to County Council; Commissioner, Court of Appeals; Member, State Bar Rules Committee; Instructor – Continuing Legal Education Classes; Past President, Puget Sound Inn of Court; Past State Bar Examiner; Former Third Grade Public School Teacher

Personal Information: Married for 37 years to Dennis Seinfeld, principal in Davies Pearson Law Firm; Three children: Keith (married to Beth Roberts), Jeff (married to Lara Shoolman), and Nicole; and one grandchild

Community Involvement: City Club of Tacoma, Founding Member – President Elect; Chair, Board of Visitors, Seattle University School of Law; Tacoma Opera Society, Board Member; Tacoma Public Library, Past Board Member and Chair; Sunrise Rotary, Career Development Chair; Volunteer Reading Tutor, McCarver Elementary School

Personal Views: An appellate court judge is responsible for writing decisions that shape the law for future generations. My education, career and life experiences – trial court judge, teacher, mother of three, community volunteer – uniquely qualify me to decide cases fairly, clearly, and with sensitivity to the needs of the parties and the community.

District Court

District No. 1, Position No. 1

Four-Year Term

Education: Washington State University, BA; Gonzaga University School of Law, MS, MBA, JD

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Judge; Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor; Legal Advisor, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Reserve; Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law

Personal Information:

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 needed on the District Court bench.

Judge Nevin began his career at Fort Lewis prosecuting felonies and later served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Nevin spent twelve years with Pierce County as a Deputy Prosecutor and as legal advisor to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. He's a graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law and Washington State University.

Judge Nevin has earned the endorsements of the Washington State Council of Police Officers, the Law Enforcement Administrators of Washington, the Washington State Trooper's Association, the Pierce County Labor Council and the Tacoma Firefighters, Local #31.

Jack Nevin
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Tacoma, WA 98499
(253) 428-2949

District No. 1, Position No. 2

Four-Year Term

Education: Two Bachelor of Science degrees, Iowa State University; Juris Doctorate, Georgetown University Law Center; Master of Business Administration & Master of Public Administration, UPS

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; Member – Mountaineers, Irish Cultural Club, Marine Corps League

Personal Views: It is a privilege to continue to serve as one of the judges in Pierce County District Court. I'll keep doing my best to ensure that every case is fairly and efficiently tried. One of my high priorities is to use the District Court Work Crew program as much as possible to combine punishment with productive work for the taxpayers while reducing jail overcrowding.

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District Court

District No. 1, Position No. 3

Four-Year Term

Ronald E. Culpepper
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Tacoma, WA 98407
(253) 752-4784

Education: Tacoma Public Schools, Wilson High graduate. Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Washington, magna cum laude. Juris Doctor, University of Washington School of Law, 1976.

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: Over ten years experience on District Court bench as Court Commissioner and Judge. Over eleven years experience in private practice of law.

Personal Information: Married over eighteen years to Wendy Firth. Resides in Tacoma with Wendy, children Kristina (10), Stephen (8), and beagle Jazzy.

Community Involvement: Member of City Club; Scoutmaster of Pack 218 Cub Scouts; "Get Smart" Tutor. Past involvement: President, Pierce County Film Society; Board of Directors, Eastside Boys Club; Allied Arts; Northwest Trek Advisory Committee; Pierce County Bar Association.

Personal Views: In over eleven years of private practice and more than ten years as a Court Commissioner and Judge, I have made thousands of decisions affecting individuals appearing before me. This experience has demonstrated my knowledge of the law, the ability to be fair and impartial, the capacity to make tough decisions and stand by them. This experience and my commitment to justice and fairness ensure that I will continue to be a good District Court Judge for the people of Pierce.

I would greatly appreciate your support and vote.

District No. 1, Position No. 4

Four-Year Term

James R. Heller
1406 Browns Point
Blvd
Tacoma, WA 98422
(253) 952-5336

Education: University of Northern Iowa, BA, 1968; University of Puget Sound, JD with distinction, 1974

Occupation: District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: District Court Judge 1985/present; Practice of law from 1975 to 1985, and admitted for the practice of law in the following courts: United States Supreme Court, 1981; United States Court Of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 1980; Federal District Courts of Washington, Western and Eastern Divisions, 1975 and 1980; State of Washington Courts, 1975. Member Washington State Bar Association, Pierce County Bar Association and past member Washington State Trial Lawyers Association. Member of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association,

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Pierce County Task Force for Alternatives to Incarceration, 1996/97; Tacoma Public Utility Board 1982/1985

Personal Views: I have appreciated the Tacoma/Pierce County community since my arrival at 25th Air Division, McChord AFB in September 1971. I've raised a family here and look forward to serving the people of this community another term. I will continue to convey the community's spirit for fairness, responsibility and rehabilitation, in a dignified and respectful court. Thank you again for your trust, support and confidence.

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District Court

District No. 1, Position No. 5

Four-Year Term

Judy Jasprica
P.O. Box 6831
Tacoma, WA 98407
(253) 428-2908

Education: University of Puget Sound, BA, JD

Occupation: Pierce County District Court Judge

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

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: District and Municipal Court Judges Association; Seattle University/UPS Law Alumni Council; Washington Women Employment & Education Board

Personal Views: Judge Judy Jasprica has served us with distinction on the Pierce County bench.

Judge Jasprica has been endorsed by the Washington State Council of Police Officers, the Washington State Trooper's Association, the Pierce County Central Labor Council, and the Tacoma Firefighter's Local #31.

Judge Jasprica's career in the legal profession began shortly after graduation from Mt. Tahoma High School. While working as a Legal Assistant, Judy began taking courses at Pierce College and graduated from the University of Puget Sound. She earned her law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law graduating magna cum laude.

Jasprica, currently the only woman judge on the District Court bench, has utilized her real life experiences living and working in this community when handing down decisions. Judge Jasprica is a judge we can always count on to be straightforward, tough, but fair.

Education: B.A.-Economics & Bus. Admin. – UPS,1960; Graduate School-Bus. Admin.& Accounting – UH,1975; J.D.-Law – UPS Law School, 1980

Occupation: Attorney at Law. Day Bon has been in the active practice of law in Tacoma/Pierce County for the last 18 years.

Professional Qualifications: As an experienced attorney with extensive courtroom experience, handling diversified civil and criminal cases, Day has served as a substitute judge in Tacoma and Puyallup Municipal Courts in addition to serving as an arbitrator in Pierce County Superior Court. His opponent has much less experience, having been only appointed to serve out a term.

Personal Information: Raised in a multicultural background, Day has been a Pierce County resident since 1955.

Community Involvement: Day has been active in Pierce County community activities, with extensive clientele in the minority community. Day was a Court appointed counsel for mentally ill people at Western State and Puget Sound Hospitals.

Personal Views: Day believes District Court is the people's court, which needs to be more representative of the people of Pierce County and which needs a judge with more extensive and varied legal experience, not someone who is merely a political appointee with limited legal experience. Day wants to bring to the court an accountability to the community for victims' rights.

Day H. Bon
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District Court

District No. 2, Position No. 1

Four-Year Term

Tom Farrow
8405 45th St NW
Gig Harbor, WA
98335

No Statement Was Received

District Court

District No. 3, Position No. 1

Four-Year Term

A'lan "Hutch"
Hutchinson
P.O. Box 1194
Eatonville, WA
98328
(360) 832-6000

Education: Valedictorian Saint Martin High School, Lacey; Bachelor of Science, Saint Martin College, Lacey; Bachelor of Laws, George Washington, Washington DC; Master of Laws, George Washington Law School; Graduate National Judicial College of Nevada

Occupation: District Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: U.S. Army, Staff Judge Advocate Office; Accident Investigator, Allstate Insurance Company; Three years United States Capital Policeman, Washington DC; Three years Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Over Twenty years law practice and Trial Attorney; Seventeen years District Court Judge; Member District of Columbia Bar Association, Washington State Bar and Federal Court.

Personal Information: Married, 10 children, worked as firefighter for State Forestry, gandy dancer, Northern Pacific Railway. Able-bodied seaman. Assistant chemist, Ohio Ferro Alloy Company. Voted outstanding District Court Judge by the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys Office 1997. Endorsed by Building and Construction Trades Council and COPE (Pierce County Central Labor Council). Last election was endorsed by Washington State Patrol Troopers Association and Pierce County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Community Involvement: Member Rural Courts Committee, District Court Judges Association, Member BPOE, American Legion, Eatonville, Disabled American Veterans

Personal Views: Everybody deserves a fair day in court. I think I do my work well and hope you will elect me for the fifth time.

Education: Graduate, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Lawyer

Professional Qualifications: Experienced private attorney, mediator, litigator

Personal Information: Married, two children, veteran, Eatonville resident; taxpayer 27 years in Eatonville School District

Community Involvement: Lions Club; active in church, school, community service projects

Personal Views: I believe South Pierce County needs a judge familiar with the needs of the people who listens and relates to their problems. Courts should be *accessible* to the public and their decisions should be *predictable* under the law. In this age of overcrowded jails, understaffed police agencies, and big government intervention, I recognize and support alternative sentencing where appropriate. I believe perpetrators should be required to pay *restitution* to their victims, and I support a program where non-violent offenders can work off their debt to society by performing projects such as cleaning litter from our highways instead of being turned loose at the jailhouse door for lack of space. I plan on working closely with my fellow district courts, with members of the Bar, and with county and local law enforcement agencies. I intend to administer my duties with *dignity, impartially, common sense, and without personal bias*, so that legitimate grievances can be heard and each case be judged on its own merits.

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Paul Treyz
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Eatonville, WA
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District Court

District No. 4, Position No. 1

Four-Year Term

Education: Undergraduate: Louisiana State University; Law School: University of Idaho

Occupation: District Court Judge and Attorney

Professional Qualifications: Member of the Magistrates' Association, Washington State Bar Association and Washington Trial Lawyers Association.

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Member of the Buckley Kiwanis Club, Buckley Chamber of Commerce, Summer Promotion Association, Tacoma Sportsman's Association and Buckley Plateau Coalition.

Personal Views: I consider it a privilege to serve this wonderful area of Pierce County as its District Court Judge. I make you one promise: To provide each of you a **fair** and **impartial** hearing on any matter that comes before me. I consider this to be of paramount importance.

Richard "Rich"
DeJean
27511 96th St E
Buckley, WA 98321
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Tacoma Municipal Court

Judge, Department No. 1

Four-Year Term

Education: Doctor of Law, Gonzaga University, 1963

Occupation: Tacoma Municipal Court Judge

Professional Qualifications: **Judge Sullivan** began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General. He has served the citizens of Tacoma as City Prosecutor, Director of Urban Renewal, Director of Community Development and Hearing Examiner. He has practiced law and for years taught law at Tacoma Community College.

As Presiding and senior Judge, he is completing his twelfth year on the bench. He has been a member of the Pierce County Task Force on Domestic Violence, Pre-Trial Services Committee, and continues to serve on the Pierce County Law and Justice Commission.

Personal Information: While raising a large family, **Judge Sullivan** worked his way through college and law school following four years in the United States Air Force.

Community Involvement: **Judge Sullivan** meets with students throughout the city to explain the Constitution, and the operation of the criminal justice system. He also participates with the Police in the **Dare Program** and was involved with the department's anti-gang **Great Program**.

Personal Views: **Judge Sullivan** believes that all persons before the court are entitled to be heard in an impartial, courteous, and fair manner. He understands Tacoma citizens' concerns with public safety and will remain sensitive to those concerns.

Gary Sullivan
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Tacoma Municipal Court

Judge, Department No. 2

Four-Year Term

Jack Emery
P.O. Box 1451
Tacoma, WA 98401
(253) 594-1969

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

Occupation: Attorney, 27 years

Professional Qualifications: Pro Tem Judge, Pro Tem Commissioner; Arbitrator; Attorney, private practice

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

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

Personal Views: As a veteran attorney with over twenty-five years experience, Jack Emery will be a judge we can count on to be tough but fair.

After graduation from law school and a tour of duty in Viet Nam, Jack came home to set up his practice. For the past twenty-five years he has been helping real people deal with real problems. That's why he's such an outstanding choice for Municipal Court Judge.

Jack Emery will bring a strong sense of fairness and integrity to the bench. Endorsed by a host of community leaders including Congressman Dicks, State Auditor Brian Sonntag, and Tacoma Mayor Brian Ebersole, Jack Emery will be a Judge we can count on.

Jack Emery

Because Experience Counts.

Katherine M. Stolz
1019 N Anderson St
Tacoma, WA 98406
(253) 627-8487

Education: BA (PoliSci/Phil) University of Washington June 1976; JD University of Puget Sound Law School May 1979; Continuing Legal Education

Occupation: Admitted to Washington State Bar October 1979; Sole Practitioner from 1979 to Date; Judge/Commissioner Pro Tem Tacoma Municipal Court from 1985 to date

Professional Qualifications: Since I was admitted to the Washington State Bar, my practice has largely been in those areas of the law which most affect the individual-divorce; child custody; child support and misdemeanor crimes. I have been acting as a Judge/Commissioner Pro Tem for Tacoma Municipal Court since 1985 and have heard wide variety of cases.

Personal Information: Born: July 22nd, 1955 in Port Arthur, Texas; Marital Status: Old Maid with Cats; Personal Interests: Gardening; Reading (Civil War, History, Archeology); Antiques; Rescue/Relocate Feral Cats.

Community Involvement: Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society

Personal Views: I have found over the years I have been in practice, that any involvement with the judicial system for most individuals leaves them anxious, bewildered and often frustrated. I have found as an attorney, I have not only acted as an advocate, but often as a counselor, referral service and support person. Increasingly, the Courts themselves have become, not just adjudicators of the law, but forces for social change.

Tacoma Municipal Court

Judge, Department No. 3

Four-Year Term

Elizabeth E. "Betsy"
Verhey
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(253) 594-7923

Education: Central Washington University, B.A., 1981, Magna Cum Laude; U.P.S. School of Law, J.D., 1984

Occupation: Judge

Professional Qualifications: Associate Attorney: Griffin & Enslow; Partner: Griffin, Imperiale, Bobman & 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

Personal Information: Judge Betsy Verhey lives in Tacoma, is married to Tacoma native and Bellarmine graduate, Jim Leggett of Leggett & Kram, and they have one son, Tommy.

Community Involvement: Children's Home Society – Board Member & 1st Vice Chair; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tacoma – Past President & Board member; Catholic Woman's Club – Member & President Elect

Personal Views: Judge Betsy Verhey works hard to maintain the highest personal and professional standards. She has streamlined Court Orders, created an informative Court brochure, and helped establish a community service work crew, as an alternative to incarceration and fines, which has saved taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

With your support, she will continue her commitment to public safety and judicial fairness. Judge Betsy Verhey is experienced, hard-working, honest, and firm but fair.

It is important to us all to retain Judges of her calibre – Firm but Fair.

Paul Brachvogel
4822 N 16th St
Tacoma, WA 98406
(253) 752-5569

Education: Paul Brachvogel attended Geiger Elementary, Hunt Junior High, and Wilson High School. He received his B.A. from the University of Washington, attended DePaul University for graduate study in Public Services Management, received his Juris Doctor from Whittier College School of Law, in Los Angeles, California, and is a graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy in Boulder, Colorado.

Occupation: Assistant City Attorney.

Professional Qualifications: Paul Brachvogel has been in private practice and worked both as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Public Defender. He represented indigent clients in dependency cases. He served as Judge Pro Tem. While an Assistant City Attorney he worked as a Prosecutor in Tacoma Municipal Court, served as the Tacoma Cares Liaison, and now represents Tacoma Public Utilities.

Personal Information: Life long resident of Tacoma.

Community Involvement: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association member.

Personal Views: Paul Brachvogel served the citizens of Tacoma as a Prosecutor and understands the importance of an active monitoring Probation Department. Tacoma Municipal Court does not have a Probation Department or Probation Officers. As a result, criminals are improperly sentenced and there is no one watching them when they finish their jail time. Paul Brachvogel will reinstate a Probation Department to protect this community.

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PIERCE COUNTY

Southview Incorporation

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Proposition No. 1 Submitted by Pierce County SOUTHVIEW INCORPORATION

Ballot Title: Shall the area of unincorporated Pierce County, commonly known as Southview, and legally described in Pierce County Council's Resolution No. R98-122, be incorporated as a non-charter code city?

Explanatory Statement: This measure would create the City of Southview, to be incorporated as a non-charter code city and with a council-manager form of organization. The new city would have an initial population of approximately 40,000, together with an initial real property tax base of approximately \$1.7 billion assessed value. The proposed City of Southview lies south of Puyallup with boundaries generally described as SR-512 near 120th Street at the north, the Orting Ridge at the east, around 192nd Street at the south, and 500 feet west of Canyon Road at the west.

Statement For:

Dear Neighbors:

For the past eleven months you have heard a lot of talk about incorporating the *South Hill/Summit View* (Southview) area as a city.

Like you, we too are concerned about the future of our community. Whether it be the lack of parks and sidewalks, the inadequate police protection, or ongoing flooding - *it is time to take control of our community's future.* Only with greater local involvement can we ensure that our area remains a safe and quality place to live, work and raise a family.

Cityhood will ensure *local control* of decision making, *increased service levels* and *lower property tax rates.* Cityhood has the support of local P.T.A. presidents, local business leaders, Safe Streets and crime watch program organizers, homeowners association presidents, and hundreds of other South Hill and Summit View neighbors. The opposition is lead by outsiders from Spanaway and Graham and financed by land and real estate developers.

Our Cityhood Committee and hundreds of area residents, business leaders and community activists would like to ask you to join with us in *making a change for the better!* If you would like more detailed information on anything covered in this pamphlet, or if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us at the Cityhood Committee phone number or address.

What will Cityhood mean to you and your family?

Lower Property Taxes

The county recently raised taxes and fees by over 300%! The taxes we now pay go to the county or the state and don't stay here in our area. State law (RCW 84.52.043) mandates Cityhood will cut tax rates permanently. The sales tax and Business and Occupation (B&O) tax will not be effected by Cityhood. Cityhood will ensure that taxes generated locally, stay local.

Improved Police Protection

Today our community is served by only two deputies per shift. Burglaries in our area are up 45%, thefts are up 70%! The city will fund five police officers every shift. Since University Place became a city, crime is down over 30%! Cityhood will ensure quicker responses and lower crime rates.

Managed Growth

Uncontrolled growth is threatening our quality of life. The county has permitted over 2,000 more homes in our area! The county has refused to adopt a locally written South Hill and Summit View land use plan! Our community has no parks, no sidewalks and ongoing flooding. Cityhood will ensure a locally written land use plan and development controls.

Local Control

Seven locally elected council members will ensure efficient and responsive services. Responsibility for services shifts from the county to the city, there is no duplication of services. Decisions will no longer be made by a large and distant county bureaucracy. The county has ignored South Hill and Summit View for too long, it is time for a change! Cityhood will ensure local input and participation in all decision making.

It's time to make a Change for the Better!

Vote Yes Cityhood!

Submitted by: Carl Vest, Jim Tesso and Christine Wilson

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998



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Statement Against:

Not This Proposal Not This Time

We have been accused of being outsiders attempting to tell others what to do. This is not correct. *We live on South Hill and we are voting against this proposal.*

Neighbors of ours, people living in Frederickson and Puyallup, were the first to become aware of the Cityhood proposal. They began an organization called United Neighbor's and were quickly joined by citizens from all over South Hill. United Neighbors is a grass roots organization created to inform local citizens about the impact of Southview incorporating into a new city.

Not this proposal, not this time! We are voting no for these reasons!

Increased taxes. Do not be misled by an \$11 per year cut in property taxes. Cities have the ability to charge fees and taxes that the county does not. Examples are utility taxes on power, water, telephone, cable etc., fees and permits, business and occupation tax, franchise fees and so on.

What about University Place having to resort to higher franchise fees and impact fees?

Added level of government. The county government will not disappear. In addition to the existing government, a new level will be created. This new level comes at a price that must be paid.

Budget Problems. The experts have determined the budget of the city is inadequate to pay for the cost and problems of a new city. This was determined *before* the Frederickson industrial area was removed from the budget. *The income for the city decreased by approximately \$2,000,000.* Where, through what new taxes, or fees, will this shortfall in the budget be made up?

The Boundary Review Board recommends voters say no to this proposal. They found "The Southview proposal does not contain a viable plan for continuing or completing the Canyon Road Project, which is critical to the development of the entire area."

Managed growth, or Mandated Growth. Cities must urbanize. This area has only 15% of the population served by sewers. Expanding this service is extremely costly. Who will pay for this?

Ask the citizens in Fife how they must pay for sewer improvements!

The Growth Management Act requires that cities grow by a larger percentage of population than counties. "The Southview incorporation proposal is inconsistent with the goals of the growth management act." As stated in the resolution and hearing decision of the Southview Incorporation proposal.

The Boundary Review Board has recommended that the citizens vote no to this proposal. We strongly agree. We feel the committee needs to take more time to work on their proposal. They need to work out the problems between the fire departments, involve more citizens and businesses in the planning, work out boundary disputes and strengthen their budget. Failure to do this in advance will result in a weak, inefficient city at best.

Vote No now, so you can vote yes to the right proposal later.

Submitted by: Scott Thompson, Ron Van Pevenage and Joanna Felt

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Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Bonney Lake REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ballot Title: Shall the City of Bonney Lake be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 1998, to continue providing emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) services?

Explanatory Statement: In 1992, City of Bonney Lake voters approved a six-year property tax levy of \$0.25 per \$1000 of assessed value for emergency medical services (EMS) purposes. That levy expires at the end of 1998.

If approved by the voters, this property tax levy would renew the previous EMS levy for six years at a new rate of \$0.50 per \$1000 assessed value. Funds raised by this EMS levy will be used to hire dual role firefighter/paramedics, which will raise the level of service within Bonney Lake to the Advanced Life Support (paramedic) level. Current EMS levy funding, **which will expire at the end of 1998**, only provides for Basic Life Support services, provided by firefighter/emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Over 70% of the calls for emergency service to the Fire Department are medical calls. The property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. This particular tax levy would only be for EMS.

Statement For:

The Bonney Lake Fire Department currently provides a Basic Life Support level of emergency medical services (EMS) to our community. If approved, this ballot measure would replace an existing levy, due to expire at the end of this year. The money generated by the existing levy was not enough to hire firefighter/paramedics, and as a result, the fire department has not been able to provide the Advance Life Support level of service which has become the industry standard in our region. The replacement levy would allow for the hiring of **dual-role firefighter/paramedics** — highly trained personnel capable of providing the highest levels of both pre-hospital care and fire/emergency response. Importantly, **70%** of the calls for help received by the Fire Department are not fire responses but medical calls.

Further, the increase in staffing will shorten the fire department response time to the scene of an emergency by as much as five minutes! Additional staff could also mean a dollar savings for the average homeowner. Fire department staffing levels have a direct impact on the city's "ISO Rating", the standard used to establish fire insurance premiums. By adding firefighter/paramedics, the fire department will be able to provide a higher level of service while **reducing homeowners' insurance premiums** for the citizens of Bonney Lake.

Please don't let the level of emergency medical care decline by allowing the EMS Levy to expire.

Submitted by: Barry Barquest, Doug Walker and Pat Beers

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$200,000

Ballot Title: To acquire land and to acquire portable classrooms, and make other capital improvements, shall Carbonado Historical School District #19 issue \$200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 15 years, and shall annual property tax levies in excess of regular tax levies be authorized to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 03-98?

Explanatory Statement: Carbonado Historical School District #19 is requesting local support to acquire portable classrooms and land.

These improvements and financing plans are all as described in Resolution No 03-98 of the District. The principal of and interest on the bonds will be payable out of property taxes levied each year within the District in addition to other property tax levies. The interest rate on the bonds will be fixed when the bonds are sold and will be determined by then current market conditions.

Statement For:

Citizens in Carbonado are being asked to band together to support our school. This bond issue will be used for the purchase of a new portable building with two classrooms and bathrooms. Presently, middle school social studies classes are being taught in the library, which limits opportunities for students to use the library effectively while classes are in session. Music classes are taught in the room above the kitchen in a very limited space. The new addition will provide adequate space for our school programs.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school. In 1978, the community recognized the need and approved a bond measure to remodel existing facilities and acquire the primary classroom portable in the amount of \$475,000. Since this bond issue was paid-off this past July, there is no increase in taxes anticipated because of this new bond request. In fact, taxes for all of the remaining bonds within the district will begin to decline and the district will be debt-free within seven years.

In today's competitive world, education makes the difference for people entering the workforce. We can't afford to let our investment go to waste. Supporting this issue will keep our investment working for us.

Submitted by: Thomas R. Argo

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Sumner

Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1

REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICE

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1 continue to levy a regular property tax of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning with the levy year of 1998, for the continuation and improvement of emergency medical care and services?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District #1 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This particular tax levy would only be for emergency medical services. It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.

The funds would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and other facilities. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but will not exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

It is anticipated that there will be 250 EMS calls to the district in 1998. The regular property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical care. With levy approval, the District would continue and improve emergency medical services. Fire Protection District #1 has had a 50 cent EMS levy since voter approval in 1992.

Statement For:

Vote Yes EMS!

Vote Yes to continue receiving timely emergency medical response.

Vote Yes to save lives.

Vote Yes for Emergency Medical Services in Pierce County Fire District #1.

PCFD #1 is the oldest fire district in Pierce County. It is essentially the area outside the incorporated city limits of Sumner. PCFD #1 is responsible for fire and emergency medical response to the 3,500 citizens of the district. PCFD #1 contracts with the city of Sumner to provide these critical fire and emergency services.

In 1992, voters approved the current levy to provide emergency medical services, trained personnel, and specialized medical equipment for our district's emergency medical calls. **That levy expires this year and must be approved again by the voters for the district to continue these services.**

The district receives approximately 250 emergency medical calls each year. The district responds quickly and effectively to a variety of medical emergencies.

The EMS levy is not a new tax, nor is it an increase in the current tax rate of 50 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed value. A home with an assessed value of \$100,000 would continue to pay \$50 a year or \$4.17 a month.

Vote Yes EMS!

Submitted by: Greg Hanon, Don Hayford and Tom Knutson

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Riverside Fire & Rescue

Proposition No. 1 Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside) REGULAR TAX LEVY

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 (Riverside) be authorized to increase its regular tax levy from \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation as allowed by RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.160, notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 84.55.010 through 84.55.040?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District 14 passed a Resolution requesting an election to authorize an increase in the regular property tax levy from \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to \$1.50. This increase is authorized upon a vote of the registered voters. The law allows an additional fifty cents (50¢) per thousand dollars of assessed value property tax to carry out the purposes for which fire protection districts are created. The excess levy may be authorized by the voters at a special election, so long as the District has at least one full time paid employee.

By this election, the Commissioners are also asking the voters to approve the overriding of the statute which limits increases in property taxes to an index of inflation or at most 6% per year. The Board believes the increase is necessary for the protection of public health, safety, life, property and general welfare in this district, to maintain and increase the high standards of operations in fire protection and emergency medical services.

The funds would be used for payment of the full time employee, a working fire chief/administrative position, and used to enhance response times as well as fire protection and emergency medical services.

Statement For:

In October, 1997, the Board of Commissioner's for Pierce County Fire District No. 14, hired an firefighter/administrator for the fire department. This full time position is to maintain the administrative functions of a fire department and provide daytime fire, medical aid and service coverage to the community with the assistance of volunteers. New regulations have made it more difficult for Volunteer Fire Departments to meet and keep up with standards. Maintaining a firefighter/administrator insures that Pierce County Fire District No. 14 meets these standards and provides you, the citizen of Riverside, the best possible service.

The Commissioner's have placed on the ballot, a request to authorize an increase in the regular property tax levy from \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, to \$1.50 of assessed valuation. This will **Not Be An Increase**, to you the taxpayers. The .50 cents will come from a ten (10) year bond issue which expires at the end of 1998. The approved bond was for the purchase of a fire engine and station remodel, in 1989. The .50 cents identified, will be moved from the bond to the regular property tax.

The Riverside Firefighter's Association encourages the voters to support this levy. We, the proud Volunteers of Riverside would like to count on your support.

Vote Yes For Fire, November 3rd, 1998.

Thank you

Riverside Firefighters Association

Submitted by: Kirtis DesPres, Douglas Baldwin and John Ahrens

Statement Against:

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against this issue.**

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South Prairie

Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20

REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICE

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20 continue to levy a regular property tax of \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning with the levy year of 1998, for the continuation and improvement of emergency medical care and services?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 20 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This particular tax levy would only be for emergency medical services. It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate and/or maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities staffed by emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.

The funds would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and other facilities. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but will not exceed 50 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

It is anticipated that there will be 130 EMS calls to the district in 1998. The regular property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical care. With levy approval, the District would maintain and improve emergency medical services. Fire Protection District No. 20 has had a 25¢ EMS levy since voter approval in 1992.

Statement For:

The Fire Department of District 20 and the Fire Commissioners are asking for your support to replace the current Emergency Medical Services "EMS" levy which expires this year. Medical emergencies make up 95% of the total calls the Fire Department responds to. An increase of 25 cents per thousand of assessed valuation, is necessary for the increasing costs of supplies, medical training of volunteer personnel and equipment. This will enabled the Fire Department to continue to provide a vital service the community has come to depend on and needs.

A yes vote will reaffirm your support of District 20's Volunteer Fire Department for another six years. Your continued support is needed. Please vote **Yes**.

Thank-you

Statement Against:

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Submitted by: Cheryl Bylin and Brenda Harter

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Graham Fire and Rescue

Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire and Rescue) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 be authorized to impose regular tax levies of 38 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years for Emergency Medical Services?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 has unanimously passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy in an amount not to exceed thirty-eight cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This levy would ensure that Graham Fire & Rescue would continue to provide increased emergency medical services to meet the growth of the community.

Currently, 72% of the calls for emergency services by the Fire Department are emergency medical service calls. Current funding provides for fire prevention and suppression, but does **not** provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. If approved by the voters, the levy will enable the fire district to hire additional certified paramedics and emergency medical technicians. For the first time, the district would be able to provide both advanced life support and basic life support services from **two locations**, on a permanent basis, in this 110 square mile district.

Statement For:

Graham Fire Fighters need your help. Graham Fire and Rescue is watching every dime of expense. It operates efficiently on the lowest tax rate in Pierce County. Your Fire Department, like all others in Pierce County is asking for support in continuing with our community goal. Graham Fire and Rescue is asking its voters for a 38 cent EMS levy for the sole purpose of providing Emergency Medical Services.

The Department pledged a new fire station and ambulance for paramedic service to the community. That station was built as promised, with no increase in taxes. The vehicle is paid for. In fact, since 1990, there has been a **reduction** in the tax rate paid to our fire department.

The Department has been staffing the station with reserves (savings account) on a trial basis. Those funds are now gone! The station and the vehicle are in place as promised. The project is a proven life and property saver. Now we must staff that vehicle full time.

The Fire Fighters are asking voters to approve this 38 cents, not the 50 cents some citizens suggest. The issue is simple. A yes vote will hire five firefighters and firefighter/paramedics. A no vote will close down the paramedic response we need. Please vote Fire Department – Yes!

Submitted by: Bill Billings, Dan Hannah and Todd Jensen

Statement Against:

My fellow taxpayers:

Over the past ten years your local fire department in Graham has been trying to get approval of a “special tax levy”. They have used names EMS and MEDIC ONE. Their attempts have failed for one reason; the “special tax” simply was not needed. Time has proven this. Your fire department is wealthy why? Because we are fortunate enough to have the Boeing company pouring Hundreds of thousands of dollars each year into your fire department’s budget.

This “special tax” is approximately 25% increase in your fire tax for the next 6 years, The fire department claims they will use the money to hire firefighters. One must ask, what will pay for these firefighters after the 6 year “special tax”? It is very poor judgement to use “special taxes” to pay for personnel.

Last year the fire department built a new fire station, no “special tax” was needed. They hired, trained and equipped new paramedics and firefighters; no “special tax” was needed. Last month they spent 1.1 million dollars to update equipment, no “special tax” was needed, and they still have a reserve fund over 1.5 million dollars. Do you think a “special tax” is needed?

At current funding levels there is more than enough to provide the services the citizens of Graham require, However that is not enough for your fire department, You see they send you a bill when they transport you to the hospital. “Double Dipping”? Don’t be fooled into paying three times, Vote **No**.

Submitted by: Don Crisman

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Lake Tapps Fire Department

Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (Lake Tapps Fire Department) REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 1998, to continue providing emergency medical services, and adding advanced life support (paramedic) services?

Explanatory Statement: From 1986 to 1992, the Lake Tapps Fire Department had the benefit of a voter-approved property tax levy of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for emergency medical services (EMS) purposes. That levy expired at the end of 1992.

Currently, **over 70%** of the calls for emergency service to the Fire Department are medical calls. The property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does **not** provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. This particular tax levy would only be for EMS. If approved by the voters, this property tax levy would renew the previous EMS levy for six years at a new rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Funds raised by this EMS levy will be used to hire dual role firefighter/paramedics, which will raise the level of service within the fire district to the Advanced Life Support (paramedic) level. Current funding only provides for Basic Life Support services, provided by firefighter/emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The new level of funding will allow, for the first time ever in this district, 24 hour around-the-clock service.

Statement For:

The Lake Tapps Fire Department currently provides only a Basic Life Support level of emergency medical services (EMS) to our community. If approved, this ballot measure would replace a levy that expired in 1992. As a result of the 1992 levy failure, there was insufficient funding to hire firefighter/paramedics, so the fire department has been unable to provide the Advanced Life Support level of service which has become the industry standard in our region. The replacement levy would allow for the hiring of **dual-role firefighter/paramedics** — highly trained personnel capable of providing the highest levels of both pre-hospital care and fire/emergency response. Importantly, **70%** of the calls for help received by the fire department are not fire responses, but medical calls.

Further, the additional personnel will allow the fire department to **staff stations 24 hours around-the-clock**, instead of the current 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At this time, the fire department relies on volunteers and off-duty personnel to respond from home at night. By staffing stations around-the-clock, response times to the scene of an emergency will be shortened by as much as five minutes!

Additional staff could also mean a dollar savings for the average homeowner. Fire department staffing levels have a direct impact on the district's "ISO Rating", the standard used to establish fire insurance premiums. By adding firefighter/paramedics, the fire department will be able to provide a higher level of service while **reducing homeowners' insurance premiums** for the citizens of Lake Tapps.

Submitted by: Barry Barquest, Doug Walker and Pat Beers

Statement Against:

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Ashford

Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23 (Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue) REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue be authorized to levy, in 1998 a regular property tax of \$.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be collected for each of six (6) consecutive years for emergency medical care, beginning with 1999?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 23 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed twenty-five cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This particular property tax levy would only be for the provision of emergency medical services. It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel. The funds would also be used to obtain medical supplies and appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities. This EMS levy would be in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, and the funds raised by such levy can only be used for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services.

The funds so raised would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and other facilities needed for emergency medical services. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but may not exceed, twenty-five cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Statement For:

Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue is asking voters to continue providing a comparable level of emergency medical services that have been offered for the past 18 years. Six years ago, voters approved a six-year, twenty-five cents per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation Emergency Medical Services levy to be used solely for emergency medical services. The current levy will end at the conclusion of 1998, and in order to keep the levy revenue from ending, Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue Commissioners are sending a replacement levy to the polls this November. This levy will go into effect in 1999.

The present levy request is at twenty-five cents per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation. The levy amount will remain the same as it has for the past 18 years. This levy is very necessary to supplement the district's budget in training Emergency Medical Technicians, purchasing medical supplies, and maintaining and purchasing medical equipment. Without these funds, the district would have great difficulty maintaining the aid department since tax monies gathered for fire protection may not be spent on emergency medical services.

This levy is not an additional amount to the taxpayers, but will maintain the current level that taxpayers have been paying for 18 years already. The commissioners and district aid personnel ask the taxpayers to please fund this levy, so the local fire and aid district can continue to provide services to the public.

Submitted by: Rick Adams, John Chappell and Evan Kast

Statement Against:

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against this issue.**

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Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 Submitted by Anderson Island Park & Recreation District EXCESS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Ballot Title: Shall the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District be authorized to impose an excess property tax levy of \$0.50 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 1999, to continue to maintain and operate park and recreation facilities on Anderson Island?

Explanatory Statement: The levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1000 represents a total levy of approximately \$70,000 at current assessed values. This amount will fund operations for the years 1999 and 2000.

The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is requesting voter approval of this Maintenance and Operation levy to enable the District to continue its current programs. These include insurance, maintenance, and grounds-keeping of its park facilities, as well as a variety of recreational programs. A Regular Levy approved by the voters in February 1998 is unlikely to result in any revenue for the District due to the limitations of RCW 84.52.043, which limits Junior Taxing Districts to a total levy of \$5.90 per \$1000 of assessed value.

The Anderson Island Park & Recreation District is not funded by Pierce County or the State of Washington. Such local levies are the sole source of tax revenue to the District.

A well-maintained park system is important to our quality of life on Anderson Island. Besides preserving open-space as habitat for wildlife and greenbelt for visual enjoyment, the Anderson Island Park & Recreation District provides recreational opportunities ranging from nature trails to swimming and ball games, as well as a summer youth camp.

In February, 1998, Anderson Island voters approved a 6-year regular levy of \$0.25 per \$1000 valuation for park maintenance and operations. Projected increases in the levies of the other taxing districts mean that the Park Board is not likely to receive this revenue because RCW 84.52.043, limits the total levies of the so-called "Junior Taxing Districts" to a total of \$5.90 per \$1000. Parks are the first to be cut under this regulation, which also applies to Roads, Fire Protection and Libraries.

This levy amount is based on the same modest budget for maintenance and operations, including insurance, supplies, grounds-keeping, repairs, and other essentials. It would last for a two-year period. The District has no personnel expenses; all commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, while services are procured on a contract basis. The District is independent of Pierce County, and receives tax revenue only through levies approved by Anderson Island voters.

The Park Board Commissioners join in urging you to vote "yes" in support of the ongoing maintenance and operations of our island parks on November 3.

Submitted by: Randall Anderson, Rick Anderson and Kibby Allen

Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 Submitted by Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District EXCESS TAX LEVY

Ballot Title: Shall the District be authorized to levy an excess levy of approximately \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation upon the taxable property within the District, in 1998 for collection in 1999; to be used for the maintenance, operation and improvement of Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District facilities during the years of 1999, 2000 and 2001?

Explanatory Statement: In 1993, the voters of the District approved a one-year maintenance and operations levy to fund the basic operations of the District. The one-time 20 cent per thousand of assessed valuation levy was used to fund the maintenance and operations of the District for the years 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997. The need for maintenance and operation funding for the next 3 years is being presented to the voters. Without the funding, Volunteer Park and other District programs will be greatly impacted with the possibility of programs being curtailed. The levy approval will allow the District to maintain, operate and improve it's facilities and programs.

If the levy is approved, the maintenance and operation tax on a \$100,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$25 for one year or approximately \$2.08 per month for one year.

Statement For:

In 1977 Key Peninsula citizens with the KP Park District, (a dedicated group of non-paid individuals) created a recreation area at Volunteer Park, at that time the only open property held by our district. Today, communities all across Washington State use our KP Park District as an example for success.

Over the years the Park District has improved this piece of property to include activities from baseball to tennis, horseshoes, soccer, skateboarding, cub scout jamborees and more. The many people who have been part of the district have achieved these great feats with the help of volunteer labor, donated materials and minimal tax dollars. Several special levies have helped defray the costs of materials and skilled labor to make this park the asset to the community that it is today.

The Park District now has a piece of property in the Minter/Rocky Creek area just off Elgin Clifton Rd. Plans for improvement include volunteer labor and donated materials, but some tax dollars are needed.

The District is asking for only 25 dollars from a 100k home for one year. The money collected next year (one time), will be used over the next three years for improvements to the Elgin Clifton property and repairs/maintenance to Volunteer Park.

The group of volunteers working for this election ask for your support in maintaining the legacy entrusted to us by those who put in so much of their time and energy building this Park District.

Submitted by: Chuck West

Statement Against:

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against this issue.**

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Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS — \$35,000,000

Ballot Title: Shall the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium renovate and add additional animal exhibits, visitor and support facilities, and finance such improvements from general obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and payable out of annual property tax levies in excess of any constitutional or statutory limitations as more specifically provided in Resolution No. R102-98 of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma?

Explanatory Statement: The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma is an independent municipality providing park, zoological and recreation services in and near Tacoma. Its boundaries encompass the City of Tacoma and the Browns Point/Dash Point areas. Passage of this proposition would allow the Park District to levy excess property taxes sufficient to pay up to \$35,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Proceeds will be used to renovate and add animal exhibits and make improvements such as a modern animal hospital needed for American Zoo & Aquarium accreditation. Additions planned include tigers, gibbons, kangaroos and other species not currently at the Zoo, a new facility for seasonal exhibits such as koalas, a hands-on play area and adventure trail, and improvements to pathways, lighting and other facilities for visitor safety. These projects are scheduled to be completed by the year 2005. The District's current excess property tax levy is 33¢/\$1,000. This excess levy continues until the year 2000 when it is estimated to be 29¢/\$1,000. The new levy is estimated to average 26¢/\$1,000 from 2000-2014, when final maturity is expected. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay an annual average of \$26 with the passage of this proposition.

Why Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Needs our Help

People love Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. Unfortunately, our Zoo is facing some dire needs. It's been more than 10 years since the Zoo has been able to do any significant renovations or upgrades to its grounds. As a result, the Zoo is limited in its ability to bring in new animal exhibits. Worse, our Zoo has lost some animal species, such as tigers, that were favorites for Tacoma citizens and tourists.

Can we, as Tacoma citizens, stand by and watch our Zoo degenerate and possibly lose its national accreditation, jeopardizing the Zoo's future? This is what would happen if Prop. 1 does not pass.

We can step up and preserve our Zoo for about \$2 per month. That's what the owner of a \$100,000 home in Tacoma would pay if this bond measure passes. We think that's a pretty good bargain for something like our Zoo, which has given so much to children and families over the years.

Our Zoo is one of the region's premiere attractions, for tourists and Tacoma families alike. Second only to Mt. Rainier as a destination for visitors to Pierce County, it brings in more than \$21 million worth of yearly revenue — and additional jobs — to Tacoma's economy, from people who come to visit the Zoo and then spend money on hotels, restaurants and other things.

Let's keep our Zoo the precious community asset it is today and ensure its future for the next generation. Please support our zoo by voting yes.

Submitted by: Bil Moss, James Merritt and John Thompson

Vote **No** on the Nov. 3 park bond measure. 35 million dollars is much more than is needed for the zoo and aquarium. A request for 35 million dollars is greedy overkill. It is extravagant "stewardship" at best.

The main entrance, gift shop and elephant quarters were all upgraded in the 1986 Bond, and are still adequate. Spending 1.3 million dollars for a "learning center" is further duplication of school facilities and the Snake Lake Learning Center. This is a waste of tax dollars. These facilities are currently providing children with great learning experiences.

The zoo and aquarium should not be expanded. They should be kept small and well maintained. Keep Tacoma's "little gem" little-gem sized and work to make the entrance fees more affordable for a greater number of Tacoma's citizens. Why should we upgrade and expand our zoo and aquarium thereby fueling the cycle of increased entrance fees and decreased local usage? Entrance fees, even now, are too high for too many people. We must guarantee we take care of what we've got. Expansion requires escalating our annual one million dollars in maintenance to a nearly impossible three million.

Tacoma citizens, your taxes are too high already! If the zoo and aquarium are to be privatized, let the "privateers" come up with their 35 million dollars, **not your** 35 million dollars. Now is your chance to send another message to your unresponsive park board. **Vote No** on the Nov. 3 park bond measure.

Submitted by: Barbara Erickson, G. Beth Hagedorn and Lois Mehlhaff