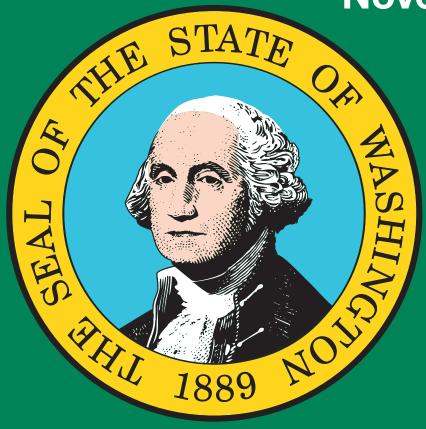
VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections & Cowlitz County

General Election November 7



2023

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On behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State and election officials statewide, I am honored to present the 2023 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. This guide includes information about voting to help you make informed decisions as you exercise your right to vote.

To participate in the election, you must be registered to vote. Voter registration forms that are mailed or completed online must be received by Oct. 30. If you are already registered, review your registration information at **VoteWA.gov** to ensure it is up to date. After Oct. 30, you must visit an elections office or voting center during regular business hours or until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 7, to register to vote or update your registration and receive a ballot.

After you have marked your ballot, be sure to sign the return envelope. Your signature is important because trained election officials check to ensure your signature matches the one on your voter registration record before they count your ballot. Next, return your ballot. If returning by U.S. mail — no postage necessary — remember that ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 7 to be counted. You can also use an official ballot drop box anywhere in the state. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Go to **VoteWA.gov** to locate a ballot drop box or check the status of your ballot.

By voting, you are making your voice heard. Thank you for participating in our democratic process.

Sincerely,

Steve Hobbs

Secretary of State

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Has my ballot been counted?

Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at **VoteWA.gov**.









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Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters by: October 20 Register by mail, received by: October 30

Register online by: October 30

Register in person by: November 7, 8 p.m.

Election Day: November 7

Where are the state candidates and measures?



The state Voters' Pamphlet informs voters about statewide candidates and measures.

There aren't any this year, so we at the Office of the Secretary of State are just including our educational pages alongside the *local* Voters' Pamphlet produced by your county.

Voter tip:

Use **VoteWA.gov** to:

- Register to vote
- Update your info
- · Track ballot status



Voter tip:

The ballot return envelope has free postage, but don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Political parties

Washington State Democrats

PO Box 4027 Seattle, WA 98194 (206) 309-8683 info@wa-democrats.org www.wa-democrats.org

Washington State Republican Party

11811 NE 1st St Ste A306 Bellevue, WA 98005 (425) 460-0570 info@wsrp.org www.wsrp.org



Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

pdc@pdc.wa.gov www.pdc.wa.gov Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828

Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a



sentence of total confinement in prison.



If you're 16 or 17 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? Call 1(800) 448-4881.

In person: Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Registration deadlines



By mail or online:

Your application must be received no later than October 30.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 7.

Check your registration info at **VoteWA.gov**.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.

By October 30: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 7: Visit a local voting center in person.

What if I'm not 18 yet?



If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!



Sign up online at **VoteWA.gov** with your Washington state driver's license, permit, or ID. Or you can fill out a paper registration form using the last four digits of your Social Security number and mail it in. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify. If you will be 18 by the November Election, you can vote in the Primary Election.

Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older have the opportunity to complete a voter registration form in class.

Are accessible voting options available?

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Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at

www.sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access?

To receive a copy on a USB drive, call 1(800) 448-4881.

Contact a county elections office to find an **accessible voting unit** near you.

Felony conviction?



Your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

You must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

You may re-register to vote by mail, in person, or online at **VoteWA.gov**.



Are language services available?

Los votantes del estado de Washington pueden acceder a un folleto electoral para las elecciones generales y a un formulario de inscripción electoral en español en Internet en

www.sos.wa.gov/elections.

Ingrese a **VoteWA.gov** para consultar su guía electoral personalizada en Internet o para inscribirse y actualizar su información electoral.

Los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams reciben materiales electorales bilingües. Los votantes del condado de King pueden solicitar sus materiales de votación en español.

Para solicitar una edición impresa del folleto electoral o de un formulario de inscripción electoral en español, llame al

1 (800) 448-4881.

華盛頓州的選民可以由線上取 得中文版普選選民手冊以及選 民登記表,網址為

www.sos.wa.gov/elections o

請瀏覽VoteWA.gov以查看您的個人化線上選民指南,或登記及更新您的選民資料。

金郡的選民可以索求中文版投 票資料。

如欲索取中文選民手冊印刷本 或選民登記表,請致電

1(800) 448-4881 °

Cử tri tại tiểu bang Washington có thể truy cập trực tuyến Sách Hướng dẫn Cử tri cho cuộc Tổng tuyển cử và mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt tại địa chỉ

www.sos.wa.gov/elections.

Truy cập **VoteWA.gov** để xem trực tuyến hướng dẫn dành cho cử tri được cá nhân hóa của quý vị hoặc đăng ký và cập nhật thông tin cử tri của quý vi.

Cử tri tại Quận King có thể yêu cầu tài liệu bỏ phiếu đã được dịch sang Tiếng Việt.

Để yêu cầu bản in của sách hướng dẫn cử tri hoặc mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi số **1 (800) 448-4881.**

The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.

If I am a victim of a crime. can I vote safely?



Keep your voting address confidential

You may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and register as a Protected Records Voter if you are:

- · a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking; or
- a criminal justice participant or election official who is a target for harassment.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You meet with a Certified Advocate who can assist with threat assessment, safety planning, and the program application.
- The best time to enroll is when you move or are planning to move to a location that is unknown to the offender and undocumented in public record.

Call 1(800) 822-1065 or visit www.sos.wa.gov/acp

Student Engagement Hubs

College students are on the move. Public universities offer Student Engagement Hubs to ensure that students never miss an election just because they're away from home.

For dates, hours, and locations, contact student leadership at:

- CWU Ellensburg
- EWU Cheney
- TESC Olympia
- UW Bothell
- UW Seattle
- UW Tacoma
- WSU Pullman
- WSU Tri-Cities WSU Vancouver
- WWU Bellingham

How do I know if something is true?

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

- Who made this, and who is it for?
- Why did they make it?
- When was this made?
- What makes it believable?
- How might other people read this message?
- Ask the experts consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source. Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office.









During the 2023 session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5082, which establishes a webpage with new, interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

WA Budget Summary:

https://fiscal.wa.gov/budgetsummary

Legislative Information Center:

1 (800) 562-6000



How can you access this new webpage?

- Type the URL into your browser
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet
- Call the Legislative Information Center

What's in the budget?

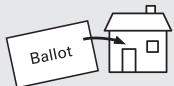
Operating Budget: pays for day-to-day operations of state agencies, colleges and universities, and public schools (including federal funds and dedicated funds).

Transportation Budget: pays for transportation activities, such as designing and maintaining roads and public transit.

Capital Budget: pays for acquiring and maintaining state buildings, public schools, higher education facilities, public lands, parks, and other assets.

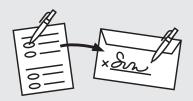


If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by October 20 to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



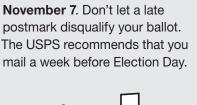


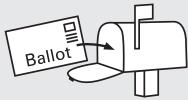
Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



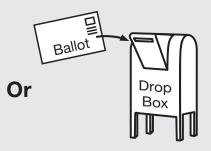


Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by November 7. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot.





Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on November 7. Find drop box locations at VoteWA.gov.





If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.



Check the status of your ballot on VoteWA.gov to see if it has been received by your county elections office.







Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- · Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

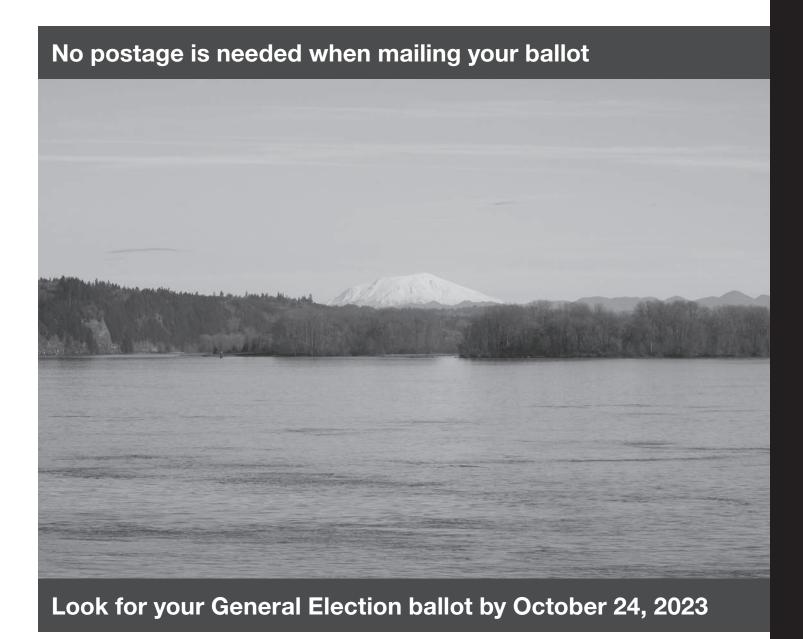
View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at results.vote.wa.gov.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

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Participating jurisdictions – Port of Kalama; Port of Longview; Port of Woodland; City of Castle Rock; City of Kalama; City of Kelso; City of Longview; City of Woodland; Longview School District; Toutle Lake School District; Castle Rock School District; Kalama School District; Woodland School District; Kelso School District; Fire Protection District 1; Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue; Fire Protection District 3; Fire Protection District 5; Fire Protection District 7; Cowlitz-Lewis Fire Protection District 20; Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue; Cemetery District 1; Cemetery District 2; Cemetery District 5; Cemetery District 7; Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District; Lexington Flood Control Zone District

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From the Auditor

Dear Voters.

On November 7th we will elect over 60 of our neighbors to serve on local port commissions, city councils, school boards, and other important boards, commissions, and offices. The decisions made by these local elected officials impact our daily lives. From road maintenance and school improvements to economic development and emergency response, our local elected officials play a crucial role in determining the priorities that affect us all.

This Pamphlet is designed to help you make informed decisions. It contains statements submitted by the candidates, providing you an opportunity to get to know them. In addition, candidates have provided their contact information so you can reach out to them and ask questions. I urge you to read this pamphlet and seek additional information. The best decisions are made by informed voters.

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard through the power of your vote! We won't agree on everything. That's okay. What matters is that you speak up and turn out. Take the time to fill out your ballot, sign, and return it.



Voter Registration Deadlines:

Online and by mail - October 30 by 5:00 p.m.

In person - November 7 by 8:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Fundingsland Cowlitz County Auditor

It is illegal to:

- Vote if you are not a United States citizen;
- Vote if you have been convicted of a felony and have not had your voting rights restored;
- Cast a ballot or sign a ballot declaration on behalf of another voter.

Please report suspected incidences of voter fraud or election law violations to the Washington Secretary of State's Office.

Phone: (360) 902-4180

Email: elections@sos.wa.gov





Accessible voting



Using Clear Access

Cowlitz County voters who are unable to vote their ballot in the standard way have the option to vote independently using an accessible voting unit (AVU). The Clear Access AVU can display larger type or provide an audio ballot for persons with visual or cognitive disabilities. The equipment supports a number of assistive switches.

Beginning 18 days before each primary or election, the Clear Access unit is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Cowlitz County Elections Office.

Ballot drop box locations

Choose one of our eight convenient locations.

Castle Rock - 137 Cowlitz St West, in front of the Castle Rock Library

Kalama - North 1st St, near the Kalama Post Office boxes

Kelso - Bridge Market Lane, between LJ's Furness Drug and the Allen St Bridge

Kelso - 207 N 4th Ave, Admin Building North Entrance parking lot

Longview - Broadway St, east of the Longview Post Office boxes

Longview - Civic Center Circle, across from Broadway St, near the Longview Post Office boxes

Ryderwood - 208 Morse St, next to the Ryderwood Library

Woodland - City parking lot at Davidson and 2nd St, near the City's utility payment drop box

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day starting October 19, 2023, and close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Night, November 7, 2023.



We recommend dropping your ballot in one of our secure drop box locations. If you choose to mail your ballot instead, ballots come with prepaid postage, so no stamp is necessary. Don't be late! Mail early so that your ballot is postmarked by Election Day, November 7, 2023.

Keep your registration current

While the Elections Office is continually updating the voter rolls with information from the Department of Licensing, the post office, local obituaries, and a monthly public health deceased list, you can do your part by following these simple steps:

- Update your address with the Elections Office whenever it changes. Address changes can be made through votewa.gov, by email, mail, or phone until October 30. You may update your registration in-person until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7.
- If you are a snowbird or a college student, call or email our office to set up a seasonal or temporary mailing address.
- Return to Sender! If you receive a ballot for a person who does not live at your address, write "Does not live here" on the unopened envelope and put it back in the mail. Do not drop in a ballot drop box.
- If you receive mail for a recently deceased voter, write "Deceased" on the unopened envelope, and put it back in the mail. We will research and follow up.



Candidate and measure statements are printed exactly as submitted.

No spelling, punctuation, or grammatical corrections have been made.

Cowlitz County does not confirm that the statements printed are true or factual. The candidate or committee is responsible for content.

This provides voters a candid, unedited view of submissions.

Get registered and obtain a ballot

Three ways to register and obtain a ballot:

- Online VoteWA.gov
- By mail Call us at (360) 577-3005 and we will mail you a form
- In person Cowlitz County Elections 207 N 4th Ave, Room 205 Kelso, WA 98626

To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-ofstate felony conviction.

Accessing VoteWA

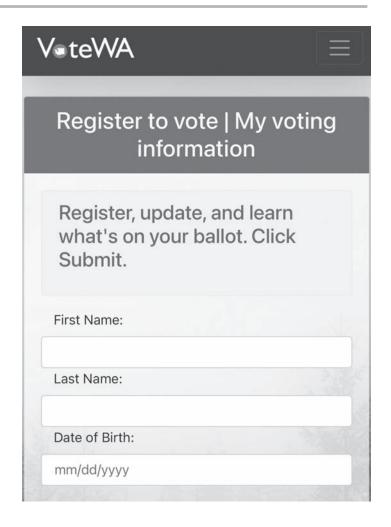
VoteWA.gov offers an easy-to-use online voter portal where you can:

- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Track the return of your ballot
- · View the voters' guide
- Find ballot drop box locations

Using VoteWA to submit a new registration or update requires a valid Washington State driver's license or State ID.

Scan the QR code below or visit www.VoteWA.gov to check it out.





Election observers

Observe the election process

Our goal is for the public to understand the election process. Touring our facility during an election is a great way to learn more about how elections are fair, safe, and secure.

As an observer, you will be able to ask questions about what you are seeing and witness the path of the ballot's journey firsthand. Anyone can observe the election process. Call our office at (360) 577-3005 if you are interested in viewing the process.



Voting tips



Fill out your ballot

You can use any color of pen to complete your ballot. You do not have to vote in every race to have your ballot counted. Make selections in the contests you'd like to vote, and you can skip those that you're unsure about.



Sign your envelope

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope. Your ballot cannot move forward in the process without a valid signature.



We recommend dropping your ballot in a drop box to ensure it is received on time.



If returning by drop box, there are 8 secure drive up locations across the county. You can find a list on page 12 of this pamphlet. Drop boxes close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7, 2023.

If returning by mail, your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day, November 7 in order to be counted. No stamp is needed.



You can also return your ballot in-person at the Cowlitz County Elections Office up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Change in office hours

The Elections Office will be temporarily changing its business hours to accommodate voters during the 18-day voting period.

The office will be open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This change will begin October 16, 2023, and continue through November 3, 2023.

The office will resume the normal business hours of Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2023.

Extended hours of service will be provided on Election Day only, November 7, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



No photo submitted Troy L. **Stariha** (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

No statement submitted.

Contact Information

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Jones
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Longview has a source of pride in our Port – we have a profitable operating port that already gives back to the community. My first priority, if elected, will be to ensure the Port continues to thrive and all other goals will be held against that high standard.

Beyond that, I will work to lower the taxes from their current level. I support expansion efforts at Barlow Point, as the port currently has 280 acres available to further generate living wage jobs in the community.

As an Inside Wireman with IBEW Local 48 I will ensure that all projects provide as much opportunity to as many community members as possible.

As a US Army combat veteran I will safeguard the public resources afforded to the port.

As a father of my two young girls, I will insist that everything the port does will be sustainable for their future.

Contact Information

Phone: (503) 395-4388 Email: None submitted



Paul Cline (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

It's been my honor to serve as a commissioner for the Port of Woodland. These past six years have seen many changes and impacts to our lives as a whole. The impacts of how we do business, education, and safety. Through it all we were able to persevere and to move in a positive direction in the Port District. The Port's Dark Fiber project Phase 1 is ready to be lit, Phase 2 Design and Engineering completed, two industrial buildings are under construction, and we've been able to see new business come into the Woodland area. We've also been privileged to be a part of current businesses sustainability and growth. I look forward during the next six years to continue this positive direction. Thank you for your support.

Contact Information

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Paul D. Helenberg (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I am very proud to be the mayor of Castle Rock as we have accomplished a lot of great things, such as Cowlitz St W, Dougherty Dr, and Huntington Ave S Improvements, and adding Wi-Fi to downtown, just to name a few. It would be my honor to receive your vote and continue serving as your mayor so we can continue to make the City of Castle Rock a great place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,
Paul Helenberg
Mayor of the City of Castle Rock

Contact Information

Phone: *None submitted*Email: phelenberg@gmail.com



John Earl
Queen
(Nonpartisan)

I feel privileged to have served you as Castle Rock City Councilman for the past 16 years and have held other positions as Mayor Pro *Tem*. I'm a retired Weyerhaeuser employee after 43 years of service. I'm a lifelong resident of Castle Rock where it's been a wonderful place to live and raise and family. During my service I have supported keeping our library open, opening the Castle Rock boat launch, and making improvements in our parks. My goals include attracting local business and continued City annexation. Thank you for your support.



John Wesley **Whalen**

(Nonpartisan)

I am running for city council to help protect and preserve everything that I hold dear by having grown up in this town. Raised by parents who taught me the value of hard work at a young age, I began working on the Larson / Hornstra Farm during my Castle Rock High School years. You can learn a lot of life lessons on the farm and competing on a wrestling mat.

My goal is to make sure the taxpayers' concerns and voices are heard since they have earned the right to help direct their city's activities and development. My priorities are to protect our small city from big city politics, criminal elements and uncontrolled homelessness that infringes on the rights of the folks here in town. I am running for council because it is my time to give back and provide a fresh perspective from a guy that is raising a family here in the city and truly cares about its future.

Contact Information Phone: (360) 274-7413 Email: *None submitted* **Contact Information**

Phone: (360) 703-8220

Email: johnwhalen1976@hotmail.com



Paul Simonsen (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Education and Qualifications: I am a 32-year resident of Castle Rock and have been involved for much of that time, 41 years with the Mt St. Helens M/C and promoted 26 Grand National Motorcycle races here in this community . Was employed by Washington State Department of Transportation for 38 years and retired as a Operation Maintenance Superintendent. Spent 4 years in the United States Coast Guard during Viet Nam. I believe I am qualified to be part of the City Council because I have a proven track record of building the coalitions necessary to make concrete things happen based on a shared vision. I am very interested in our parks, schools (education), our retail and housing base, and our financial stability. I have lived in Castle Rock since 1985. Now I want to use my experience and energy to represent and serve our community as a councilmember. There is still much left to do to put Castle Rock on the best path for its future and so I am asking for your support and vote so that we can continue to make Castle Rock a great place to live, work and play.

Please support me.

Contact Information

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No photo submitted

Rose
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

No statement submitted.

Contact Information

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Wendy
Conradi
(Nonpartisan)

I am a Kalama native who enjoys all Kalama has to offer. The small-town atmosphere and conveniences of its location make it a perfect place to live. I enjoy the strong sense of community and friendliness of my neighbors.

As a Registered Nurse by day, serving others is part of my nature. Over the past four years, I've had the opportunity to serve as a city council member. I have been able to navigate the political environment of small-town politics with grace and professionalism. I pride myself in being authentic and transparent when making decisions on behalf of those who entrusted me with their votes.

We have accomplished a great deal over the past four years; however, we still have more to do! I've acted as the city council liaison for the Tourism Committee and finance department. I have served as Mayor Pro Tem for the past two years.

Local governments should set priorities for basic services such as water, sewer, stormwater, roads, public safety, and recreation all while being fiscally responsible. As change is often inevitable, it's important to allow for growth while maintaining our small-town vibe which is why we all choose to live in Kalama.



Spenser **Gwynne**

(Nonpartisan)

As a lifelong Kalama resident, I am interested in running for Kalama City Council. I am married with two children currently in the Kalama School District. I am a Lieutenant with Cowlitz County Fire District 5, who is very involved in my community within both the Kalama Fire Department and my job with Cowlitz County. I have also spent several years coaching and umpiring several different types of sports in our community. This allows me to be out interacting regularly, having the ability to communicate and listen to concerns from residents in our area. I want to lead the city forward in a positive way that will benefit Kalama citizens as a whole. My vision is to have a city council consisting of members who honor their constituents with complete transparency and who serve the citizens of Kalama with honesty and integrity. I believe my role as a council member will be to represent all Kalama citizens, which I will do my best to have a clear understanding of their needs. I look forward to the challenges that face the council, and hope to be a valuable contributing voice for the future of Kalama.

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Email: wsconradi@gmail.com

Contact Information

Phone: (360) 431-8668

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Steve Kallio
(Nonpartisan)

Over the last four years I have worked hard to uphold the promises I made during the 2019 campaign. I initiated the removal of the wildly unpopular \$40 car tab fees, proposed the first ever banking of property tax increases instead of raising them, lowered the utility taxes, and defended citizen's rights constantly. I fight for personal rights, whether it be your 1st amendment rights in the sign code, or basic property rights such as the fence code. I strive to communicate with voters effectively and often.

We have accomplished a lot in the last four years but there is more work to do. We need to work toward an industrial tax base to lighten the load on the citizens. Dedicated funding for new projects and programs should be through voter approved means and not council decisions. Transparency and effective communication will continue to be a top priority.

Future issues to tackle are our aging sewer plant and supporting system, funding the newly formed Parks and Rec, and maintaining our water and road infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner. If reelected, I will continue to meet the citizen's desires and work to make Kalama a more affordable place to live.



Hughes
(Nonpartisan)

Lynn Hughes believes in service, uniting people to resolve problems, and providing leadership. While serving two tours in United States Air Force she took college classes towards her degree. She raised a family, enjoyed a twenty-seven-year career as a certified family law paralegal and volunteered locally. Six plus years ago she became a member of the Planning Commission. Three years ago, she was elected as the Chair of the Planning Commission. As the Chair she has collaborated with the Commission, city staff and consultants. She conducts meetings, public hearings, and workshops. One of her hallmarks is to encourage and listen to public comments. She has a record of getting things done for the people of Kalama.

Serving on Envision Kalama's board and volunteering with Kalama Volunteers provides her the knowledge of some of the needs of the town.

Now she would like to serve our community in a different role. She believes in responsibly managed growth, a fiscally responsible government, the revitalization of downtown, and promoting tourism.

Your vote for Lynn Hughes for City Council position 4 on November 7, 2023, would give Kalama an experienced, skilled leader dedicated to serve us.

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Rob Gibbs (Nonpartisan)

A Cowlitz County citizen since childhood and a Kalama resident the past six years. I served as a US Army Sergeant and I currently serve as a Woodland Police Sergeant. I understand sacrifice and selfless-service and I have a desire to continue serving our community. Through these experiences I have developed the leadership skills necessary to serve you with selflessness, accountability and integrity.

I am a common citizen with total respect for American values of truth and personal responsibility. My aspirations are to restore the visions of citizen led government. The citizens decide, not the council, how citizen money is to be used. It is time to hold our elected servants accountable. I am against increasingly taxing citizens and businesses to fund more efforts they do not need. I will do this while effectively working to improve our legitimate function of protecting citizens' rights as well as improving our public safety. I believe in local and stand with our business owners; I support the restoration of our community building.

I will be a part of the solution to restore faith and trust in our local government. I humbly ask for your vote for Kalama Council.

No photo submitted

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Aaron
Bunn
(Nonpartisan

I was an employee of the City of Kelso Public Works Department for five and a half years in the Water, Sewer, Street and Road departments and have lived here nearly my whole life. Kelso is in my blood and I am privileged to raise my family in the City to which I have dedicated my life.

My knowledge and experience working for Kelso, paired with listening to my neighbors and friends, has given me a true understanding of what our city needs most. My mission is to strengthen our city and grow our business community by improving our infrastructure.

Owning a small business has taught me fiscal responsibility, but also the importance of having equipment and staff to complete jobs the right way. I support our police, the staff of the City whom I worked side by side with, and all of the great amenities that made me choose Kelso as my home.

My goal is to use my knowledge and expertise to give back to Kelso by being elected to the Kelso City Council in position 4. Please vote Aaron Bunn this November.

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Jim
Hill
(Nonpartisan)

For more than 30 years I have worked for a better Kelso. My community service includes CAP Board of Directors, Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children, (CASA), member Kelso Senior Center Association, veteran services volunteer, Board Member South Kelso Neighborhood Assn, Kelso Babe Ruth Baseball volunteer and Advisor to the Brookhollow Homeowners Assn.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree, Goverment, Cal State University. I am a proud Veteran. I've served as a Board Member Kelso Library, Three Rivers Regional Transit Authority, Cowlitz County Solid Waste Management, Kelso Representative to Cowlitz County Emergency Services.

My goals are major improvement to North Kelso, continue South Kelso development and to revitalize downtown Kelso.

I am currently working to obtain state designation as a Creative Arts District. This will support small businesses, festivals, and grow our local economy. I hope to bring international youth baseball and softball to our area. This will have a positive impact economically on our city. It will give our boys and girls a unique experience and life long fond memories.

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Keenan
Harvey
(Nonpartisan)

It has been my pleasure to be your City Council member these last 4 years, with your vote you can be confident I will continue in my goal to make a lasting positive impact for Kelso citizens. As a testament of my commitment, I earned my Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership to ensure I can lead with tried and true techniques.

I have supported our police by recommending a higher sign-on bonus to ensure adequate staffing, backed our public works union to improve our streets, helped to establish a task force to create housing options within our city, and championed for our businesses. I have advocated for Kelso's future generations by proposing help for our homeless youth and partnered with a non-profit to build Kelso's first completely ADA accessible playground.

I have also adamantly opposed all tax increases and championed Kelso's future by opposing other jurisdictions from taking more than their fair share of grant funding. I will always support economic development, fiscal responsibility, and properly funded public safety. You deserve a council member who is innovative, decisive, and motivated to work for Kelso.

Please support my re-election. I am asking for your vote for Kelso City Council.

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Garrett Colkitt

(Nonpartisan)

Kelso is my hometown, and I am proud to be a member of this community. I attended Kelso schools and graduated from Lower Columbia College.

For over a decade, I've worked in finance and presently as a mortgage broker. My profession has equipped me with an in-depth understanding and appreciation of fiscal responsibility, and the importance of providing tailored solutions to meet unique needs. My career has blessed me with the opportunity to serve in our community while honing my skills to actively listen, ask the right questions, and navigate a plan to successful completion. I excel in constructing positive solutions during challenging circumstances through decisive action.

If elected, I will lead with honesty and use my experience and skills to provide Kelso with practical governance. I'm passionate about helping people and being a voice for all walks of life. With my deep commitment to serving others, I am driven by the satisfaction derived from making a meaningful impact. I support local businesses, educators, first responders, safe neighborhoods, and recreational access for all. I am eager to embark on this journey together, working hand in hand to help lead our Kelso community to thrive.

I look forward to your vote.

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Lisa Knight Alexander (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

My name is Lisa Knight Alexander and I am running for reelection for Kelso City Council Position 6. I have served on the Council for the last 4 years. I serve on the Transit Board, Park Board, Audit Committee, and after volunteering for 15 years, I am now also on the Highlander Festival Board.

In these 4 years I have voted against all property and utility tax increases. I helped to make sure a new park was put in South Kelso. I have voted for sidewalks and safety measures near schools and high pedestrian areas. I voted to give more money to the street department to help fix our streets and voted to have our water system fixed.

I listen to my constituents. I am *your* voice for Kelso. Together we can make our community a vibrant and safe place for our children and grandchildren. Together, "We are Kelso". Please vote for Lisa Knight Alexander for Kelso City Council, Position 6.

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Veryl A. **Anderson** (Nonpartisan)

As a lifelong resident of Kelso I am running for City Council. I am a person of integrity, accountability, professionalism and common sense. I am retired as Finance Director from the City of Kelso, attended Wallace Elementary, Coweeman Middle School and Kelso High School. Furthering my education, I attended LCC and WWU. For 12 years I worked as the Western Regional Director for an International Student Exchange Program. I am currently the Volunteer and Community Engagement Specialist for Cowlitz County Child Advocates (Formerly Casa). Involvement is not new to my family. My Great Uncle was Mayor from 1931-1936. My Father served on the City Council in the 1960's.

I am supportive of the continued development of Downtown Kelso. Providing a good and safe place for people to live is high on my list. Upgrades to the Spray Park and providing a good source of potable water are a top priority.

You deserve a Councilmember who is not afraid to face challenges and help create solutions. Working together there is nothing we can't accomplish.

Your votes and support are needed and greatly appreciated. I look forward to serving the citizens of Kelso. Join me in working towards a bright future.



Scott Olson

(Nonpartisan)

My name is Scott Olson. I've been married 47 years. My wife, Ann and I have 5 children and 25 grandchildren. I love Kelso and those who live in this beautiful community. I look forward to serving on our City Council. I care. I have experience and I can listen to what's important to you. Every voice matters. Using my "can do" attitude, I can get results in doing what's best for Kelso.

I have previously served on city council, 2 school boards and chambers of commerce, several economic development boards, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Downtown Businessmen, and Boy Scouts. I have working knowledge of budgets, planning and zoning, airport, construction operations, and above all, working as a team. I have served in areas where partnering with others like Longview and Cowlitz County can help to maximize the desired results. I have worked as a district manager for a large bank, done financial advising, insurance, and helped farmers and ranchers once again regain their financial security.

I get things done. I'm straight forward. You can trust that you will be able to understand my position and reasoning and how that can best benefit you and the City of Kelso.

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Kalei
LaFave
(Nonpartisan)

Kalei LaFave has been an active member of Longview Washington for over 61 years. She has raised two children and has a strong root in the business community. She advocates tirelessly for open and transparent government meetings when public agencies engage the citizens.

Creating a community that connects economic opportunities with quality of place will always be a top priority for her.

Throughout the years of community service, she represents the values of our community and embraces our history. Kalei has demonstrated consistent leadership that provides positive outcomes. She is fiscally responsible and will listen and learn to what really matters to our residents.

Kalei has demonstrated her leadership of service on the Longview Planning Commission, Parks Board, Veteran support, Chamber, Rotary and other multiple community service organizations.

Understanding the needs of giving back through positive leadership, Kalei cofounded our local 100 Women Who Care.

Kalei has a diverse professional career that ranges from work in the local first responder community as an EMT, professional management services, as well as equipment operator through a local union.

Citizens of Longview deserve dependable and dedicated service that will provide trustworthy leadership, and predictable results.

Vote Kalei LaFave, "One Team, One Longview"

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Wallin

(Nonpartisan)

My wife, Kelly, and I are proud to raise our boys here and they attend Longview public schools. We are engaged in our community, and we are invested here.

Our City Council has tackled some of our city's most challenging concerns, and your vote is needed to continue this work.

Homelessness, drug abuse and mental illness are the biggest challenges we face today. We are responding to the mentally ill with a new "behavioral health unit." We are working with area partners to offer options to those who are ready to get with the program and get well. I am proud of our partnership with the Salvation Army to offer a hand-up at HOPE VILLAGE. We are realizing success; lives are being changed and our entire community is better for it.

I am a champion for our police officers. I am proud of our community policing efforts and implementation of body cameras. Our aging water system needs upgrades. I am committed to reliable, clean water. We have doubled our street repairs. We are repairing sidewalks. I will continue to support our parks and our historic library.

You can count on me to listen, learn, build consensus, and take action.

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Ramona
Leber
(Nonpartisan)

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Longview for much of my adult life as a former Longview city councilmember and mayor, a current Longview Planning Commission member, and a person who brings people together to work on local issues. I am a champion for preventing youth substance use and violence and a volunteer for FISH of Cowlitz County and Altrusa. I am a graduate of R. A. Long High School and LCC and studied accounting at the University of Portland.

I have a vision for a safe and healthy community, expanded opportunities for youth, a forward-looking, fiscally responsible city government, and improved communication between staff, council, and citizens. Understanding where we've been and where we're attempting to go gives me a critically important perspective. I know the people, the challenges, and the structure of city government.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Longview City Council. To learn more about my leadership style and to send me your thoughts on what is going well or what you want to see improved in Longview visit my website listed below. I want to know what your vision for Longview is so we can work together to get there.



Young

(Nonpartisan)

As a third generation Longview resident my childhood memories are stitched together with matinees at the Longview theater, 4th of July fireworks at the lake, and downtown car cruises on 15th. My lovely wife and I raise our six children in our blended home. Co-parenting with love and respect. We're proud to have Longview as our central hub.

The people of Longview are resourceful and should have leaders that reflect this quality. I promise to approach this role with the same practicality as a typical homeowner. Funds aren't limitless, assets must be maintained, and priorities need to reflect the established goals, or things can quickly fall apart.

Personal agendas and polarizing politics have no place in representative government. Our city is only as great as those who are least spoken for. We must work together to see our city succeed and grow while maintaining a safe and prosperous place for future generations to come.

I have seen Longview full of opportunity and hope. With your vote I believe we can inspire faith in our community through strong values, transparent leadership, and responsible governance. Let's get to work!

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Erik
Halvorson
(Nonpartisan)

As a dedicated resident, husband, and father of five, I am driven by my passion for building a bright future for our community. With every decision, I will listen and seek collaborative solutions to the issues facing our city.

With my experience in the financial sector, I will bring fiscal responsibility to the City Council. I will work to attract new businesses, create jobs, and support existing enterprises to boost our local economy.

Public safety is a top priority. I will prioritize the safety of Longview residents by supporting our police and fire departments. By cooperating with community organizations, I believe we can prevent crime and improve emergency preparedness. Preserving the heart of our city, I will advocate for downtown development while maintaining its unique character. Improving our infrastructure, including road maintenance, will enhance safety and the overall appeal of our community. Our library and parks are essential. As a library trustee, I will work to expand access to technology, education, and literacy. I will ensure our parks are safe, clean, and accessible.

Together, we can make Longview an even better place to live, work, and worship. I humbly ask for your vote. Erik Halvorson for Longview City Council.



Christopher
Ortiz
(Nonpartisan)

Christopher Ortiz was appointed to the Longview City Council in March 2022 and has since become well-known in the community as a serious and thoughtful councilmember. Ortiz's platform is built on three key principles: Asking the Hard Questions, Listening to the Community, and Advocating for Transparent Government. He believes that these principles are essential to ensuring that Longview's City Council is responsive to the needs of its citizens and operates with integrity.

Ortiz has a proven track record of listening to the community and taking action based on their concerns. Last year, when residents and business owners made it clear that Alabama Street was not the right location for homeless services, Ortiz introduced a resolution to remove it from consideration. His leadership signaled to the City Council that he heard significant community concerns about this location in Longview.

Ortiz provides a unique perspective and attention to detail to the City Council. He asks detailed questions during meetings about important issues such as Accessory Dwelling Units, Budget Development, Communication, and the appointment of the City Manager.

Additionally, Ortiz serves on the City Public Works Sub-committee, the Homeless Plan Development Committee; and is the alternate representative to the Highlands Neighborhood Association.

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Ruth
Kendall
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It has been my honor to serve as Longview City Council Position 4 for the past four years. I value the diversity of skills and nonpartisan collaboration of our council to provide leadership for our community. I am a retired engineer with 29 years experience at Weyerhaeuser followed by 7 years of project manager experience. I bring strong data analysis skills and an aptitude for infrastructure topics to our team.

My top priority for Longview is Public Safety. Police and Fire need appropriate resources to keep our community safe. I value the importance of maintaining the reliability of city infrastructure. I support economic development through industrial projects, downtown revitalization, and small business growth.

100 years ago, RA Long envisioned a community where the needs of all citizens are met. An intentional focus towards providing affordable housing and mitigating homelessness is needed to fulfill this vision. The fiscal responsibility of balancing our city budget also includes protecting our trees, parks, historic buildings, recreational opportunities, and cultural amenities to ensure a robust future for Longview. To continue this inspired vision, please re-elect Ruth Kendall for Longview City Council, Position 4.



Randy E.
Knox
(Nonpartisan)

My wife Lisa and I became Longview citizens seven years ago. We have fallen in love with Longview, and with your help as engaged citizens we can ensure future generations have the same opportunity to love our Longview community as well.

As your next councilperson I will serve Longview with transparency, approachability, and integrity above reproach. Longview residents will rest assured that all my decisions will be transparent, rooted in facts, and purposefully crafted towards the enrichment of every Longview citizen's day to day life.

The Longview we will build together will be financially responsible, business receptive, and a secure community. Ultimately tax dollars are your dollars, and I will be a conscientious steward of your hard-earned dollars. Every Longview citizen deserves a safe community, and my law enforcement background will help ensure that it happens. The laws are in place, our esteemed Longview Police just need support to perform their mission. A safe community is a valuable community and businesses will invest in Longview for generations to come.

I have just two questions for the citizens: Is Longview better off now than it was four years ago, and will you help me to bring the needed changes?

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Todd
Dinehart
(Nonpartisan)

For 28 years, I have proudly called Woodland my home. My wife's family has deep roots in the community, and this is where we raised our family. I cherish the small-town atmosphere and the sense of security that comes with it. I am running for mayor because I believe it is time to listen, engage and partner with our community on a deeper level. Together, we can bring the change needed to restore transparency and trust in our city government.

Our local government should be held accountable to our citizens to ensure the continued livability of Woodland. The exorbitant increase in utility bills, along with outsourcing of local jobs, is unacceptable. I will apply my 31 years of finance and accounting experience to ensure reasonable and appropriate spending of taxpayer funds and resources. Improving congestion and infrastructure is also critical and requires attention. I will build working relationships with county commissioners and state officials to create sustainable long-term solutions for our community.

Woodland's strong sense of community inspires me, and I am asking for your vote to serve as your mayor. Together, we can build a brighter future for our town. Thank you for your confidence and support.

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Will Finn (Nonpartisan)

As Mayor since 2016, I have delivered seven balanced budgets, cut spending, and strengthened business relationships. My administration has increased the general reserves by reducing general fund liabilities. We did this through reduced staffing, technology upgrades, and streamlined services. City Hall has become a customer service-based experience by creating a culture of "yes", making our city the benchmark for other cities in our area.

My administration has secured \$11+ million in grant funding with little contribution from your local tax dollars. We have leveraged your local tax dollars to secure outside grant dollars to help complete capital projects, upgrade facilities, and assist in long-range planning. I am continually looking for creative cost saving measures that do not reduce the level of service you deserve. We have applied for over \$30 million in grant funding, including \$23 million for the construction of exit 21.

I will continue my efforts in creating a strong, conservative government focusing on Public Safety, Financial Stability, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Organizational Efficiency. It has been an honor to serve as your mayor and I look forward to the next four years!

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Melissa **Doughty** (Nonpartisan)

As I have served on City Council for the last year, I have worked diligently to listen to the people of our wonderful community and been a voice to advocate for them. I strive to keep the values and traditions that Woodland has held strong for many generations while moving Woodland forward to keep up with growth and State Government regulations. It is both rewarding and humbling to serve the people of Woodland. If elected, I guarantee to continue serving as your ambassador that asks the clarifying questions, a voice that echoes the concerns of the majority, and takes action towards solutions that are in our town's best interest for many generations to come. In fact, I am honored to work with and educate our community's youth, ensuring we're building a strong generational cornerstone for the future of Woodland. I am proud to be a part of this town and champion my experience from living all over the country as a military spouse for 20 years to better serve you.



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Keith **Bellisle**

(Nonpartisan)

I am Keith Bellisle, and I am running for City Council Seat 3 in Woodland, I have lived in Woodland for nearly 10 years now, and I am passionate about making our city a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If elected, I will focus on the following priorities; Economic development: I will work to attract new businesses to Woodland and support the growth of existing businesses. I will also work to create a more business-friendly environment in Woodland. Public safety: I will work to keep our community safe by supporting our police and fire departments. I will also work to address the root causes of crime, such as poverty and lack of opportunity. Education: I will work to ensure that all children in Woodland have access to a quality education. I will also work to support our teachers and schools.

Infrastructure: I will work to improve our roads and other infrastructure. I will also work to make our city more energy-efficient.

I am committed to serving the people of Woodland, and I believe that I have the experience and the passion to make a difference. I ask for your vote on November 7th

Thank you!

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Aaron
Alderman
(Nonpartisan)

My name is Aaron Alderman. My family moved to woodland in 1966 and my parents raised there family here.

Woodland high school is where I graduated in 1988.I served in the United States Marine corps, Where I served in Operation Desert Strom and have work in the logging industry since 1989.

I married my childhood sweetheart (also a woodland girl) in 2015 and we have built our life in our home town for the last 10 years.

I'm very involved with the local woodland youth, coaching baseball and football for my grandson.

It was an honor to be chosen to fill an empty seat on the city council and I look forward to serving my community in the future.

I have already learned so much regarding the things we can do as a council. I have spent times taking tours and getting to know the city Operations. With that knowledge lam ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work for the people of woodland.



Freimarck, Sr. (Nonpartisan)

I am a proud Vietnam Era Veteran with over 40 years business experience; an active member of our City's Chamber of Commerce and currently serving as a Director of the Woodland East Community Homeowners Association (WEHOA) and the Washington State-wide Association of Manufactured Homeowners Association (AMHO). It has been my pleasure to serve as President on several other associations. My Masters' degree is in Information Technology, Bachelors' degree is in Psychology, and I hold multiple advanced IT certifications and have enjoyed being a FAA Certified Flight Instructor for several decades.

Having owned and operated a few small businesses over the years, I understand how to manage and coordinate capital and operating budgets while exercising financial prudence with wise decision making. My priorities are to help keep Woodland the safe, beautiful, small-town community we have all enjoyed in the past while remembering the local history and hard work that has gone into creating what we have now.

I am very concerned about our local school, traffic, infrastructure, growth, and utility situations. Going forward, I ask for your vote to serve on our Town Council's Position #4 to continue making Woodland a better community, especially for our children and grandchildren.

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DeeAnna
Holland
(Nonpartisan)

Four years ago, I asked that Woodlanders vote for leaders invested in our community, leaders that would stand for the issues concerning our residents and willing to fight for our way of life. I was honored to be elected to serve the community as your council member.

I don't know if any of us could have anticipated a global pandemic, the challenges it created, or how it would impact our lives. As a council member I feel like our legislative body spent more time reacting to things outside our control rather than addressing issues that have been affecting our city for decades. Years were spent on distractions and delays. There is no quick fix for outdated infrastructure, traffic congestion or growing pains but I am willing to put in the work needed to finally make headway on issues facing our residents and business owners.

I am asking for your vote to continue representing my hometown as your council member. For several years I have been the board President of the Woodland Action Center, founder and volunteer of Laundry Love – Woodland and am committed to our community. Thank you for your time.

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Gabe Huston

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Terry
Hall
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

As your incumbent, I have been working for the best interests of all Woodland residents. I recently asked a life long resident what she liked most about Woodland. She said "the people, they're normal". I told her I was glad to hear her response as that is exactly how I feel. I love the people, all over Woodland: the business people, the kids and their school activities, the folks enjoying the parks, the fishing, and the beautiful countryside. I want them all to enjoy the quality of life in our little town, in a safe, comfortable, clean and attractive and wholesome environment. I love serving all of these friends, family, and neighbors here in Woodland. I do love the people.

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Don
Wiitala
(Nonpartisan)

My thirty-plus years of experience in education includes being a classroom teacher to retiring as a high school principal and a substitute principal at the elementary level. I can relate to the many student and staff needs that come before the board.

I've served six years on the school board, three as president. To be an influential board member requires dedication, time, and commitment, as well as working as a team with the board and superintendent. I'll continue to commit at least thirty-plus monthly hours to school board business. Many topics and issues, from budgets to facilities and more, come before the school board. The operation of the district is the role of the superintendent. The school board provides direction and sets the budget and policies.

I am committed to achieving the outcomes outlined in the district strategic plan, Design for Excellence, which sets the annual achievement goals for student growth. My continued focus is carrying out the mission of our district - to ensure that every student learns the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors to become a responsible citizen in a rapidly changing world.

Thank you for your vote.

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Robert Paul Kohr Jr.

(Nonpartisan)

As a dedicated father of six, possessing an MBA and degrees in both Computer Science and Psychology, Robert brings a unique blend of expertise to the table. His extensive background as a research programmer in cognitive science, with a focus on early child development, along with experience as a lecturer at a major university, equips him with valuable insights into effective education.

With over 25 years of experience in IT management and business ownership, working for renowned companies such as Cisco and Intel, he understands the importance of innovation and adapting to evolving educational needs. His commitment lies in establishing charter schools in the Longview School District, as an authorizer, to bring diverse educational options to our neighborhood that cater to individual student needs.

Furthermore, he recognizes the urgent need to address bullying in our schools. He believes that inflicting harm on others is intolerable and advocates for holding students accountable for their actions. Robert will strive for disciplinary measures that foster a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

Together, we can create a future where every student receives a quality education, feeling safe and supported. Vote for Robert Kohr and let's build a brighter tomorrow for our community.

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Barb
Westrick
(Nonpartisan)

I will be honored to serve my sixth term on the Longview School Board. During my tenure we have increased graduation rates; and added advanced placement classes and career technical education classes. I will continue the hard work of increasing student achievement while focusing on student safety and security.

I have been an advocate for special education resources and I will continue to prioritize this objective. As a former preschool teacher, I am aware of the challenges teachers face in the classroom. As a parent and a grandparent of current and former Longview students, and as a taxpayer; I keep in mind the fiscal constraints of families. I am a strong believer in integrity and transparency.

As a board director, I study all of the materials and I have not missed any meetings. I am grateful for a community that is so supportive of its schools and students.

I hope that I have earned your vote so that I can continue this work for the students and the community.



Scott
Beck
(Nonpartisan)

Scott Beck is running for this school board to effect change in our local schools. Bringing to the board strong communication skills, accountability to parents, a strong moral sense of right and wrong, and the courage to stand up for what he believes in.

He has spent hundreds of hours volunteering in our community each year to empower and teach children and teens by way of youth sports and other organizations. This gave an understanding of the needs of parents and children as well as a direct line to many parents dissatisfied with the way things have been.

Three main goals for this term if elected are to restructure our bullying and fighting policies, create methods of accountability for parents to pursue, and become a charter school authorizer to increase alternatives for diverse learning styles.

One final qualification that sets this candidate aside from several others is that he has skin in the game so to speak, his children attend Longview public schools with one more to begin her school career before the term is up. Decisions made by this board will have a profound effect on not only his life but his children.

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Jennifer E.
Leach
(Nonpartisan)

I value and believe in public education for all students and value and respect the work of all staff. I listen with an open mind and am respectful of differing opinions. I believe the student comes first. My professional background and experience in youth and family development bring expertise that compliments the current board. My own children attended Longview schools from elementary to graduation and now I have a grandchild who is a student in the district. I have a daily understanding of the successes and challenges of being a student.

I bring experience and understanding of budget, facilities, strategic planning, and policy development. I understand the different roles of the superintendent and board.

We must continue to focus on the needs of *all* students using the Longview School District strategic plan, Design for Excellence, as the framework. This starts with a whole child approach with student connectedness, focused intervention, and emphasizing literacy and math at all levels. We must continue to be prudent with our finances by doing long-range budget planning. My goal is that we continue to use the district strategic plan to increase student achievement for all our students.

Please re-elect me to the Longview School Board.



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Searcy

(Nonpartisan)

Hello. My name is Karis Searcy, R. A. Long graduate class of 2023 and soon-to-be student at Lower Columbia College. I am running for school board Position Five.

I'll ensure students in today's education system, as well as patrons and guardians, have a voice with regards to issues like bullying, school funding and school curriculum. I stand for families who wish to be heard on school issues and will champion for their involvement in all aspects of a student's educational career. I believe in an agenda which emphasizes the fundamentals necessary for a successful life, including a strong focus on math, english, science, technology, life skills and the arts. I will be a voice for those who are seldom heard.

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Matt
Hanna
(Nonpartisan)

I was born and raised in Cowlitz County, attending Toutle Lake Schools from Kindergarten through graduation in 2004. In 2005 I moved to the Portland Metro area to gain some life experience and developed a career as a Project Manager in the construction industry. In 2018, I moved back to Cowlitz County with my wife and sons. With 3 sons now attending Toutle Lake, I have a vested interest in the quality and stability of the TLSD. This is why I have decided to run for a seat on the school board. I truly believe that one size does not fit all when it comes to the education system. I would utilize my open-minded approach to life to advocate for all students, staff members and community members in our District, not just those that speak the loudest.



Susan Dorcheus

(Nonpartisan)

Susan Dorcheus has spent 35 years working in education as both a teacher and a healthcare specialist. She has a Master of Education from the University of Portland. Susan has lived in the Toutle area since 1989 and has worked and volunteered in Toutle during this time. Her three children attended the school and two of them are Toutle Lake graduates, the third chose to graduate elsewhere. Susan and her husband were both volunteers with Toutle Fire Department had achieved the rank of Captain during the years of service there.

Serving the community has always been a priority for Susan and filling the position as a member of the school board will give her the opportunity to continue that service. Susan's experience on a school district safety committee, ALICE training, and a committee planning for major school incidents brings valuable knowledge to the board of directors. This, with a desire to serve the voters of the area, Susan will bring a fresh perspective to the Toutle School Board.

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Heather
Schoonover
(Nonpartisan)

My 15- and 11-year-olds have attended Toutle Lake since kindergarten. Strong schools that effectively prepare all students are critically important and help create a vibrant community. We need board members who are committed to continually improving our school district.

I've been actively involved in our community and school for years, including volunteering, supporting the PTO, and using my expertise as an advanced practice registered nurse to contribute to plans to return students to school as soon as possible during the pandemic. I've held healthcare leadership positions for more than ten years. I value education and have served as nursing faculty at Lower Columbia College. My husband and I own and operate local businesses.

If elected, I will use my leadership and business skills to meet board member expectations and collaboratively work with other board members, community members, superintendent, teachers, and district employees to make decisions that positively impact students and the future success of our district. I'll work to help create a positive, engaging environment that allows all students to be successful. I'll share the voices of the people within my district and help communicate the district's work to the public. I'd be honored to represent you.



Shebanyah VanHoof

(Nonpartisan)

I have lived in Toutle with my family for 16 years. Our son graduated in 2018 & our daughter is in Junior High. I love our community & our school. I have volunteered in the classroom and helped on many field trips and PTO fundraisers. I enjoy getting to know the staff and how hard they work & care for our kids. I also volunteer outside our community. I am heavily involved with CR/TL Soccer Club for the last 15 years, holding every position & coaching many Fall seasons. I held the treasures position on Cowlitz Youth Soccer Association board for 2 years representing our club soccer program. As a small school district, we need to support our teachers who help our kids grow in this ever-changing world. I feel as a parent I can be fair & supportive to teachers & families when it comes to our school & decisions for the future of our kids.

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Levi Godinho (Nonpartisan)

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Castle Rock School Board Director District 4 position.

I believe in fostering an environment that prioritizes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and respect for our community's values. I aim to equip our teachers, students, and administrators with the resources and support to reach their full potential. I strongly support parental involvement in the education process and will advocate for increased communication and transparency between parents, teachers, and administrators.

Fiscal responsibility is another key aspect of my platform. I will work diligently to ensure that taxpayer dollars are allocated wisely, with a focus on maximizing resources in the classroom and supporting our hardworking teachers. By promoting efficiency and accountability, we can create a sustainable and effective educational system.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote. Together, let's build a school district that empowers our students, respects our community values, and prepares the next generation for a bright future. Thank you.

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Stoner
(Nonpartisan)

We live in troubling times. A time where parents are excluded from conversations about their children's well being. A time where our kids are being told they can be anything they want to be, literaly. They are left lost and confused when they find out it isn't true. This is a time where teachers can be forced to teach things that go against their moral beliefs or be threatened with their jobs. Remember when they were only required to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic?

We hear the word "woke" all of the time. This seems to mean anything goes, but school cannot be a place without boundaries. I know we need state dollars and sometimes that comes with their rules, but I say our kids are not for sale.

I worked with middle school and high school kids for over ten years and now lead adults. I believe communication is at the center of great relationships. My pledge to you, if elected, is to listen to you and keep you informed about things that affect your children. Let's work together and put woke back to bed!

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Angelica Velazquez (Nonpartisan)

Mrs. Velazquez is a wife and mother of two sons, the youngest in middle school. She's been a substitute teacher for elementary and high school. She has a degree in Environmental Science and has worked in the field of biology for over 15 years. Her priorities include promoting quality education, hiring great teachers and providing a safer school environment for students. All students deserve to learn free of harassment, discrimination and bias based on race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Education is only one piece of our children's lives. Students' brains and bodies are changing and today's world is more uncertain, all while the pressures of life are adding to their development and growth. We should cultivate a school setting that will not only provide great education but also help our children deal with their self-esteem issues, the pressures of fitting in and growing up in general. Our schools can assist students to graduate and become successful human beings.

Encouraging an environment where teachers and the administration work with students to address life and society, prevent student suicide and creating a safe space for all students are the main goals for Mrs. Velazquez during her term.

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Ryan J.

Cruser

(Nonpartisan)

I would like to thank the Kalama community for allowing me to serve on the Kalama School Board for the past 11 years. Your continued support of bonds and levies has allowed our district to build new schools and improve existing facilities. This support gives our students state-of-the-art spaces to learn and compete. During my time on the board, I have had the privilege of working with outstanding students, teachers, parents, and administrators. I look forward to supporting our staff as we develop our educational pathways and prepare our students for their future. We will continue to expand our programs to serve all our students' needs. We have added early childhood education programs such as preschool and transitional kindergarten. Our CTE program is second to none and continues to grow with a partnership with the Port of Kalama to encourage entrepreneurialism. We will seek out teachers with a diverse background that can bring new and interesting class offerings to our students. Our staff is dedicated and eager to improve the learning environment for our students. We have a lot of work ahead of us and it is my goal to foster that growth in a responsible and effective manner.

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Jeremy **Kushner**

(Nonpartisan)

I believe that our public education system has veered from its objective to teach the basic fundamentals and tools needed for success in today's world. I'd be honored to be a part of the change that ensures our future generations possess the relevant skills needed to be positive contributors to society.

I am active in our community. I volunteer my time to Kalama Little League, Kalama Youth Football and Kalama High School Boosters. I have served on various boards; including HOA's and the Building Industry Association of Clark County. My wife Tiffany and I have been married for 18 years. We are proud parents of 3 children that have attended Kalama School District since kindergarten. After completing my college degree, I started a company in 2006. I've successfully grown my business to employ over 20 full time positions.

I have the ambition, commitment, and experience that would positively impact our school board. If elected, I will continue my involvement within our community so I can hear and understand the opinions and feedback expressed by parents.

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Wesley R. **Eader** (Nonpartisan)

To the Kalama voters. I am Wesley Eader running for reelection to serve another 4 years on the Kalama School Board, Director Area 3. Thanks for voting.

The future looks bright for Kalama Schools. We have a lot of positive things happening: a new elementary school, new middle school, a new STEM Center, new science rooms, and cooling in the High School.

Kalama is a growing community, so there is the need ensure our facilities will have the capacity to accommodate future growth needs. I am excited to be part of what's happening at the Kalama School District. We are always looking for ways to expand our program so as to keep students engaged whether they are academically challenged or looking for a greater challenge.

Thanks for supporting our recent levy. I have been blessed to serve as part of your school board for 18 years. Currently, I am serving as the board president. I hope to serve for another term. I will continue to work hard to help ensure that we have the best teachers, staff, administrators, facilities, and resources to equip students to succeed after High School. Thanks for your vote.

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Nicola **Studinarz**

(Nonpartisan)

I am running for Kalama school board because I believe every student deserves access to high-quality education. As a parent of children who currently attend school in Kalama, I am personally invested in the education Kalama's children receive. For the past two years I have worked within Kalama schools and have first-hand knowledge of the challenges students and teachers face in our educational system. I am committed to keeping our schools safe, supportive, and conducive to learning. I will promote a curriculum that prepares students for a successful future, support policies that attract and retain the best educators, and ensure they have the necessary resources to support students.

For the past five years, I have been actively involved in supporting the development of Kalama's children. I have been volunteering and working in Kalama schools, coaching multiple youth sports, filling various roles on the Kalama Elementary PTO board, and previously as the Kalama Youth Soccer board registrar. I am committed to creating both excellent education and extracurricular opportunities for all students. I hope to bring my passion, experience, and commitment to the school board. I thank you for considering me as a candidate, and I look forward to earning your vote.

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Katie
Perkins
(Nonpartisan)

My family and I quickly fell in love with our community 9 years ago. Volunteering with the school district has been a priority since day one and I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students, parents, and staff here.

Let's be honest, we've had a tough couple years. As a concerned parent, I applied for the open school board position last fall to be a voice for change. Since being appointed, I have learned a lot! I've educated myself and have found many new, practical ideas that I am excited to bring to Kalama. In order to influence state decisions before they happen, I've taken on the Board role of Legislative Rep. I definitely bring a fresh approach.

I believe in asking questions and working collaboratively with as many perspectives as possible. I believe in being fully transparent and holding people accountable. I believe public school is for learning, not for political agendas. I believe in facing problems head on and looking for creative solutions. I also believe parent and student involvement are vital to any lasting change within our school district.

With your vote, I will continue to be a strong advocate for all the kids in our community.

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Rachael
Brace (Dove)
(Nonpartisan)

I am seeking District 4's position on the School Board because I believe in transparency and advocating for our children, who are the future of Kalama's community. Our school is at the heart of what makes Kalama great, but it is our parents and community members that raise the high bar of excellence.

The bonds between our community and school district need strengthening. If elected, I will help fortify the lines of communication and encourage new engagement between both parties.

My career working with the school system and interactions with the ever-changing legislation involving youth and education will serve me well in navigating the duties required of the school board. I am a person who is out in our community on a regular basis as I volunteer with many of Kalama's youth organizations. This gives me the ability to hear what Kalama's parents and students want and need from the district and School Board.

My desire is to become more involved in my community and to advocate for our children and parent's rights to education. Through transparency, more easily accessible methods of communication, community support and engagement, together, we can make a change for the better for our children's futures.

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Moon
(Nonpartisan)

My name is Dustin Moon and I am running for school position 5. As a parent of three children in the district, I feel it's time that I stand up and be a vested voice for the student's faculty of our school. As a well known member of the community, I have invested much of my time as a coach in youth sports for baseball, football, and basketball and I feel its time to get back to my roots in the school district.

As a former teacher I can sympathize with both the teachers and the students and I understand the ever changing landscape that we live in. We have a responsibility to our children to support and prepare them to become successful adults in this complex time. I feel that as a board member I can bring a fresh perspective to the table with the chance to work with great people to reach common ground.

My goal through all of this is to listen, research, and use all of my experiences as a community member and father to make decisions in a way that will unite and support students, faculty and residents of the Kalama School District.



Russ

Ipock

(Nonpartisan)

After 27 years on the Kalama School Board I have been through a lot and still have a lot to offer. I feel that students are currently getting a great education and that the board is constantly striving to do it's best for each student. I feel that every child that is in the Kalama School District is entitled to a proper, full and complete education. The District currently offers "no pay to play" sport activities for the kids, which I totally support along with reinstating other outdoor activities such as field trips and Cispus. With taxes in the school district being what they are I am always conscious that tax payers are getting the most for their money.

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Sarah Stuart (Nonpartisan)

I was raised in Woodland, attending Woodland schools K-12 and graduating in 2000. I went on to earn my bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield College. My husband and I have four children in Woodland Public Schools - one at Columbia Elementary, two at Woodland Middle School, and one at Woodland High School. I have a passion for providing each and every child in our community the opportunity to receive an excellent education in a caring environment, preparing them for whatever their future might hold. I have volunteered thousands of hours in our schools in various capacities, including serving in the classroom, at school events, in the FCA club for WMS students, and as a school board director the past 8 years. It has been such a privilege to work alongside our wonderful educators with the goal of improving student achievement and well-being. I've worked hard, made thoughtful decisions after seeking input from various diverse voices, and have been an encouraging team player, always looking toward what's best for kids. I promise to continue in this manner, making fiscally responsible, informed decisions for the good of all children.

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McLendon

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Woodland Schools are extremely important to me and my family. My wife and I both Graduated from Woodland High School, as did all three of our daughters. Now I have grandchildren spread from Jr. high on down to preschool.

(Nonpartisan)

I do not have any public office experience. What I have to offer is the fact that, if elected, I will give my all to see that our children receive the best education and school experience we as a community can give them. There are many issues our schools are currently facing. The first and foremost is the recent levy failure. I want to dig in with the other board members to ensure we provide a high-level education and positive school experience, even without the levy funds.

I have been project manager for many large industrial projects and all of them had limited budgets. Yet each time we found a way to accomplish the project's goal. We can do this here and now with our schools.

Elect me and I promise I will research, study, poll community opinions and give information back to our town's people on all issues. I will give you my best.

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Jeane Conrad (Nonpartisan)

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It has been an honor and privilege to serve the last four years on the Kelso School Board. During my term, I have had the opportunity to meet, talk and most importantly listen to students at each school in our district. I have been amazed and captivated by their passion for school, their teachers and their desire to be the best they can be. I am continually inspired by our dedicated staff and leadership who are committed each and every day to build relationships of trust and a spirit of engagement with each student.

I "Believe" in our students - they are my "Why" in doing this work and I will continue striving to "Open Doors" for each and every student. Together let us all work towards our 100% goal for each student's four years, I look forward to working together to create positive and rewarding outcomes for all our students.

Never forget - We are Kelso!

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Mike Haas (Nonpartisan)

During my current Kelso School Board term, we built two new schools and improved athletic facilities utilizing the 2018 school bond. All projects were on time and on budget. I served on the Facilities Committee that designed the bond's scope, and I am proud to represent the Kelso community that has invested in our kids future.

Students can excel when they are in a safe, secure classroom, with a skilled teacher, and with parent and community support. I advocate for parent involvement, I support teachers and staff, and I believe in every one of our kids.

My volunteer work with Youth and Family LINK and the Lower Columbia School Gardens helps me to stay in touch with the needs and challenges of Kelso's kids and families. My motivation for serving on the Kelso School Board is to ensure that schools best serve all of our students. Kelso graduates are the core of our community, many District employees are proud Kelso grads. It is an honor to have served on the Kelso School Board, to work for Kelso kids, and to be a part of "We are Kelso". I would be honored to be re-elected to the Kelso School Board.



Andrew
Larson
(Nonpartisan)

I am running for one reason, to inspire our children to do better and to be better. The way forward is by instilling in our children a sense of love for themselves, love for their families and love for their country. All children deserve protection from harmful ideologies that seek to harm and destroy this country from within. Now is the time for schools and parents to unite for the purpose of building up the next generation. A country that is unable or unwilling to protect its children is a country that cannot long stand. Our children are our greatest resource, if we neglect our greatest resource we will fall. Children need to be taught how to succeed in life. Children need to be taught how to be victors not victims. If we can teach our children how to succeed no matter their circumstances, then we have no need to fear the future.

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Rich **Fletcher** (Nonpartisan)

I was born and raised in Cowlitz County and I have been a Kelso resident for the past 28 years serving the citizens of Kelso in an official capacity. My two children attended Kelso schools from kindergarten through high school and they have both become successful adults. I now would like to pay that forward by serving in a role on the school board to help ensure students continue to be provided with an environment where they feel safe to attend and learn, have equal opportunities to succeed and have a network to propel them toward whatever educational and life goals they wish to achieve.

I am conservative by nature and will continue to make decisions by cautiously considering the interests of those affected and protecting their rights and privileges while not degrading the rights and privileges of others.

It is essential that our educational system has a strong group of members who can make impartial and unbiased decisions and I believe I can provide meaningful contributions to achieve results. I look forward to the opportunity to serve Kelso students, parents, and faculty in this role if you are willing to support me during this election cycle.



Robert E. (Nonpartisan)

What makes me a good candidate:

I have 43 yrs experience in the classroom, 30yrs Hudson's Bay H S, 3 yrs Kalama H S and 10 yrs at Clark College. I am a Kelso H S graduate, class of 1963, a graduate of Central Washington State 1967 and a graduate from Portland State University (Graduate School). My goal on the school board is to advocate for each student to have the opportunity to achieve to their highest level according to their ability.

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Russ Collier (Nonpartisan)

Thank you for taking time to read my background information. With your vote, I will "Strengthen and Empower" Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue.

I have been blessed with my wife of 36 years, and together, we have always provided support and solution options, that helped solve both community and county issues.

I am a U.S. Veteran with 42 years of Department of Defense Service behind me. As Operations Manager for the Largest Army Depot in the World, I had oversite of Safety, Security, Fire and Emergency Services. I worked closely with our fire department and emergency services teams to perform audits, improve processes and procedures, which empowered them to better protect our community, facilities and equipment. I collaborated with the Fire Chief and provided support, to ensure that the department had all the necessary resources they needed, to exceed their requirements. I taught them OSHA Confined Space Entry and Rescue classes, so they could safely perform rescues and prevent deaths in these areas.

In addition, as a private contractor, I've partnered with county and city fire agencies to create defensible spaces to prevent wildfires. It will be my honor to serve as your Fire & Rescue Commissioner.

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Marisa Hutcheson

(Nonpartisan)

Thank you for the honor to serve the citizens and members of Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue, and I ask for your support to continue as a commissioner. Our fire district has a long and storied history of exceptional service to the community. If reelected, I will continue to build relationships and seek improvement to accomplish our mission and service goals.

I hold a master's degree in safety, security and emergency management, a Certified Emergency Manager® credential from IAEM, and the U.S. Coast Guard Emergency Management Credential. As a regional emergency professional, I've served on several community committees including the Cowlitz County EMS & Trauma Care Council, the Southwest Region EMS Council, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the SW Washington Incident Management Team, among others. My experience and education have provided me with valuable skills to develop priorities, guide strategic plans and set public policy, all of which are essential to the role of Commissioner.

Cowlitz 2 has undertaken many critical initiatives in recent years, including new apparatus, staffing enhancements, and the recent levy lift. Together, we can continue this important work, serving the citizens of Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue and ensure the district's continued success.

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Dan Belding (Nonpartisan)

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My name is Dan Belding, and I have lived in the Toutle/Silverlake area for over fifty years, and have been involved in Fire Services for the past 40 years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter/EMT, and Industrial Fire Services with Weyerhaeuser. I also extensive Emergency Service experience, and have a Fire Science Degree as a Combat Medic with the US Army, and served for 6 years.

When I became a Fire Commissioner thirty six years ago the Toutle Fire Department had limited resources. With teamwork, and commitment, we now have our department fully staffed 24/7.

I firmly believe that it is the commitment of people working together that keeps the Toutle (Silverlake) Fire Department serving the needs of our community. As a Fire Commissioner our responsibilities are to manage, and budget the affairs of the District, and to ensure that our tax dollars are spent appropriately.

I will be proud to continue as your Fire Commissioner.

Thank you for your support.

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Kendra Hendrickson

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Christopher Amren (Nonpartisan)

Commitment to my community was instilled in me at a very young age. It was because of this, I made many bold decisions to volunteer for my country and community.

Upon returning from my military training as a Combat Medic/Surgical Technician, I joined my local volunteer fire department in Kalama, WA. As part of the department, I attended and graduated from the Washington State Fire Academy, obtained the following certifications: EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), Washington State Fire Instructor, Rope Rescue, and Swift Water Rescue. I also held the rank of Captain, within the department for several years. Other organizations I volunteered for were the Cowlitz County Search and Rescue Team and the Cowlitz Dive Rescue Team for eight (8) years.

Fire service has been part of my life for close to 30 years. At one point I chose to retire from the department, only to feel the need to serve again and returned as a volunteer. I feel the commitment to our community is what is important for this position. My knowledge of our fire department's past and what we are trying to achieve for the future, makes me uniquely qualified for the Fire Commissioner 1 Position. Thank you.



Jim

Dwyer

(Nonpartisan)

My name is Jim Dwyer and I have been married 42 years to my wife Anne. We have two children and three grandchildren. I retired after 32 years from the fire service in 2012 with over 30 of those years with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. In 2013 we moved from California to Washington for a better life. I am well versed in the economics of running a Fire Department. In fact, the main reason I am running for this office is to make sure all Cowlitz citizens get the best bang for their buck. I also believe the best affordable equipment, combined with the best training and experience makes for a safer environment on the fire ground. This saves the taxpayers on overtime expenses filling a vacancy left by injured personnel, not to mention the medical insurance and possible early retirement expenditures. My love of the fire service and its personnel will always be No 1, but saving taxpayer money through good policy will lead to a better Fire Department for the citizens it protects. Thank you for time and I hope I can count on your vote.

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Heidi Souvenir (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I have lived and worked in the Kalama community for 20+ years after moving back to my hometown to be near my family. I have 7 generations of family here and am very dedicated to my community. I was appointed to the position of Commissioner at Fire District 5 earlier this year. I am also a volunteer at the district. I recognize the importance of Kalama having a Fire District that can effectively serve our quickly growing community. My experience working for a three-person board of commissioners for 20+ years lends itself a knowledge of how commissions work, and their role in the organization. My goal is to help our district be a service-oriented district, not a business minded one. We are here to serve the people of this community, and to provide the best care possible with high level training and professional staff and volunteers.

Improving the quality of life not just for my own family, but for all families in Kalama and Cowlitz County is my priority as a volunteer and as an elected official.

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Judy Salisbury (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

My name is Judy Salisbury, and I have been a volunteer with Cowlitz/Skamania Fire District-7 in multiple capacities since 2005. My husband and I have lived in our district, where we raised and homeschooled our children, for nearly thirty years. As a volunteer with Fire District-7, I served for seventeen years as an EMT, was an EMS Evaluator/ Trainer since 2010, and was an IV-Tech. However, I continue serving as a volunteer firefighter and have been FD-7's Crisis Care Counselor since 2017. I am the author of nine books, including "Calamity Care" which I wrote during the 2020 pandemic to help encourage others. I have a background in corporate sales, marketing, and training, and as a business owner since 1994, I understand the importance and responsibility of balancing a budget. I greatly appreciate your vote for Commissioner, which I view as an overflow of my combined unique experience, my love for our community, and an appropriate way to continue serving Cowlitz/Skamania Fire District-7. Thank you so much!

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Rob Dore (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

The Yale Valley is a beautiful place to live and raise our families. A well-trained and adequately equipped volunteer fire department is a key part of why this community appeals to those of us blessed to live here. I know from first-hand experience how important it is to be confident that someone with the right knowledge and skills will respond to whatever medical or fire emergency may prompt a call to 911. After serving for 11 years in Mason County District 17, our family moved here in 1990 and I served another 19 years in Cowlitz-Skamania District 7. I've been an EMT, a firefighter, an officer and a chaplain at different points during those 30 years. Fire District 7 has a long tradition of providing quality emergency medical care to the residents here as well as fire protection for their property. I'd like to see that tradition continue by serving as a Fire Commissioner in Fire District 7.

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No photo submitted Eugene F. O'Neill

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

I was appointed to the Cowlitz-Lewis Fire District #20 board of commissioners in 2021

I will continue to help guide our department through these transitional times to provide the best service with the available resources.

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Cowlitz-Lewis Fire Protection Dist. 20 | Comm. Pos. 3 | 6-year term

No photo submitted **Darryl** Crago (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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Taylor
(Nonpartisan)

Within my family I've been exposed to the hard work and dedication that goes into protecting our communities. I attend our fire commissioner meetings regularly and am up to date on current events and issues that our fire service faces, specifically to our area.

These meetings have made me aware of the decisions being made by fire commissioners and how they directly impact all our families.

I feel compelled to be a voice for the communities in which Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue serves. My goal is there will be five minutes or less response time for all residents. I will help create a bridge that allows an open line of communication to our city and county officials and expand these partnerships. I will collaborate to ensure seamless emergency services because minutes matter for all residents. Fire engines need to be well maintained, have proper staffing, and should travel roads that allow for quick response time.

I show integrity, transparency, and a genuine love for the communities Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue serves. I humbly ask for your support in electing me as your next Fire Commissioner so that together, we can build a safer, stronger place to live, work and play.

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Jade Bourke (Nonpartisan)

It has been an honor to serve as your Fire Commissioner this past year. We have worked hard to ensure our tax dollars are used to provide high quality emergency services at a reasonable cost. We have been able to secure grants and partnerships with outside agencies to add valuable services, including nonemergency referral visits to people discharged from hospitals or previous emergency responses. We also have mental health professionals teamed up with paramedics to provide more focused care for those needs, mostly without using tax dollars. This past year, we added many new firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics to support our growing community and also provided full time staffing of the Fairgrounds Station (179th St.) in cooperation with Fire District 6.

It is my commitment to continue to support these services and support the valuable men and women we have protecting our community. I believe my experience as a soldier, firefighter, EMT, workforce and facilities manager provides the knowledge to help guide our fire district in providing the best service delivered by the finest people to ensure our local communities have quick, reliable, and professional emergency services. Thank you for considering me for this position.

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Stanley Chunn (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Thank you voters for allowing me to serve the last 10 years as your voice for fiscal accountability and integrity within your Fire Department. In that time we have accomplished some great work. We continue to operate on a balanced budget, passing clean audits every 2 years. We reopened the station in Charter Oaks neighborhood and most recently (in partnership with Clark County Fire District 6) were able to jointly open the Fairgrounds station on 179th. We were also able to retain 100% staffing throughout covid by offering accommodations and had no significant illnesses or permanent disabilities. This fall we began staffing an ambulance to assist in medical calls.

We also started a community risk reduction division and some exciting new programs. Including a mental health response team to connect those individuals to resources outside of a hospital setting. We have a unit providing follow-up care from hospital releases (as requested), and for the elderly who fell and received an injury. All of these programs are mostly or completely funded by outside sources. Putting very little financial burden on the tax payers but maximizing community health and adding resources to your local fire department. Thank you for your consideration.

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Donna Williams (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Hello, since elected in November 2021, I have enjoyed serving the people of Cowlitz County as Cemetery Commissioner, District No. 1. My term ends on 12/31/23 and I would consider it an honor if I were to be re-elected. Working within the cemetery district is personally rewarding and I am committed to planning, preserving and protecting the final resting place of our loved ones. I appreciate your vote as Cemetery Commissioner, District 1, position 2. Thank you.

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James (Willie) **Brockmoller** (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

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Cemetery District 2 | Commissioner Position 2 | 6-year short & full term

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Cemetery District 5 | Commissioner Position 1 | 6-year term



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No photo submitted **Francis Naglich** (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

No Statement Submitted.

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Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District | Commissioner Position 1 | 6-year term

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Michael Dver (Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Lexington holds a special place in my heart. I've lived here almost my entire life and I feel obligated to fulfill my duty to the community. I will use my experience in the public and private sector to maintain and improve our flood control infrastructure, as well as carry out projects our community deserves.

I served on the LFCZD Board of Supervisors in 2016-2017 while attending Lower Columbia College. I helped secure \$4.7 million from the Washington State Legislature through the Public Works Trust Fund for our South Fork McCorkle Creek Detention Structure Raise Project. I left the Board in 2017 to continue my education and earned my BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington in 2019.

Currently, I've been serving on the LFCZD Board of Supervisors since January 2023. I've hit the ground running building relationships with our federal partners to better position the district for federal funding. Most of our flood control infrastructure was built and paid for by the federal government. Our community should not solely face the burden of funding our improvement projects. I'd be honored to receive your vote to continue this vital work.

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Proposition 1

Creation of a Metropolitan Park District

The City Council of Longview adopted Resolution No. 2455 concerning the creation of a Metropolitan Park District to levy a property tax to raise funds restricted to parks and recreation.

The proposition would create a metropolitan park district governed by the Longview City Council as the ex officio board of commissioners, in accordance with RCW 35.61, with the authority to levy a general tax on all property located in the District each year, not to exceed twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, to fund parks and recreation.

Shall the City of Longview Metropolitan Park District be so created and governed?

See complete resolution text at: co.cowlitz.wa.us/elections

Explanatory Statement

The Longview City Council passed Resolution No. 2455 to allow voters to decide whether to create the City of Longview Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coterminous with the City of Longview, as now or hereafter established. If approved, this proposition would create a metropolitan park district with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including, but not limited to, the authority to levy a general tax on all property located in the District each year not to exceed twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The District would be governed by the Longview City Council as the *ex officio* board of commissioners to support parks and recreation programs.

This proposition provides that the City would maintain its current general fund support of the Longview Park and Recreation Department and that the Metropolitan Park District would pay the City to increase support to the Park System. The District would pay for this increased support by imposing a property tax that would be \$0.25 per thousand dollars of assessed value or \$87.75 per year for an average home with a value of \$351,000. The money would be used to pay the City to improve and maintain City parks, address deferred maintenance and project backlog, replace park restrooms and picnic shelters, improve park safety and lighting, facility and park amenity repair, sports field and court improvements, repair boating facility infrastructure, and support other Parks programs.

Statements "for" and "against" this measure are on next page >

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Argument For

Summary

The City of Longview operates a Parks and Recreation system that includes 300 acres of parks and various recreation programs. While the present budget for this department provides money for basic maintenance and operations, there is no money for capital improvements or replacement of facilities that have reached the end of life. This will all change with a *for* vote for the creation of a Metropolitan Parks District.

How the money will be spent:

The money raised will be used to replace aging bathroom facilities, develop new trails, and make sorely needed repairs. The proposal is structured so that the money must be used for capital improvements and not for general operating expenses.

Grant qualification

The money raised by the District can be used as matching funds for various State and organizational grants. Most of these grants require a 50% match so we can use District money to complete even more projects in our parks system. Right now we can't capitalize on these grants because we cannot come up with our 50% share of the money needed to qualify for the grant.

Your cost and benefits

The cost to the homeowner would be 25 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation. This means less than \$88 per year for a home valued at \$351,000. We hope that you agree with us that this is an investment in our city that is worthy of your support. We ask you to vote *for* on this issue.

Rebuttal of Argument Against

Without a Parks District the city will be unable to meet our expectations for well-maintained, clean, safe, and enjoyable parks and park facilities.

Voting yes for a Parks District grants the City no new additional authority except for the ability to collect 25 cents per \$1,000 valuation for the purpose of supporting the parks we all enjoy.

There's a plan to catch up on deferred maintenance and repairs. A yes vote is for better parks.

Argument Against

Forming a Metropolitan Park district is complicated, be informed!

Once voters approve the formation of the park district, that is where their input ends.

City Council has decided to make themselves the managing directors of the park district. This gives them the authority to annex property, reroute roads, and spend taxed funds as they see fit, all without voter oversight.

If the citizens of Longview decide that the park district is not working for them, only city council can remove it.

The city is proposing a forever tax of 50 cents per \$1000 of property value which can be raised by 25 cents per year, at the councils whim.

Without a doubt, this is a continual tax increase. Is this what is best for Longview? A vote "No" keeps more money in the hands of Longview citizens.

Rebuttal of Argument For

None submitted.

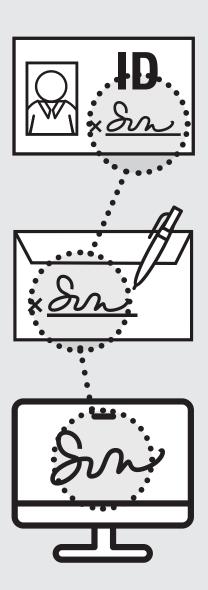
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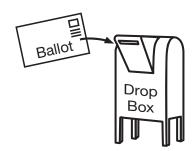


How is my ballot counted?

Your county receives your ballot



Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on November 7, Election Day, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked by Election Day! Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail it back at least one week before Election Day.









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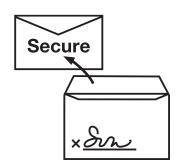


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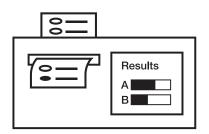
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned. Each voting system is certified and tested before every election.

Your ballot is counted



After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted. Every county conducts a post-election audit.



New Washington resident

Welcome! Register to vote online, by mail, in person, or when you get your new driver's license or ID at the Department of Licensing. You may not vote in more than one place, so cancel your previous voter registration.



Military or overseas voter

Register to vote anytime on or before Election Day. You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Spouses and dependents also away from home have the same voting rights.



College student

Register to vote using either your home or school address, but you may not vote in more than one place. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington.



Non-traditional address voter

Use any physical location you consider your residence such as a shelter, park, or marina. Your mailing address can be general delivery at a local post office, a PO Box, or an address of a trusted friend or relative. A federally recognized tribe may designate tribal government buildings to serve as residential or mailing addresses for voters living on tribal lands.

Seasonal resident

Vote in Washington even if you're away during an election.
To ensure you receive your ballot, update your mailing address at VoteWA.gov or with a county elections office. Your ballot can be mailed to you anywhere in the world; however, your residential address must remain in Washington. You may not vote in more than one place.



If you were convicted of a felony in Washington, your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison. After your right to vote is restored, you must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.



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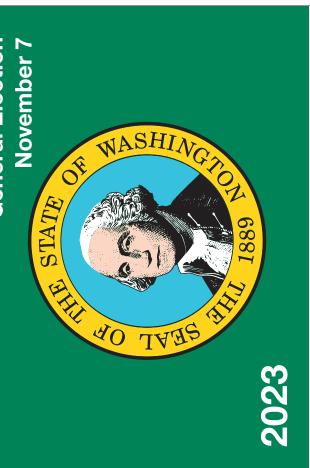
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