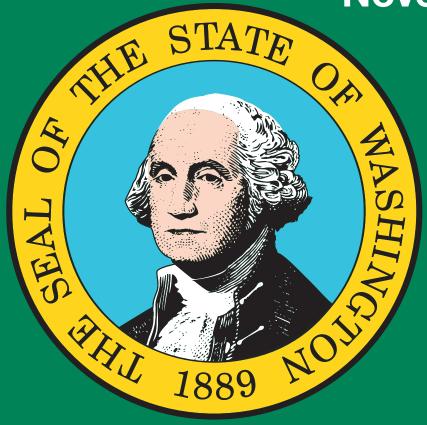
# **VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

Washington State Elections & San Juan County

# General Election November 7



2023

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Ballots mailed out by **October 20** 1 (800) 448-4881 | sos.wa.gov/elections



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?



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 °

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?

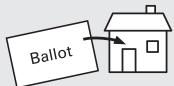
**Operating Budget:** pays for day-to-day operations of state agencies, colleges and universities, and public schools (including federal funds and dedicated funds).

**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.

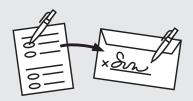


If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by October 20 to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



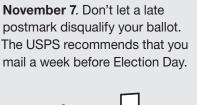


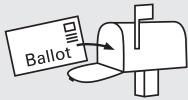
Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



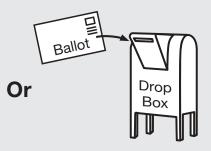


Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by November 7. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot.





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.



# Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General Election



**Published by the San Juan County Auditor** 

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# **Message from the Auditor**

This year's General Election message seems like a great opportunity to introduce myself as the newly elected San Juan County Auditor. My name is Natasha Warmenhoven, and I am in the first year of my first term as an elected official. This is also hopefully the first of many General Election letters I will have the pleasure of writing, although I may not prove as eloquent as my predecessor.

I've had many opportunities to learn over the last several months, given this is my first year supervising Elections. As the prior Chief Deputy Auditor, a San Juan County resident, and a voter, I was already confident in our Election process. I now get to experience Elections from a new perspective. I've spent my evenings reading Revised Code of Washington, attended trainings sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of State, and learned from the local experts... the San Juan County Elections staff and volunteers.

The area I have been most impressed with during my first year is San Juan County residents' involvement in the Election process. The citizens interact with the Election's office to observe and ask questions, and we often rank among the highest in the State for voter turnout. The Elections office offers observer training and communicate key dates to give the public the opportunity to engage. Please watch for the public notices or contact the Elections office for details. I invite you to join me in my year of 'firsts' by challenging yourself to learn something new about Elections.

It is my pleasure to be serving as your County Auditor. Get out there and vote!



Local Jurisdictions Participating in this Election: San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 2, San Juan County Fire Protection District 2, Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

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#### **Register to Vote**

#### **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 sanjuanco.com/elections

No internet access? Call 360-378-3357

In Person: Visit our office at

San Juan County Elections Office 55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor M–F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **Registration Deadlines**

**By mail or online:** Your application must be received no later than October 30.

In person: Visit our office no later than 8 p.m. on

November 7.

Cover Photo: San Juan Island Provided by Greg Lee, Master Mechanic, ER&R

# Local Voters' Pamphlet

#### **Voting Instructions**

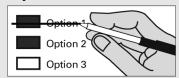
# How to vote

Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

Do not use pencil.

Vote for one in each race/measure. If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race/measure.

#### If you make a mistake



Draw a line through the entire race/measure response. Then you may make another choice.

Do not use white-out.

#### **Optional write-in**



To vote for a candidate not listed, print the name on the blank line provided above 'Write-in' and fill in the box

- ☐ Tear off the stub at the top of the ballot and throw the stub away.
- ☐ Mark all contests you wish to vote. **You don't** have to vote every issue.
- ☐ Put your finished ballot into the security sleeve.
- ☐ Put your security sleeve and ballot into the return envelope.
- ☐ Read, sign, and date the Voter's Declaration on the envelope. **We cannot count your ballot unless you sign the declaration.**
- ☐ Seal the return envelope.
- ☐ Return your voted ballot.

#### **Replacement Ballots**

#### To replace a lost or damaged ballot:

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible at:

**San Juan County Elections** 

**Phone:** (360) 378-3357

Email: elections@sanjuanco.com

#### OR

- 2. Download a replacement ballot:
  - Go to VoteWa.gov
  - Sign in with your name and date of birth
  - Click on MyBallot then Online Ballot in the lefthand column
  - Follow the instructions for voting and returning your ballot

#### **Accessible Voting**

San Juan County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an accessible voting unit.

The accessible voting unit will be available at the elections office Monday through Friday, beginning Friday, October 20, and through Election Day, November 7.

#### **Returning Your Ballot**

#### **Ballot drop box**

Return your ballot to a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7:

San Juan County Elections Office

55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Election Day 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

San Juan County Courthouse

Second St. Entrance, 350 Court St., Friday Harbor

**Lopez Island Fire District Office** 

2228 Fisherman Bay Rd., Lopez Island

**Orcas Island Senior Center** 

62 Henry Rd., Eastsound

#### By mail

No Stamp Needed! Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before November 7, in order to count.

#### In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7:

**San Juan County Elections** 

55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor (across from the Courthouse)

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This ballot checklist shows all San Juan County candidates and measures approved for inclusion on the ballot for the November 7, 2023, General Election. Not all races and measures listed here will be on your ballot.

Town of Friday Harbor	SJC Cemetery District No. 1 (San Juan)
Council Member 1  ☐ Steve Hushebeck	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 1 - Comm 3  ☐ Rex Guard
Council Member 2	SJC Public Hospital District No. 1
□ Richard Geffen □ Noel Monin	SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 1 − Comm 2  ☐ Anna Lisa Lindstrum
Council Member 5  ☐ Barbara Starr	SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 1 − Comm 4  ☐ Richard (Rick) Frazer
San Juan Island	Cape San Juan Water District
San Juan Is School District No. 149	Cape San Juan Water Dist - Comm 3
San Juan Is School Dist No. 149 – Dir 3   TJ Heller	□ David Rumolo
	Cattle Point Water District
San Juan Is School Dist No. 149 - Dir 4  ☐ John Kurtz	Cattle Point Water Dist - Comm 1  ☐ Donald Kane
San Juan Is School Dist No. 149 - Dir 5  ☐ Brian Moore	Stuart Island
SJC Fire Protection District No. 3	SJC Cemetery District No. 2 (Stuart)
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 – Comm 2
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 - Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson	
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  ☐ Linda Bergquist
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  ☐ Linda Bergquist  (District waived voter pamphlet statement)
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor – Comm 2 ☐ Barbara Marrett  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 3	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  □ Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor – Comm 2 ☐ Barbara Marrett	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island  Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4  Michele Rodriguez
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 - Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 2 ☐ Barbara Marrett  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 3 ☐ Rich Goodhart	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4  Michele Rodriguez  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 5
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 - Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 2 ☐ Barbara Marrett  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 3 ☐ Rich Goodhart ☐ Greg Hertel	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4  Michele Rodriguez  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 5  Greg White  SJC Fire Protection District No. 2  SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 - Comm 1
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 - Comm 3  ☐ Jerry Henderson ☐ Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 2 ☐ Barbara Marrett  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 3 ☐ Rich Goodhart ☐ Greg Hertel  San Juan Is Park & Recreation District	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4  Michele Rodriguez  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 5  Greg White  SJC Fire Protection District No. 2
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 3 - Comm 3    Jerry Henderson   Warren Appleton  Port of Friday Harbor  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 2   Barbara Marrett  Port of Friday Harbor - Comm 3   Rich Goodhart   Greg Hertel  San Juan Is Park & Recreation District  San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 1   Bill Cumming  San Juan Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 4	SJC Cemetery Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Linda Bergquist (District waived voter pamphlet statement)  Orcas Island Orcas Is School District No. 137  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 4  Michele Rodriguez  Orcas Is School Dist No. 137 - Dir 5  Greg White  SJC Fire Protection District No. 2  SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 - Comm 1  Kate Hansen Toni Knudson
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Orcas Island	SJC Fire Protection District No. 2
SJC Fire Protection District No. 2 - Continued	SJC Fire Protection District No. 2
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 - Comm 3  ☐ Randall Gaylord ☐ Nicholas Ion Negulescu	Proposition No. 1 - Restoring Regular Property Tax
SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 2 - Comm 4  ☐ Jim Biddick	The Board of Fire Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (Orcas Island Fire & Rescue), adopted Resolution No. 2023-09 concerning a proposition to restore Orcas Island Fire & Rescue's regular property tax levy. This proposition would
Port of Orcas	
Port of Orcas - Comm 3  ☐ Rick Fant ☐ Mia Kartiganer	authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.06 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2023 (for collection in 2024) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar
Port of Orcas – Comm 5  ☐ Annalies Schuh	rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.  Should this proposition be approved?  Yes  No
Orcas Is Park & Recreation District	
Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 1  ☐ Dennis W Dahl	
Orcas Is Park & Recreation Dist - Comm 3  ☐ Asya Eberle	Lopez Island
SJC Public Hospital District No. 3	Lopez Is School District No. 144
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 1  Mark Salierno	Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 - Dir 3  ☐ Sarah Murphy ☐ David Kester
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 3 – Comm 3  ☐ Chelsie Guilford	Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 - Dir 4  ☐ Robert A O'Connell
Eastsound Sewer & Water District	Lopez Is School Dist No. 144 – Dir 5
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist - Comm 1 ☐ Eric Allan Sturtz	SJC Fire Protection District No. 4
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist - Comm 2  ☐ David B Lowry	SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 4 – Comm 2  ☐ Cathy Doherty
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist - Comm 4  ☐ D N Kinsey	SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 4 - Comm 3  ☐ Duane Bordvick
Eastsound Sewer & Water Dist - Comm 5	Port of Lopez
☐ Michael Stolmeier	Port of Lopez - Comm 1  ☐ Kenn Aufderhar
	Port of Lopez - Comm 2  ☐ Stephen K Adams

□ No

SJC Public Hospital District No. 2	Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 - Comm 1  David C Hall	Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District  Proposition No. 1 - Excess Property Tax Level for 2024  The Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 2023-1 concerning an excess levy for the District. This proposition would authorize the District to collect \$105,000 by a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in an amount estimated to be \$.081201 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for one tax year 2024 for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the District.
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 - Comm 2  Steven Greenstein	
SJC Public Hospital Dist No. 2 - Comm 4  ☐ James Orcutt	
Fisherman Bay Sewer District	
Fisherman Bay Sewer Dist - Comm 2  ☐ Justin C. Jones	
MacKaye Harbor Water District	Shall the proposition be approved?
MacKaye Harbor Water Dist - Comm 2  ☐ San Olson	□ Yes □ No
SJC Public Hospital District No. 2	
SJC Public Hospital District No. 2	Shaw Island Shaw Is School District No. 10
Proposition No. 1 - Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy	Shaw Is School Dist No. 10 - Dir 3  ☐ John M Bogert
The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District") adopted Resolution No. 2023-01 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize a regular property tax levy of Seventy-Five Cents (\$0.75) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2023 (the same level as in 2017) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 106% (but not to exceed the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2028 shall serve as the	Shaw Is School Dist No. 10 - Dir 4  ☐ Jon Shannon
	Shaw Is School Dist No. 10 - Dir 5 ☐ Carol Criss
	SJC Fire Protection District No. 5
	SJC Fire Protection Dist No. 5 – Comm 3  ☐ Jack Rawls
base for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.	
Should this proposition be approved?	
□ Yes	



# Steve Hushebeck (Nonpartisan)

# **Unopposed**

**Elected Experience**Friday Harbor Town Council 2010 - 2023

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Director of Sales and Marketing in private industry for 29 years.

#### **Education**

BS, Finance and Marketing from California State University.

#### **Community Service**

Friday Harbor Planning Commission, 2008 – 2010, Treasurer for Leadership San Juan Islands (LSJI), San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce, San Juan County Economic Development Council (EDC), Chair, Town of Friday Harbor Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, San Juan County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, San Juan County Affordable Housing Workgroup (2016/17), Participated in efforts to help provide relief and assistance to people and businesses affected by the Covid-19 epidemic (2020/21).

#### Statement

I have been part of our community since 2003. It has been a pleasure and valuable experience including being part of local organizations mentioned above. As a Town Council member, I listen carefully, seek to create consensus and greement with other Council members, Town Staff, and Employees toward positive outcomes. I am proud of what we have achieved over the past few years. I love the spirit and character of our community and look forward to addressing our current and future needs including affordable housing, Town improvements and our local economy toward a better future for all of us.

#### Contact

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# Richard Geffen (Nonpartisan)

# Elected Experience none so far

#### Other Professional Experience

High-level support at an electronic medical records company, for their home health and hospice solutions [2015–present], Customer support and fraud analysis for major tech companies [2013–2015], Haberdasher/ supervisor for a locally-owned hat store in downtown Austin, TX [2006–2013]

#### **Education**

University of Texas at Austin, BA (Anthropology), 2008

#### **Community Service**

Participated in a 4,000-mile charity cycling trip to raise money for cancer research [2009]

#### Statement

Friday Harbor is an incredibly welcoming place, where my wife and I found our true home. Inspired by local business owners, community leaders, and residents, I'm determined to ensure our government reflects our shared experiences and priorities. Amplifying the voices of the unheard and promoting equity is essential for this goal. Let's forge a strong community that conquers any challenge by embracing diversity and inclusivity. Together, we can create a thriving town where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. Friday Harbor's strength lies in unity, and I'm dedicated to championing that strength for the betterment of all.

#### Contact

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# Monin (Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



# Starr (Nonpartisan)

# **Unopposed**

#### **Elected Experience**

I've served on the Friday Harbor Town Council for the past 13 years. It's been a real privilege to represent you.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I've worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for the past 41 years. I currently have a private practice in psychotherapy in Friday Harbor.

#### **Education**

I received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Evergreen State College and my Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Washington.

#### **Community Service**

I have served on the boards of the San Juan Island Community Home Trust and the San Juan Island Prevention Coalition, and as a member of Soroptimists International.

#### Statement

I've lived on San Juan Island for 35 years, the last 27 in town. I raised my son here and I love how the community has embraced and supported us.

My goal as a Council Member is to protect our local identity, affordability and quality of life. Affordable housing is a top priority for me and the entire Town Council. It's also important to limit tax increases and keep our infrastructure in good shape. Last, it's important to support the arts in our community.

My mission is to support you, and I ask for your support in November. Thank you.

#### Contact

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# TJ Heller (Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

San Juan School District Board of Directors elected 2019.

#### Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

#### **Education**

A.A. in Journalism, Meramec Community College; B.A. in Mass Communication, Northeast Missouri State University

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### Statement

As the incumbent for the School Board position and working alongside my colleagues and Superintendent Fred Woods, the San Juan Island School District has navigated through the COVID crisis, funding issues, and other challenges over the past few years. We have developed working relationships with our legislators to identify and offer potential resolutions to issues unique to our island, while continuing to develop our next generation of leaders. This is a wonderful community and delivering quality public education while being fiscally responsible is our primary goal. I hope to continue our unfinished work and look forward to our future successes with our progressive and forward-thinking school board.

#### Contact

No information submitted





John
Kurtz
(Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

Elected Experience 2 terms SJISD #4

### Other Professional Experience No information submitted.

### **Education**Colorado State University

#### **Community Service** FHAA, Masonic Lodge

#### **Statement**

I have had the privilege of living on San Juan Island since 1996. My two sons were born and raised here. I was President of FHAA, a non-profit organization, which runs middle school sports for our community youth including Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, and Boxing. I was chairman of the Friday Harbor Fields Board, which raised over \$8 million in Private funds to build John Linde Park. I am running for my 3 term on the San Juan Island School board. I am proud of our board and district and want to continue to be a part of this amazing organization.

#### Contact

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# Brian Moore (Nonpartisan)

# **Unopposed**

### Elected Experience School Board Director #5 November 2019 to current.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

January 2001 – March 2010: Served as a Research Scientist and Laboratory Manager at the University of Washington.

#### **Education**

Obtained a BS in Medical Technology with a minor in Chemistry from Seattle University in 2001.

#### **Community Service**

Jary 2014 - Present: President of the not-for-profit San Juan Island Family Resource Network (Family Umbrella Group). This organization provides need-based scholarships for children to attend preschool. March 2014 - Present: Director and Vice President of the San Juan Island Public School Foundation.

#### Statement

My passion lies in public education, and I firmly believe that as parents, educators, and community leaders, it is our responsibility to provide the best possible resources for our children's education. With a strong commitment to educational excellence, I bring experience in fundraising, resource acquisition, and community engagement to the table. Serving on two not-for-profit boards has given me valuable insight into the challenges faced by school districts. Drawing from my understanding of budgets and my leadership abilities, I am dedicated to making well-informed decisions. Above all, I will always prioritize the best interests of our children.

#### Contact

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**Jerry Henderson** (Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience** 1st Time Candidate

#### Other Professional Experience

Over 30 years as a Quality and Continuous Improvement Manager in the Aerospace, Medical and Automotive industries

#### **Education**

IFSAC Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Fire Instructor 1, NWCG Wildland Fire Fighter 1 & 2, Western Governors University Bachelor Business Administration, Grand Rapids Community College Associate Arts and Science, ASQ Certified Quality Engineer, Certified Quality System Auditor, Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt

#### **Community Service**

15 years as a Fire Fighter and Fire Officer for San Juan County Fire District #3, Volunteer for Friends of Lime Kiln and the Park Service, and Former volunteer for Wolf Hollow

#### **Statement**

I joined San Juan Island Fire and Rescue in 2002 after moving to the island and spent the next 15 years as a structural and wildland fire fighter here. I also have been a manager with budgetary responsibility for over 30 years. We have an excellent department here and I believe my experience in both management and as a fire fighter makes me uniquely qualified for this position. Now that I am retired and back on the island full-time, I look forward to the opportunity to again support the community and the fire service as your next commissioner.

#### Contact

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Warren **Appleton** (Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

SJI Public Hospital District No. 1, commissioner, 2016-19, Redmond City Council, chairperson, 1988-94

#### Other Professional Experience

Emergency physician1971, retired from SJI Peace Health 2018, Attorney, most recently, consultant, State of Washington, CEO Evergreen Emergency Services 2006-11, Director Redmond Paramedics and Disaster Preparedness 2007-13, Captain US Army 1971-74. Author and editor MedLaw journals.

#### **Education**

Wayne State: BA 1966, MD 1970, Boston City & Detroit General Hospitals, resident & instructor 1974-76, Seattle University Law: JD 1980, DHS ICS certificate 2010

#### **Community Service**

WA Seatbelt Coalition; Washington and national: teacher & examiner Healthcare and law; Chamber of Commerce; HOA; Big Brother; numerous levy & political efforts; coach, multiple amateur sport teams.

#### Statement

Fire District 3 faces budget and staffing issues, and a need to stay focused on its primary mission. Throughout my career I've been actively involved, as a physician, attorney and local elected official, with multiple fire departments, governmental organizations and Washington legislature to improve and enhance fire and rescue services in our state. My goals for FD3 is a logical, sustainable budget, improved internal teamwork, genuine inter-agency collaboration and cooperation, and honest, timely communication with the community.

Teamwork, transparent fact-based decisions, compassion, and my wife, Nancy's, insights form my cornerstone.

I would appreciate your vote.

#### Contact

No information submitted

No Photo Submitted Barbara
Marrett
(Nonpartisan)

**Unopposed** 

**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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Rich Goodhart (Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience** First time candidate.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Retired with 33 years working in aviation including: Captain, Fortune 100 corporation with worldwide fleet operations, 1986-2007, Bush pilot, commuter airline in remote Alaska, 1986, Chief pilot, charter operator, 1980-1986, Chief instructor, approved flight school, 1980-1986, Manager, airport fixed-base operation, 1983-1984, Flight instructor and charter pilot, 1977-1980, Aircraft fueler/ lineman, 1974-1977

#### Education

The Evergreen State College, BA, 1979, Commercial pilot, single-engine sea, Airline transport pilot, single and multi-engine land and Flight instructor, single engine, multiengine, and instrument

#### **Community Service**

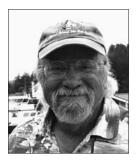
Volunteer at SJIMA museum, past HOA treasurer

#### **Statement**

The Port is a well-run facility that provides connectivity to the region, commercial opportunity to the island, and areas just fun to use. There are, however, challenges in the near future - continued work at Shipyard Cove, a potentially significant environmental cleanup at Jenson's, and pending airport projects to be in compliance with FAA mandates. Living here (boat-less) since 2011, I have an 18-year history of living aboard and cruising the Inside Passage which, combined with my aviation career, uniquely qualifies me to help decide the Port's future in an environmentally and fiscally responsible way.

#### Contact

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Greg Hertel (Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Port of Friday Harbor Commissioner 1991 to 2021 and Freeholder 2004 to 2005

#### Other Professional Experience

High School science teacher 1971 to 2003, Skagit College instructor (part time) 2000 to 2014, Whale Museum instructor 1995 to present, Owner/operator Friday Harbor Cruises

#### Education

Bachelor of Science in geology, Portland state University 1971, Masters in Education Western Washington University 1986, Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential, 100 ton, 2004 to present Student Pilot 2017

#### **Community Service**

Track Coach 1974 to 2004, Friday Harbor Sailing Club officer 1976 to 1980

#### **Statement**

My aim is to keep the Port serving the community by access to the water, reliable air travel, business, and recreational opportunities. I will encourage small businesses that furnish family wage jobs and utilize the Ports real estate to give individuals the opportunity to create improvements in the community. I will listen to constituents and work cooperatively with my fellow Commissioners and other elected officials. As we build and improve, I will always try to keep a close eye on social and environmental impacts.

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# Bill Cumming (Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

San Juan County Sheriff for 6 terms (24 years) and Island Rec Commissioner for 6 terms (24 years).

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Employed by San Juan Island School District as a School Bus Driver for 11 years.

#### Education

BA, Criminology from UC Berkeley.

#### **Community Service**

Friday Harbor Food Bank (13 years), Hospice San Juan (12 years), Veterans Assistance Board (VAB) (13 years), and Island Rec Commissioner (24 years).

#### Statement

I have been a commissioner with Island Rec for over 24 years. I am proud of being a part of this wonderful organization. I believe recreation is an essential part of a healthy community, bringing adults and children together for all kinds of activities. Island Rec is well respected for our varied programs, spectacular parks, and welcoming professional staff. The community has continually supported us through both levy and program participation. I am excited about our future and look forward to working hard to meet our community's recreational needs. Thank you very much for your ongoing vote of confidence.

#### Contact

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# Adam Eltinge (Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Appointed then two elected terms as Commissioner #4.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted.

#### **Education**

Washington State University – Business Administration and Construction Management

#### **Community Service**

Too many to list

#### **Statement**

I have had the privilege to serve in this capacity for almost a decade. In that time, our commissioners have worked well to weather storms, build a strong organization, and celebrate everything good about our island and the people on it. I will continue to serve this great organization to the fullest of my capacity.

#### Contact

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# Rex Guard (Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

# Elected Experience Elected 2021 SJC Cemetery District No. 1 – Commissioner 3

#### Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

#### **Education**

Friday Harbor High School

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

I was first appointed to serve as interim commissioner in February of 2020 and was officially elected to the position in 2021. It was at that time and has continued to be an honor to serve as Cemetery Commissioner No. 3. I have lived my entire life on San Juan Island and graduated from Friday Harbor High School in 1978 and have been employed by Orcas Power & Light Co. since June of that same year. My wife and I raised our family and still live on the same farmland that I grew up on in San Juan Valley. I have been a regular visitor to the Valley Church and Cemetery all of my life. I take great pride in the upkeep and appearance of the church and cemetery grounds. When I hear the church bells ring out over the valley, I am reminded of all the generations of our family buried there and our pioneer ancestors for whom it was established. I will continue to do my very best to serve our community in this capacity and deeply appreciate your support.

#### Contact

No information submitted





### Anna Lisa Lindstrum (Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Commissioner San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 Position 2 2018-present.

#### Other Professional Experience

General Manager, Duck Soup Inn, 2002-2012; Sales Representative, Vinum Importing, 2012-2016; General Manager, the new Duck Soup Inn, 2017.

#### **Education**

Graduate B.A. The Evergreen State College

#### **Community Service**

Friday Harbor High School PTA

#### Statement

I would be honored to continue to serve our community with transparency and a focus on financial accountability as the Public Hospital District invests in care programs from pre hospital emergencies to aging in place. I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with our partner agencies and working to meet the needs of our district by supporting our leadership and staff.

#### Contact

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Richard (Rick)
Frazer
(Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

**Elected Experience**First time candidate

#### Other Professional Experience

EMS Helicopter Pilot - 35 years, Managed the start-up and coordination of helicopter, airplane and ambulance services for over 250 bases across the U.S., Built a nation-wide Communications Center in Omaha, NE that dispatches and coordinates air & ground ambulance transports. Currently part-time pilot for Island Air.

#### **Education**

High School Graduate, Attended A&P Maintenance School at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, commercially licensed fixed wing pilot and ATP rated helicopter pilot.

#### **Community Service**

Friday Harbor Theater's Volunteer of the Year 2022 for serving as sound engineer. Served on Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) in 2019 to explore integrating Fire and EMS.

#### **Statement**

I feel there is opportunity for San Juan Island to become an excellent example of an integrated health care system that encompasses out-of-hospital healthcare services including: mobile health services and public health with hospital services when needed. There are examples of this everywhere around the U.S. Given this small community, I feel we could collaborate and bring these services together for the benefit of all age groups and health care needs in our community.

I would also like to increase long term healthcare opportunities so individuals can remain on this peaceful island for as long as they choose.

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# Pavid Rumolo (Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

**Elected Experience**No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

Education

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

**Statement** 

No information submitted

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No Photo Submitted Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Education**

No information submitted

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### Statement

No information submitted

#### Contact

No information submitted





# Michele Rodriguez (Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Michele has served as Orcas Island PTSA President for 3 nonconsecutive terms.

#### Other Professional experience

Business owner/ event planner, coordinator

#### **Education**

Attended New Mexico State University, Berlitz English language instructor.

#### **Community Service**

Orcas Women's Coalition Steering Committee member and Education, Action Team colead. Orcas Island PTSA volunteer from 201, Montessori Advocate (MAPS) founding member, Equity in Education group co-founder, Safe Return Orcas Island School District Steering Committee member

#### Statement

I moved to Orcas in 2001. I am passionate about education and environmental and social justice. I believe that all children, no matter their economic or social backgrounds, deserve a quality public education that addresses their academic and social-emotional needs. I have worked closely with local activists and advocacy groups to launch several successful efforts and candidates to office. I deeply value being a voice for those who are underrepresented. I am a parent, carepartner, and wife.

#### Contact

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# Greg White (Nonpartisan)

# Unopposed

**Elected Experience**No information submitted.

#### Other Professional Experience

No information submitted.

#### **Education**

No information submitted.

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted.

#### **Statement**

I thank you for allowing me to serve one more term on the Orcas Island School Board. I have found serving for the last 10 years both challenging and rewarding. I will continue to have the interest of the students in the forefront of my duties in this role.

#### Contact

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Kate Hansen (Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience** None

#### Other Professional Experience

Project Manager for non-profits and private businesses; former Business Manager at The Funhouse; former Fire Department Administrator in King County, also served as Board Secretary and Public Records Officer

#### **Education**

B.A. in Theater, Certified Project Management Professional (PMP)

#### **Community Service**

ORS/The Exchange 2014-2022 (Board Officer - Secretary & Treasurer); Actors Theater of Orcas Island 2010-present (Stage Manager, Board Member, Board Vice President).

#### **Statement**

As a third-generation local, I have a deep love and lifelong understanding of our special island community. As a former fire department administrator, I bring first-hand professional experience in fire department governance. I believe our elected leaders should listen to the needs and concerns of our residents while guiding the department in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner. If elected, I will work to make educated decisions, promote creative solutions for stable Fire & EMS services, and above all listen to and serve the needs of our community in compliance with our governing laws. Thank you for voting!

#### Contact

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Toni Knudson (Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience** No information submitted.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I run Buck Bay Shellfish Farm and Bistro, a thriving business in Olga. I've used my management skills successfully to create 40+ jobs here. I work effectively with people, can manage complex budgets, and make tough decisions. I've held public service jobs, including as building inspector where I achieved a reputation for problem-solving.

#### **Education**

I've earned an accounting degree and various building code certificates.

#### **Community Service**

I'm past President of the American Legion Post 91, Orcas. I've been a foster mother to many children, including those in crisis. Washington Governor Gary Locke gave me an award for my energy conservation work.

#### **Statement**

It's time for a change! I'm running to restore civility and transparency to the Fire Commission, which has seen high turnover and infighting. We need stronger support for our great firefighters and first responders and more community input. I opposed the huge August levy (tax increase) backed by the incumbent. But I favor a smaller levy developed transparently with involvement of our firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, and Orcas taxpayers. I will use my management and accounting skills to see money is well-spent. I will welcome input from all stakeholders. It's time for problemsolving, not fingerpointing at OIFR.

#### Contact

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# Ehrmantraut

(Nonpartisan)

### No Photo Submitted

# Stameisen

(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Port of Orcas: Commissioner, Eastsound Water Users Association: Board member/president Orcas Highlands Association: Board, VP, OPAL Community Land Trust: Trustee, Treasurer

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Lopez Island Vineyard: Board, Network Appliance Corp: Chief Simplicity Officer, Director Engineering, System Architect, Auspex Systems, Bridge Communications, 3Com, The Wollongong Group: Systems & Software Engineer/Architect

#### **Education**

Princeton University: AB Statistics, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science

#### **Community Service**

OIFR: Firefighter, Technical Rescue, Orcas Island Volunteer Firefighter EMT Association: Officer/VP Orcas Family Health Center: Board, SJC Planning Commissioner, SJC Housing Bank Commissioner Eastsound Planning Review Committee, Salmonberry School: Board, Founder, Children's House: Board

#### **Statement**

I have lived full-time on Orcas for 23 years, settling here to raise my family after a career in technology. Since my arrival, I have devoted myself to local community service at all levels, including years as a firefighter with Orcas Fire.

I wish to offer my proven leadership and skills in financial and organizational management, consensus-building, and developing healthy workplace cultures. I have demonstrated experience with prudently handling large public-sector budgets, governmental processes/regulations, planning, and the Public Records/Open Public Meetings Acts.

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#### **Elected Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Education**

No information submitted

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

No information submitted

#### Contact

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Randall Gaylord (Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

1995-2023 Elected Prosecuting Attorney and Coroner, 2011 Elected President of the Washington Association of County Officials, 2007 Elected President of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorney with service as Civil Committee Chair 1995-2023

#### Other Professional Experience

1986-1993 Attorney in Private Practice in Spokane, WA and Eastsound, WA, 1985-1986 Law Clerk to Hon. Christine Durham, Utah Supreme Court

#### **Education**

J.D. University of Utah College of Law, B.S. Utah State University, Attended Colgate University

#### **Community Service**

Founding Member of Inland Northwest Land Trust, Former Member, Lions Club, Orcas Island, Volunteer at Local and International Trail Running Events

#### **Statement**

I will bring good governance to the fire district. As prosecutor and county coroner I was a first responder who worked closely with all fire departments in the county. I am adept at coordinating paid staff and volunteers with others at the county, state and national levels.

I'm trusted and knowledgeable on topics that concern the district including open meetings, public records, people management, budgeting and municipal finance.

I am easy to talk to, willing to listen, available, and will be guided by common sense, good judgment, and the needs of the community. I ask for your vote!

#### Contact

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Nicholas Ion Negulescu (Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**

Fire Commissioner Board of Fire Commissioners San Juan County Fire Protection District #2, 01-2023-current (Appointed)

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Sr. Software Developer, Zix Corp, an OpenText Company, 2019-Current, Software Development Manager, Conover Insurance Services, 2009-2019. Software Developer Sigma Data Systems, 2005-2009

#### **Community Service**

Eastern Oregon University Technology Fee Committee 2002

#### Education

B.S. Computer Science, Dual Minor: German & Spanish, Eastern Oregon University, 2003, Karlsruhe Institute for Technology, 2001, University of Tübingen, 1999

#### **Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to have served the community of Orcas Island as the currently appointed Fire Commissioner #3. I look forward to finding ways to involve the community to reduce the overall risk of wildfire hazards.

I support Proposition 1 for Orcas Island Fire and Rescue (OIFR) in the August General Ballot. It is vital to have a strong Fire and Rescue department with rewarding opportunities for volunteers on an island where there is a strong and growing tourism industry with visiting guests that expect life-saving medical expertise and medical evacuation coordination 24/7/365.

#### Contact

No information submitted



# Jim Biddick (Nonpartisan)

### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

This is my first time running for an elected position.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

A 30-year career in the computer industry retiring as Director of Engineering Services, I have amassed a wealth of knowledge in dealing with people, budget needs and future planning. I believe my background will be an asset to the position and to the future of the department.

#### **Education**

BA Industrial Arts Education – San Jose State University 1972

#### **Community Service**

Orcas Island Lions Club - Past President & Current Treasurer – 18 years, Volunteer Tax Preparer for over 45 years, Raccoon Point Road Maintenance Association -President & Treasurer, Orcas Island Volunteer Blood Drive Coordinator, Past President Orcas Historical Museum

#### **Statement**

OIFR is at a critical point in its growth. As volunteerism continues to dwindle in numbers we must find new innovative ways to maintain the level of service that we have all come to take for granted. The department, both paid staff and volunteers, deserve the support of the fire commissioners and the public in carrying out their tasks. I look forward to becoming part of that effort.

Relevant ideas, open dialog and being part of the solution are what is needed at this time to progress. When someone says, you should without including a solution, they become part of the issue.

#### Contact

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Rick
Fant
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**No information submitted

#### Other Professional Experience

Leader in the development of software for smartphones and infrastructure with senior management positions at Microsoft, Mozilla, Vodafone and multiple startups. Small business owner of Orcas office/storage properties.

#### **Education**

Electrical engineering at Western Michigan University and leader of implementing workforce diversity and general management training programs.

#### **Community Service**

Board Chair of VillageReach increasing access to healthcare for 70 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, President of Raccoon Point Road Association serving 135 lots and delivering on a 1.9 mile paved road, President of Airhawks providing over 23 scholarships and aviation opportunities for Orcas residents.

#### Statement

As an Orcas resident I want to do my part in our community. As a pilot and local small business owner I believe that the current airport is the right size. Second to the WSF system the airport enables the economy with essential functions of emergency services and movement of people and packages.

The Port could also support the community in managing growth, perhaps working in partnership to reduce the middle-income housing shortage or expanding public access to the ocean. If you honor me with your vote I will use my skills in effective management and leadership to strengthen the Port.

#### Contact

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Mia
Kartiganer
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**Port of Orcas Commissioner – elected 2019

#### Other Professional Experience No information submitted

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#### No information submitted

#### Community Service No information submitted

#### Statement

**Education** 

When I became Chair of the Port of Orcas Commission in 2020 we were handed an unpalatable Master Plan that we reworked for our community while meeting the foundational requirements of the FAA. We had to search for a new airport manager (twice). One of our long serving commissioners passed away. And Covid. Big learning curves.

As an incumbent I think it's important to encourage younger generations and women to become involved in governance. Thus my seat swap.

My opponent didn't file to run against me; a vote of confidence. I hope I have also earned yours.

#### Contact

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Annalies
Schuh
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**No information submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Education**

No information submitted

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

No information submitted

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#### **Dennis W** Dahl (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Currently serving as Commissioner 1 Orcas Parks & Recreation

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Retired Teacher and Coach

#### **Education**

BA Central Washington University

#### **Community Service**

Orcas Parks & Recreation, Orcas Food Bank, retired Orcas Island Fire Department volunteer fire fighter

#### **Statement**

I would appreciate your support in allowing me to continue as Commissioner 1 with Orcas Parks & Recreation. I look forward to working with my fellow commissioners to maintain and improve our parks and activities.

#### Contact

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Asya
Eberle
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**No information submitted.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

I was in the design and advertising field for over 8 years. Currently a Managing Broker at Orcas Island Realty. I got licensed in 2014.

#### Education

BA in Industrial Design, San Francisco State University.

#### **Community Service**

Previously served on Orcas Montessori's School Board. Various volunteering at Orcas Island Public School.

#### Statement

I moved to Orcas Island in 2013 and feel lucky to live here. Raising a family in this community has exceeded my expectations and I try to give back whenever possible. Orcas Island Parks & Rec. provides many great opportunities for island kids and we have consistently utilized the fantastic classes for our kiddo. I'd like to support this great service and am running so I can help in any way I can.

Beyond guiding clients buy and sell properties on the islands, I enjoy hiking local trails, paddle boarding on Cascade Lake, and reading a good book.

#### Contact

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#### Mark Salierno (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

**Elected Experience** None

#### Other Professional Experience

For the past 19 years, my career has been dedicated to improving healthcare access and affordability as a hospital and physician finance and strategy consultant. This includes significant work in rural healthcare environments like Alaska, Montana, and Washington. I have deep experience in implementing strategic and financial plans and negotiating contracts for both public and non-profit entities, including public healthcare districts.

#### **Community Service**

Orcas Island Elementary & Montessori Public Parent Improvement Team (2021-2023)

#### **Education**

BS, Communications & History, Northwestern University, MBA, Finance and Healthcare Management, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management

#### **Statement**

In its first years, the District has made progress: access to primary and after hours care stabilized, staff are implementing a strategic plan, and the budget is balanced. However, there is work to do to better meet islanders' needs. We can improve access to existing services and offer new services to avoid costly and timeconsuming travel. We need more revenue from grants and donations to fund expansions in services and space. We need to determine a long term, sustainable plan.

My experiences makes me qualified to help achieve these goals, and I look forward to serving the community.

#### Contact

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## Chelsie Guilford (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Chelsie has been the lead preschool teacher at Kaleidoscope for the past six years. For the past five years, she has worked for San Juan County ECEAP as a family support advocate for families with children ages 3-5. Also, a mother of two boys, ages 7 and 11.

#### Other Professional Experience

Over 15 years of experience working with families and children in early intervention.

#### **Education**

Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

#### **Community Service**

San Juan County Early Childhood Coalition, Coalition for Orcas Youth, volunteer Recovery Rider/Driver, and Reproductive Health Coalition.

#### **Statement**

Determined, empathetic, and resourceful are just a few words to describe Chelsie. Through her work and volunteer efforts on Orcas, she is recognized for being community-focused and building strong connections with island families. We need an experienced educator and family-focused advocate on the Health Care District.

Did you know that Orcas currently has zero Health Care District Commissioners representing island families with children? Vote for Chelsie to help advocate for our island families.

#### Contact

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**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

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David B
LOWRY
(Nonpartisan)

**Elected Experience**3 terms Eastsound Sewer and Water District

#### Other Professional Experience No information submitted

#### **Education**No information submitted

#### **Community Service**No information submittes

#### **Statement**

Eastsound, Orcas Island, and San Juan County is very important to me. I have a 20 plus year relationship with the ESSW District as a pumper and repair of the system and as a commissioner for 3 terms. Staff and our customers are very important to me, that all are treated fairly.

#### Contact

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#### DN**Kinsey** (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Commissioner, Eastsound Sewer & Water District, Position 4, Orcas, WA (2014)

#### **Other Professional Experience**

USDA-NRCS Forest & Farm Conservation Planner, Arborist - International Society of Arboriculture, Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Low Impact Development - UW/WSU

#### **Education**

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, University of California-Davis, Orcas Island High School

#### **Community Service**

Orcas Island Public School volunteer, Orcas Children's House Mayor 2023 Campaign Fundraiser, San Juan Islands Art Museum, Baseball Coach (Elementary, Middle School), Basketball Coach (Elementary, Middle School), Orcas Island Dog 4-H Leader since 2010 & San Juan County Fair Dog Department Superintendent since 2017.

#### Statement

I am running for ESWD Commissioner. The decisions we make will shape the future. I grew up on Orcas Island, year-round. I am deeply committed to preserving & enhancing the unique character of our community. I work in land use & have a passion for informed decisionmaking. Please allow me to continue to serve the Eastsound Sewer & Water District. I have worked for some of the most extraordinary places with the National Park Service and locally for the Conservation District, so I understand the issues unique to this region. I bring valuable insights & experience that can contribute to our district's decision-making processes.

#### Contact

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No Photo Submitted Michael
Stolmeier
(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

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## **Local Voters' Pamphlet**

#### **SJC Fire Protection District No. 2**

#### Proposition No. 1 - Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (Orcas Island Fire & Rescue), adopted Resolution No. 2023-09 concerning a proposition to restore Orcas Island Fire & Rescue's regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.06 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2023 (for collection in 2024) and would thereafter be subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. The dollar amount of this levy would be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

Should t	his prop	osition b	e approved?

[	]	Yes
[	]	No

#### **Explanatory Statement**Written by Matt Paxton, Chmelik, Sitkin & Davis

San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (Orcas Island Fire & Rescue) ("OIFR") provides fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services to the residents of Orcas Island. OIFR seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.06 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2023 (with collection beginning in 2024), which is an increase of approximately \$0.48 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation. This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by OIFR.

Fire and emergency medical services response standards and demand for service have increased. The legal maximum regular levy rate for a fire district is One Dollar Fifty Cents (\$1.50) (per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed value). However, due to rapid increases in property values and the statutory 1 % limitation on annual property tax increases, OIFR's current levy rate has decreased to approximately \$0.58. Due to the impacts of inflation and increases in the cost of services provided by the District, the funds available under the current tax limit are insufficient to maintain the current level of service provided by OIFR. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will increase OIFR's regular property tax levy rate to \$1.06 in 2023 and allow OIFR to maintain current service levels. The estimated \$0.48 increase in 2023 would equal approximately \$20 per month for a \$500,000 home. The 2023 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page >

#### SJC Fire Protection District No. 2 | Proposition No. 1

#### **Argument For**

Proposition 1 is vital to support the immediate and longterm needs of our community fire department, maintain the response availability, staffing and level of service we currently experience from Orcas Island Fire and Rescue (OIFR).

OIFR is asking for \$1.06/1,000, based on the financial projections provided by a consultant well versed in fire and EMS operations and which cover the capital expenditures and operations for the next ten years.

The levy funding will support the recruitment and retention of volunteers who are essential to OIFR's emergency services. Volunteers are vital to keeping the same level of service while keeping costs down.

The request is for a single year lid lift. The initial \$.48 cent adjustment would amount to a \$20/month increase to the current fire district tax rate for a home assessed at

\$500,000.00. The rate will then be subject to the 1% rule, limiting subsequent increases in revenue to 1% per year for the life of the levy.

Opponents' argument ignore the increased fire risks from frequency and risk potential from climate change; ignores increased County population and a 48% call volume increase in the past ten years.

As Neighbors Serving Neighbors, the responders of OIFR protect our lives, property, and wonderful island life. We urge you to vote Yes on Proposition 1 to enable OIFR to continue providing 24/7 fire, rescue, and Advanced Life Support services to our remote community.

Base your vote on facts, reality, and risks. Support our fire department and EMS services.

#### Written by

Pro Statement Committee

Jim Biddick Rita Harvey Grant Bailey

#### **Argument Against**

This is the exact same levy that was wrong for Orcas Island residents in August when 77% of voters said "NO". Nothing has changed. It is still the wrong choice. This levy has multiple flaws.

The most significant of which is that our fire department is asking for an 82.7% increase with no end date. An "open-ended/permanent" levy has too many pitfalls.

This is not an affordable solution for many young families or our senior citizens on fixed incomes.

We all agree that Orcas Fire needs a new levy. But not this much all at once and certainly not without first engaging the public in the discussion.

If you own a property valued at \$750k your tax will rise from \$435/year to \$795/year. This increase will be passed along to renters.

Orcas Fire will not "fall off a levy cliff" before new leadership can be elected. OIFR's current levy runs through the end of 2024.

Please vote "NO" on this levy in November and let's get to work on a more reasonable solution.

#### Written by

Committee For Common Sense Funding for Orcas Fire and Rescue





Sarah
Murphy
(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience None

#### **Other Professional Experience**

15 years' experience working in schools including as a classroom teacher grades 5-12, assistant middle school director, and director of student support and college counseling; licensed child and adolescent therapist.

#### **Education**

M.A. University of Washington, Child and Adolescent Psychology; M.Sc. University of Oxford, Anthropology; B.A., Stanford University, Anthropology; HS diploma, Lopez Island High School.

#### **Community Service**

Former board member Lopez Island Family Resource Center; founding board member of two educational nonprofits (Minds Matter Seattle, Cosmos Education).

#### **Statement**

I grew up on Lopez and am a parent of two young children who will soon reach school age. Our school district is at a critical point: a new strategic plan, an upcoming change in leadership, and the legislative levy cap are all poised to shift the school in a new direction. If elected I will work to support teachers and students to do their best work, and I will champion the programs that make Lopez School unique. I look forward to putting my decades of experience in education to work to strengthen our educational system and balance the budget.

#### Contact

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Nonpartisan)

#### Elected Experience No information submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

General Ledger accountant, Finance Manager for a local nonprofit, Owner/Operator of a wheat farm

#### **Education**

BA Professional Accounting, Eastern Washington University, 1987

#### **Community Service**

Treasurer and Board Member, Warden Conservation District and President of the Board, Odessa Trading Company, a farmer Corporative

#### **Statement**

I believe that Lopez Island School is the heart of the Lopez Island community. As your school board director, I will use my accounting and budgeting experience to build a solid fiscal foundation insuring a long healthy future for Lopez School. Serving previously on the budget committee I am familiar with the details of school budgets. Each year comes with different challenges. I have served on many boards and will be a team player, working toward building consensus in the board and strength in the school community.

#### Contact

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## Robert A O'Connell

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

San Juan County Charter Review Commissioner, District 3, Lopez Island, 2021

(Nonpartisan)

#### Other Professional Experience

Founder, Senior Citizens Law Unit, Knoxville, Tennessee, Public Defender, Nashville, Legal Counsel for Developmentally Disabled Persons, TN Dept DD, Prosecutor, Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, Executive Director, Tennessee State Employees Association

#### **Education**

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1974, J.D., University of Tennessee, 1976, Graduate, Leadership San Juan, 2015

#### **Community Service**

Vice-chair, Lopez Community Land Trust, 2016-2021, Vice-chair, San Juan County Arts Council, 2016-2019, Central Committee, WA State Democratic Party, 2021-present, Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 2020

#### Statement

I have served on the Lopez Island School Board since my appointment in November, 2022. I have become familiar with the problems facing the School District, not the least of which is the pressing budgetary crisis. It will take the concerted effort of a united community to solve these problems and to assure that our kids continue to get the excellent education they deserve. I have taken on this responsibility because I feel a duty to serve our beautiful island community however I can. I ask for your support of my candidacy for re-election as School Board Director 4.

#### Contact

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## Kelli Carrier (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Currently in Board Seat 5 for 3 years.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Board Member at Grace Community Church, various volunteer positions and paid sub positions at Lopez Island School.

#### Education

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, several certifications as a Labor and Delivery and Post Partum Doula, Lactation Consultant

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### Statement

It has been one of the most challenging, as well as, rewarding experiences to serve on the LISD School Board these past 3 years. I see our school in a powerful moment of change. My hope is to continue this work as we strive towards giving our students an equitable and transformative school experience.

"Power is the ability not to have to learn." - Karl Deutsch

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**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

**Statement** 

No information submitted

Contact

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## Duane Bordvick (Nonpartisan)

#### **Unopposed**

#### **Elected Experience**

This is my second general election candidacy.

#### **Other Professional Experience**

36-year professional career centered on Environmental Protection, Health and Safety, Emergency Response, Public Affairs and Government Relations for both public service and private industry sectors.

#### Education

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering University of Washington.

#### **Community Service**

Since 2003 I've served San Juan County and Lopez Island through appointment to public and private boards including: San Juan County Salary Commission, North Lopez Service Board, a private association providing drinking water to over 60 households on Lopez. Lopez Island Community Center Board, four years including two as Chairman; Lopez Island Yacht Club Board for five years. Lopez Island Vineyards Board of Directors.

#### **Statement**

I once again look forward to continuing my service to San Juan County and the Lopez Island Fire District No. 4. I believe the combination of my past Fire Commissioner experience coupled with my past professional experience in Health, Safety and the Environment provides an excellent foundation to continue to serve the community as a Fire District Commissioner for SJC Fire Protection District # 4.

#### Contact

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## Kenn Aufderhar (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### **Education**

No information submitted

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

No information submitted

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## Stephen K Adams (Nonpartisan)

#### **Unopposed**

#### **Elected Experience**

Lopez Fire Commissioner (10 years), San Juan County Planning Commissioner (8 years) and Lopez Island Port Commissioner (12 years).

#### **Other Professional Experience**

High School Teacher Lopez Island Middle/High School for 30 years. Now retired

#### **Education**

MA from Western Washington University

#### **Community Service**

Most recently, volunteer at Lopez Island School, Lopez Fit volunteer, 20 years Lopez Fire Fighter-EMT.

#### **Statement**

Port of Lopez is an economic engine for our community while having one of the lowest tax rates in the state. Half of our flights are commercial, bringing in workers, freight, and Medevac's, contributing to our community. Our accomplishments and goals are: installed a Photovoltaic system making the Airport net negative electricity user, won grants to operate an electric pump-out boat, keeping Fisherman Bay clean, solved a safety issue for the landing approaches to our airport, purchased shoreline recreational property on Fisherman Bay, and we are in the design phase to install a weather station, enabling Medevac flights into Lopez in poor weather.

#### Contact

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## David C Hall (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

I have served as a nonprofit board member for 40 years. This is my first publicly elected board position.

#### Other Professional Experience

I'm a mostly retired Child Psychiatrist. I worked in private practice for 25 years, then moved to Lopez Island and joined Island Hospital Psychiatry and Behavioral Health for 10 years.

#### **Education**

Harvard College 1968, UW medical school, internship, residency, and Child Psychiatry fellowship, graduating in 1983.

#### **Community Service**

Physicians for Social Responsibility nationally (PSR.org) for a decade and locally (WPSR.org) for four decades.

#### Statement

I am a third generation physician trained at the University of Washington. My parents retired to Lopez in 1974. Our kids spent summers here. Anne and I came in 2011 when she became interim pastor for the Lutheran Church. I moved my practice to Island Hospital, then retired in 2021. My professional home is Physicians for Social Responsibility. I was national president in 1997 and Washington state chapter president twice. I play tennis and ping-pong, ski, ride an electric bike, and repair my lawnmowers. I serve to assure high quality health care options for all on Lopez Island.

#### Contact

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#### Steven Greenstein

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

Lopez Island Hospital District Commissioner #2 - starting in June, 2020 to Current

(Nonpartisan)

#### Other Professional Experience

Primary Care Clinic with financial responsibility and Information Technology (IT) support for 5 years, Printing and Packaging Manufacturer Vice President of Sales & Marketing and International Manufacture Director of Sales 30 years

#### **Education**

San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts degree

#### **Community Service**

Lopez Island Fire District Board of Commissioners liaison, Catherine Washburn Medical Association (CWMA) liaison and Homeowners Association Dockmaster

#### Statement

Currently the Lopez Island Hospital District's Commissioner #2 since June 2020 and serving on the Financial Committee. One of most important roles of a LIHD Commissioner is providing financial support to the healthcare services. In the past I was responsible for financial management and budgeting, I brought those important fiscal skills to my role as commissioner. I've also been able to utilize my five-year involvement and experience with a Primary Care Clinic. As a permanent resident of Lopez Island, I have a continued commitment to ensure the success of the healthcare services that are so critical to our community.

#### Contact

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## James Orcutt (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

I am a two-term incumbent for San Juan County Public Hospital District #2 (Lopez Island Hospital District) position 4.

#### Other Professional Experience

Past community experience includes LOHO Board member and President and Board member and President of Northwest School in Seattle. I am Professor Emeritus from the University of Washington. Much of my career involved working for Veterans as a Physician and leader, both locally and nationally, within the VA Health Care System.

#### **Education**

Bachelor's degree in pharmacy, PhD in Pharmacology, MD and residency in Ophthalmology.

#### **Community Service**

Past community experience includes LOHO Board member and President and Board member and President of Northwest School in Seattle.

#### Statement

Voters approved the Lopez Public Hospital District, forming the Commission which moved forward to provide clinical care on Lopez. Heath care in rural settings is difficult, however, the Commission has moved thru several challenges to provide continuous care. Quality of care and community communication have improved. There are many upcoming challenges, including fiscal stability in the face of health care costs rising more than 6% a year. The citizens of Lopez Island deserve quality affordable health care. I am confident working with the Commission we will continue to assure such care is available on Lopez Island.

#### Contact

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**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted

## No Photo Olson Submitted (Nonpartisan)

#### Unopposed

#### **Elected Experience**

**Currently Water District Commissioner** 

#### Other Professional Experience

Naval Service 1956 to 1970, Managing Partner in medical practice, practiced veterinary medicine in Boston and Seattle, moved to Lopez full time in 2000.

#### **Education**

Kouts HS, 1955, Purdue University 1959, University of California Davis 1967

#### **Community Service**

IOSA volunteer, CWMA Board, Friends of the San Juans Board.

#### **Statement**

The district is about to launch a major infrastructure project in two phases. Phase one involves relocating the southern water main from its present vulnerable location above Agate Beach inland to the Agate Beach Community Lane. Phase two is a primary upgrade of well field infrastructure including a new well, storage tank, a new pressure system and emergency generators.

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## **Local Voters' Pamphlet**

#### San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 2

#### Proposition No. 1 - Restoring Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District") adopted Resolution No. 2023-01 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. This proposition would authorize a regular property tax levy of Seventy-Five Cents (\$0.75) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2023 (the same level as in 2017) and would authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 106% (but not to exceed the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation) for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2028 shall serve as the base for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55.050.

S	hc	ould this proposition be approved?	
Ξ.	- 5	Yes No	

### Explanatory Statement Written by Matt Paxton, Chmelik, Sitkin & Davis

San Juan Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District") seeks voter approval to authorize an increase in its regular property tax levy to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 (for collection in 2024) and authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 106% in each of the five subsequent years (but not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). This levy is the primary source of funding for medical services by the District. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

#### 62 San Juan County Public Hospital District No. 2 | Proposition No. 1

#### Argument For

San Juan County Public Hospital District #2 (Lopez Island Hospital District) seeks voter approval to return its levy rate to \$.75 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. This is the rate approved in 2017 when voters created the District to ensure long-term security for health care on Lopez. In 2022, increased property assessments dropped the levy rate available to the District to \$.48 per \$1000 valuation. Rate drops occur with large increases in assessed property values due to state law that limits total revenue increases to 1% above the prior year. The law requires a public vote to raise the rate.

District property tax revenues support costs above income received for care provided by UW Medicine Lopez Island Primary Care Clinic (the Clinic) and Lopez Island Physical Therapy. Healthcare costs have risen nationwide. From 2018 to 2023, the District support to UW Medicine rose on average 10% per year; in 2023, it rose 37%. This year's Clinic assistance (\$1,062,000) exceeds the lidded District property tax revenue (\$910,000) by \$152,000. This proposition asks Lopez voters to lift the 1% levy lid to allow for revenue sufficient to cover rising healthcare costs.

Approval of this proposition would allow the District to fully cover services at the Clinic and Lopez Island Physical Therapy.

Rejection of this proposition would almost surely reduce the availability of primary healthcare services (doctor/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant; nurses; medical assistant; lab and x-ray services) and physical therapy on Lopez Island, and limit future support of other needed services.

#### **Argument Against**

The proportion of your property taxes allocated to the Hospital District is currently .48 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The LIHD is requesting an increase to .75 per \$1000. This means that the Hospital District portion of your taxes will increase 56% over last year even if total assessments for Lopez are not increased this year. But, on average, they will, which means that your taxes will be even higher. We understand there will be no increase in services provided at the Clinic including no after-hours urgent care. Any afterhours urgent care will be virtual only. In addition, the Hospital District is asking you to approve a 6-year levy lid lift starting in 2025 and continue at a 6% increase each year for 5 years but not to exceed the rate of .75/\$1,000 in assessed valuation. That is asking a lot of people already struggling with increased assessments. Also, services we receive at the Lopez Clinic have decreased but you will be paying more. So, more taxes, less service with more and more residents seeking medical services off-island. Help us send the message that a multi-year increase is just too much.

#### Written by

James F. Smith Connie Harris

#### Written by

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## **Local Voters' Pamphlet**

#### **Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District**

#### Proposition No. 1 - Excess Property Tax Levy for 2024

The Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District adopted Resolution No. 2023-1 concerning an excess levy for the District. This proposition would authorize the District to collect \$105,000 by a levy of excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District in an amount estimated to be \$.081201 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation for one tax year -- 2024 -- for the purpose of funding operations and capital improvements of the District. Shall the proposition be approved?

Shall the	proposition	be	approve	ed?

Yes

No

### Explanatory Statement Written by Amy Vira, San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney

Each year, the Governing Board of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District has proposed a balanced budget that includes revenue from tipping fees based upon weight or volume, and tax revenue to be paid for with a one-year property tax levy. For the year 2024, the amount of the tax revenue that is budgeted is \$105,000, which is the same amount as in the years 2023, 2022, 2021 2020 and 2019.

The Governing Board has adopted Resolution No.2023-1 calling for an election to approve the one-year property tax measure to generate \$105,000. If adopted, the property tax rate for the Solid Waste District would be an amount of approximately \$0.081201 per \$1,000 of assessed value for taxes imposed for the year 2024. The estimated levy rate is the same amount as the rate charged in the current year.

The Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District must use the revenue raised for district operations and capital expenses.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the proposal; a "no" vote is a vote against the proposal. A sixty percent majority is needed to pass this measure.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

#### **Argument For**

Ten years ago, the citizens of Lopez organized and created the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) over concern that without local control services would be reduced, recycling would not be a priority, and costs would rise. Forming LSWDD also meant agreeing to voluntarily tax ourselves, and in Nov. 2012 Lopezians voted in the Dump with 84% of the voters in favor!

The WA state Constitution requires that Lopez annually run a ballot levy to support the Dump. The Levy enables the dump to stay funded, independent, and locally controlled.

The Lopez population has increased approximately 40% in ten years. One week this August, over 1,000 cars came through the Dump and Take It or Leave It (TIOLI) saw 770 visitors in its two shopping days! Garbage tonnage has increased 90% over the past 10 years.

The latest challenge is to have an expanded site for future operations and planning for replacing worn out equipment – the used back hoe the community helped purchase 10 years ago is now in its "twilight years".

The Dump offers programs such as PaintCare, Composting classes, Household Hazardous Waste round ups, a renowned Recycle Plaza and Take it or Leave it. (TIOLI). They have award winning volunteers that significantly contribute to keeping costs down.

To date, the levy has passed every year by a wide margin. Please help us do so again for 2024 by voting yes!

#### Written by

Larissa Mansfield Andrew Nichols Michele Orr

#### **Argument Against**

No information submitted





John M
Bogert
(Nonpartisan)

#### **Elected Experience**Shaw Island School Board Director – elected 2019

#### Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

#### Education

Bachelor's Degree; Masters of Engineering

#### Community Service

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

Hello, my name is John Bogert and I have been a member of the Shaw Island community since 1989 and a full-time resident since 2010. I've served on the school board in several capacities for seven years and have worked with the other board members to ensure that our excellent K-8 school best serves our community and our students. The next several years present some challenges and I feel I am well positioned to work with the other members of the board to address those challenges.

Thank you for your support of our school and our community.

#### Contact

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**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

No information submitted



#### **Elected Experience**

Appointed school board member 2021

#### **Other Professional Experience**

No information submitted

#### Education

No information submitted

#### **Community Service**

No information submitted

#### **Statement**

My husband Jason and I have lived full time on Shaw since September 2020. The community here has welcomed us and we are pleased to be a part of such a small and inclusive community, and we enjoy the island lifestyle. I feel the Shaw School, while small, is an integral part of the Shaw community and I am pleased to work toward maintaining its excellence. I strongly support public education and wish to continue serving the Shaw School and the Shaw community.

#### Contact

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**Elected Experience** 

No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience** 

No information submitted

**Education** 

No information submitted

**Community Service** 

No information submitted

Statement

No information submitted

Contact

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### Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials verify each and every signature.

If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before certification**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.

If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.

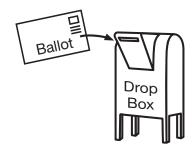
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#### Your county receives your ballot

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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.









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

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

#### Your signature is verified

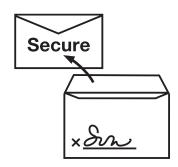
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Your signature is important and we need it to accept your ballot. The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure **only one** ballot is counted for you.



#### Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.







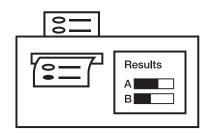
#### Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

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.



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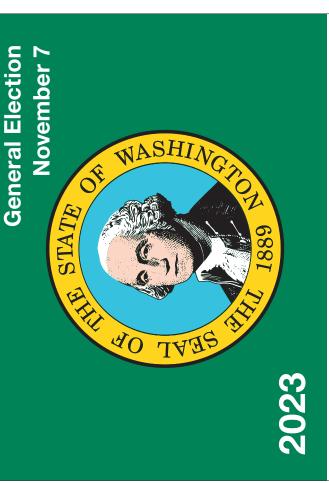




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