

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections
& Skagit 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

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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@WASecretaryofState
@WashingtonStateElections



@secstatewa

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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?

i 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.



i Political parties

<p>Washington State Democrats PO Box 4027 Seattle, WA 98194 (206) 309-8683 info@wa-democrats.org www.wa-democrats.org</p>	<p>Washington State Republican Party 11811 NE 1st St Ste A306 Bellevue, WA 98005 (425) 460-0570 info@wsrp.org www.wsrp.org</p>
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? 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?



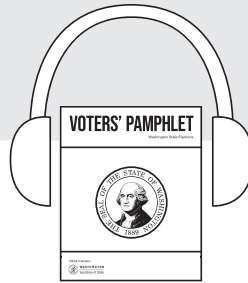
If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!

**# 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 vị.

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.



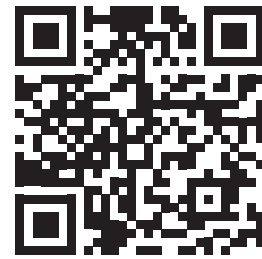
i During the 2023 session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5082, which establishes a webpage with new, interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

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?

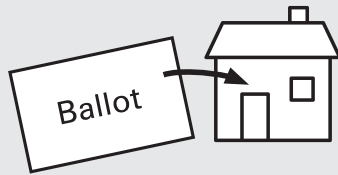
Operating Budget: pays for day-to-day operations of state agencies, colleges and universities, and public schools (including federal funds and dedicated funds).

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

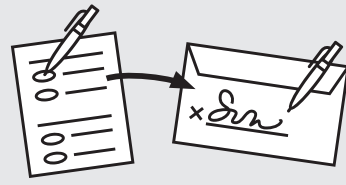
Capital Budget: pays for acquiring and maintaining state buildings, public schools, higher education facilities, public lands, parks, and other assets.

How do I vote and return my ballot?

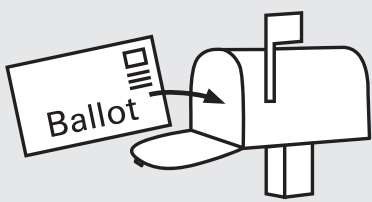
1 If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 20** to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



2 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.

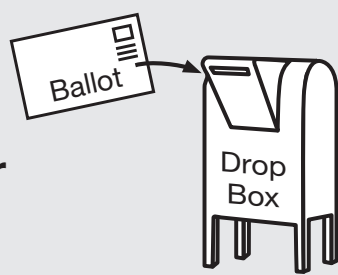


3 Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 7**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.




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**.

Or



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

4 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

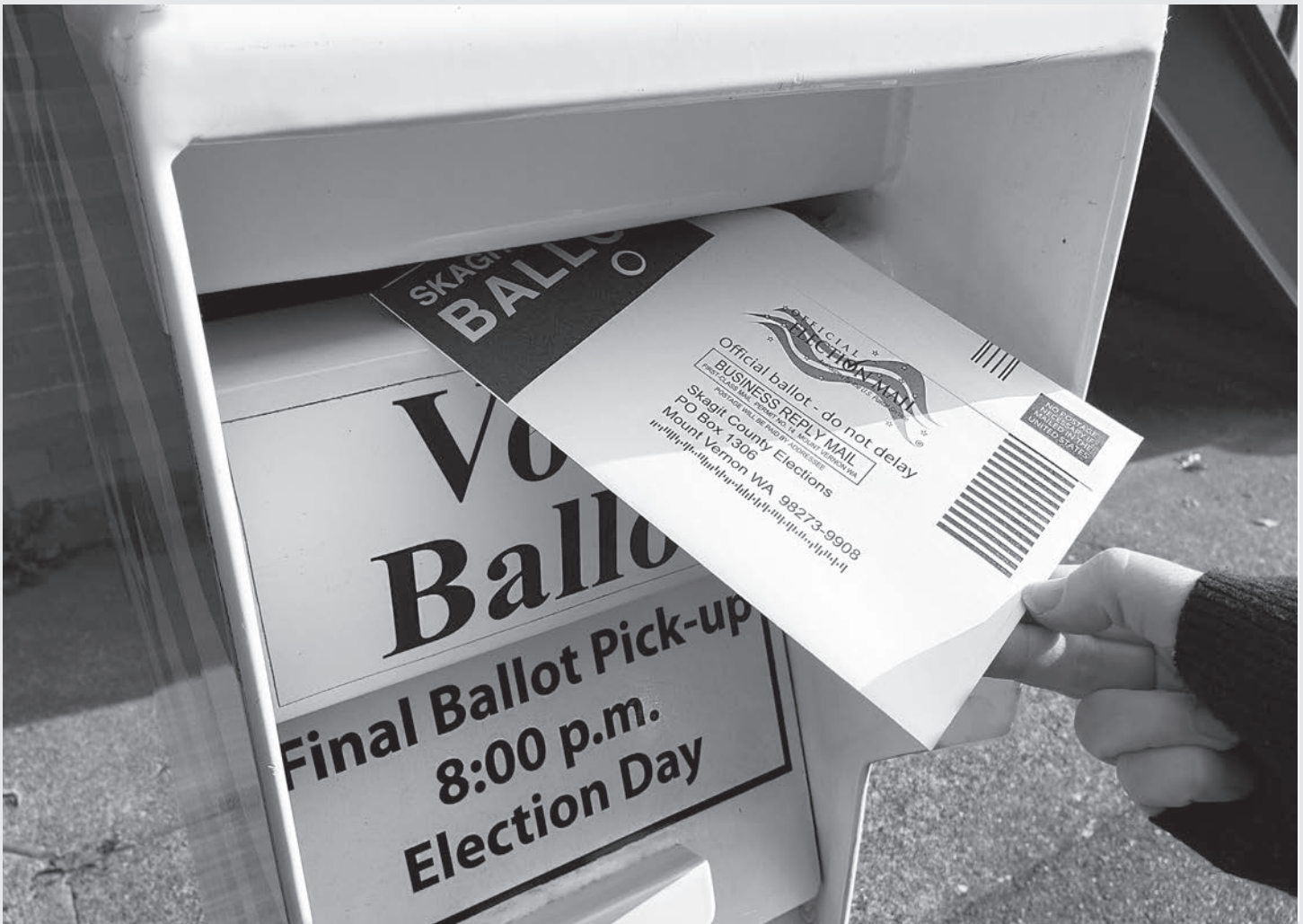
After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **results.vote.wa.gov**.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

Skagit County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

November 7, 2023 General Election



Welcome Message

Dear Skagit County Voters,

Your vote is your voice! That's why having information about candidates is important. We hope this printed pamphlet is helpful in making your voting decisions. An online version of the pamphlet is also available on our website, www.skagitcounty.net/elections

This election, candidates will be running for local positions.

As a voter, here are ways to ensure that your ballot is counted:

- Return your voted ballot quickly
- Use a ballot drop box whenever possible
- If you return your ballot via US Postal Service, make sure it is postmarked by General Election Day, November 7, 2023
- Sign your return ballot envelope
- If you receive a letter from our office regarding your signature, return it to our office as soon as possible.

The sooner voters return their ballots, the more complete the results will be when we post them on election night!

Thank you!

Skagit County Elections

360-416-1702
PO Box 1306
700 S. 2nd St, Room 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
sselections@co.skagit.wa.us

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Ballot Instructions

The following instructions are also found on your ballot and the ballot wrap.

Instructions

Vote for one in each contest

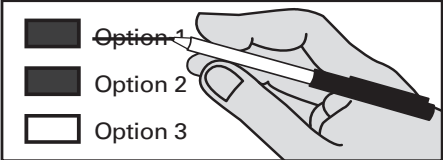


Fill in the box to the left of your choice using black or blue ink.

You may leave a contest blank, your ballot will still count.

If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race.

Correcting a mistake



Draw a line through the incorrect candidate name or ballot. You may then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in

To vote for a candidate not listed in that contest, fill in the box to the left of the dashed line and print the name on the line.

Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures
Federal Elections Commission
www.fec.gov
 Toll Free (800) 424-9530

Public Disclosure Commission
www.pdc.wa.gov
 Toll Free (877) 601-2828

Vote your ballot...

- Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot.
- You may leave a contest blank, your ballot will still count.
- Put your voted ballot in the security sleeve.
- Put the security sleeve in the return envelope.
- Seal the return envelope.
- Sign and date the declaration on the return envelope. If you are unable to sign, make your mark and have it witnessed by TWO people. *Ensure that both people sign the envelope.*
- A power of attorney cannot be used to sign a ballot.

Place your ballot in a ballot drop-box ...

- Deposit your ballot in a drop box. Drop boxes are picked up by Elections department staff, not the USPS. See drop box locations on the next page.
- Drop boxes are open 20 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night.
- Skagit County Elections strongly encourages using drop boxes.

Or return your ballot by mail...

- NO STAMP** required if mailed in the U.S.
- Ballots sent by USPS **MUST** be postmarked no later than Election Day*

Contact Skagit County Elections...

- If you've lost, spoiled, or destroyed your ballot; or
- To learn about the locations, hours, and services of voting centers and ballot drop boxes, including the availability of accessible voting equipment.

Phone: (360) 416-1702
Email: sselections@co.skagit.wa.us
Web: www.skagitcounty.net/elections

Remember to sign your return envelope!

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 20 days before Election Day. They remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 PM Election Night!

Anacortes - Library

Anacortes Public Library
(behind library near drive-up book drop)
1220 10th Street

Anacortes - Skyline

Skyline Beach Club
6041 Sands Way

Bow/Edison

Fire District 5 Fire Station
14304 West Bow Hill Road

Burlington

Burlington Parks and Recreation Building
900 E. Fairhaven Street

Concrete

Skagit Upriver Services/Library
45770 Main Street

Conway

Conway Fire Department
21020 Greenfield Street

Hamilton

Fire District 8/Punkin Center Station
34041 State Rte 20

La Conner

614 E. Morris Street

Mount Vernon - Continental

Mount Vernon Police Department
1805 Continental Place

Mount Vernon - Courthouse

Skagit County Auditor's Office
(in U-shaped parking lot accessed from 3rd St.
near Kincaid)
700 S. 2nd Street

Sauk-Suiattle

6020 Mountain Goat Way, Darrington

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Post Office
(in alley between Eastern St. and Metcalf St.)
111 Woodworth Street

Swinomish

Social Services Building (in front)
17337 Reservation Road



**No stamp
needed to
return your
ballot**

You may also drop your ballot off in person at:

Elections Department

Skagit County Auditor's Office
2nd & Kincaid Streets (700 S. 2nd Street)
Mount Vernon, 360-416-1702
Open 8:30-4:30 Week Days

All Offices and Candidates

Skagit County offices and candidates in the November 7, 2023 General Election

Candidates with an (*) after their name submitted information for this voters' pamphlet.

City of Anacortes
<u>Council Position 1, Ward 1</u> Ryan Walters*
<u>Council Position 2, Ward 2</u> Christine Cleland-McGrath*
<u>Council Position 3, Ward 3</u> TJ Fantini* Linda Martin*

City of Burlington
<u>Mayor</u> Steve Sexton* Joe DeGloria*
<u>Council Ward 1</u> Scott K. Green* Anthony Perales
<u>Council Ward 2</u> Keith Chaplin
<u>Council Ward 3</u> Joseph A. Lewis* Elizabeth Turman-Bryant*

Town of Concrete
<u>Mayor</u> Marla Reed
<u>Council Position 1</u> Rob Thomas
<u>Council Position 2</u> Casey Jo Manke
<u>Council Position 4</u> Stephanie Semro

Town of Hamilton
<u>Mayor</u> Mandy Bates
<u>Council Position 1</u> Timothy Morrison* Jay Lindstrom
<u>Council Position 2</u> Michael Ulrich
<u>Council Position 3</u> Andrea L Adams
<u>Council Position 4</u> Karin Vail

Town of La Conner
<u>Mayor</u> Marna Hanneman*
<u>Council Position 1</u> Annie Taylor*
<u>Council Position 5</u> Mary Wohleb*



You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races to review.

Town of Lyman	
<u>Mayor</u>	Edward E Hills
<u>Council Position 3</u>	Mike Swanson
<u>Council Position 4</u>	Mike Couch Erica Hanshaw
<u>Council Position 5</u>	Ronny Hodgins

City of Mount Vernon	
<u>Mayor</u>	Peter Donovan*
<u>Council Ward 1, Position 1</u>	Navor Tercero* Lucy Madrigal*
<u>Council Ward 2, Position 1</u>	Andrew Vander Stoep* Mark Hulst*
<u>Council Ward 3, Position 1</u>	Mary Hudson

City of Sedro-Woolley	
<u>Mayor</u>	JoEllen Kesti* Julia Johnson*
<u>Council Ward 1</u>	Judith Dunn Kevin Loy*
<u>Council Ward 4</u>	Allan Henderson* Kevin Riley*
<u>Council Ward 5</u>	Paul Cocke* Ed Iriarte*

School Districts	
<u>Anacortes School District No. 103</u>	
Director Position 3	Jack Curtis*
Director Position 4	Jennie Beltramini
Director Position 5	Edward J. Barton* Heather J Brennan*
<u>Burlington-Edison School District No. 100</u>	
Director District 1	Elli Haddick
Director District 3	Holly Nielsen
Director District 4	Rich Wesen* Celia Ponce Sanchez
Director District 5	Shayna Campbell*
<u>Concrete School District No. 11</u>	
Director District 1	Jessie Mattingly*
Director District 2	Michael Brondi*
Director District 5, At-Large	Laura Schmidt
<u>Conway School District No. 317</u>	
Director Position 1	Michelle Cowan*
Director Position 4	Kristin Hayton
Director Position 5	Nathan Wolfe
<u>Darrington School District No. 330</u>	
Director District 1	Jennie Requa
Director District 2	Marree Perrault
Director District 3	Maggie Weimer

<p><u>La Conner School District No. 311</u></p> <p>Director District 1 Alana Quintasket</p> <p>Director District 2 John Agen Janie Beasley</p> <p>Director District 4 Kim Pedroza</p> <p><u>Mount Vernon School District No. 320</u></p> <p>Director District 1 Dave Cherrick Laura Flores Cailloux*</p> <p>Director District 2 Marissa Guerrero*</p> <p>Director District 3 Griffin Uchida*</p> <p><u>Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101</u></p> <p>Director District 2 Lindy Mullen Doyle* Christina Jepperson*</p> <p>Director District 3 Dani Baird Russell* Hannah Oliver*</p>
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<p>Hospital District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Hospital District 1</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 3 Monira Vakil*</p> <p>Commissioner Position 5 Gary Shand*</p> <p><u>Hospital District 2</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 1 Jan Iversen*</p> <p><u>Hospital District 304</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Ashley Gregorius* Debra Lancaster</p> <p>Commissioner Position 4 Jeri Kaufman</p>
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<p>Port District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Port of Anacortes</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 3 Shawn Ottenbreit</p> <p>Commissioner Position 4 Bonnie W. Bowers Corey Joyce*</p> <p><u>Port of Skagit</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Steven Omdal*</p>
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<p>Fire Protection District Commissioners</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 1</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Terry Arndt</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 2</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Roland Benoit</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 3</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Roger Heim Steve Skrinde*</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 4</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 3 Brian Crabtree</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 5</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Tom Perry</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 6</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Richard D. Whalen*</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 7</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Mark L. Henry* Dwight Small</p> <p><u>Fire Protection District No. 8</u></p> <p>Commissioner Position 2 Jonathan LaCount</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Fire Protection Districts continued next page</p>

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Commissioner Position 2
 D. Bruce Thomson*
 Christopher "Kiffer" Anderson*

Fire Protection District No. 11

Commissioner Position 2
 Pat Cummings

Fire Protection District No. 12

Commissioner Position 2
 Douglas Peterson
 Tatiana Hoare

Fire Protection District No. 13

Commissioner Position 2
 John Doyle
 Commissioner Position 3
 Jeremy JJ Wilbur

Fire Protection District No. 14

Commissioner Position 2
 Rosemary Ryan
 Commissioner Position 3
 Kimberly KS Blumenhagen

Fire Protection District No. 15

Commissioner Position 2
 Tom Grillot

Fire Protection District No. 17

Commissioner Position 2
 David M. Wertheimer*

Fire Protection District No. 19

Commissioner Position 2
 Vanessa Throssel*

Fire Protection District No. 24

Commissioner Position 3
 Joseph McConnaughy*

Cemetery District CommissionersCemetery District 2

Commissioner Position 3
 Walter Deaton

Cemetery District 4

Commissioner Position 1
 Carl J Hendricks
 Commissioner Position 2
 Hobart Hansen
 Commissioner Position 3
 Scott Terrell

Cemetery District 5

Commissioner Position 3
 Mickey Zitkovich

Cemetery District 6

Commissioner Position 3
 Bill DeMott

Fidaglo Pool & Fitness Center District CommissionersCommissioner Position 1

Jeremy McNett

Commissioner Position 2

David Way

Commissioner Position 4

Kenneth L Hansen

Sewer District CommissionersSewer District 1

Commissioner Position 1
 Loren L Bogart

Sewer District 2

Commissioner Position 2
 Colby Grobschmit

Water District 1Commissioner Position 2

Steve Stout



Ryan Walters

(Nonpartisan Office)

360-610-7770

campaign@ryanwalters.com

www.ryanwalters.com

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Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council (2012-present); Mayor Pro Tem (2016-2017)

Other Professional Experience

Municipal legal consultant (2022-present); Samish Planning and Community Development Director (2018-2022); Skagit County Planning Department Assistant Director (2016-2018); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (2007-2016); member of the Washington State Bar and the American Institute of Certified Planners; AWC Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (2020); AWC Housing Solutions Working Group (2022)

Education

University of California, Davis, School of Law; University of Rochester, New York; Anacortes High School Class of 1998

Community Service

Anacortes Senior Activity Center Foundation Board Member; Anacortes Youth Center Working Group; Northwest Career & Technical Academy General Advisory Council; Skagit Land Trust

Statement

Ryan's vision is for Anacortes to be not just a small town, but a strong town—a vibrant, inclusive waterfront community that supports its small businesses, celebrates the arts, provides housing affordable for the people who work here, and protects our environment.

A fifth-generation resident of Anacortes, Ryan has leveraged his 16 years' experience as a prosecutor, government attorney, and land use professional to find innovative and common-sense solutions to our problems.

Ryan firmly believes new development should enhance Anacortes, not detract from it. He's worked hard to evolve our zoning code toward housing affordability, walkability, and livability while avoiding excess height and incompatible commercial uses in established neighborhoods. He's delivered new rules improving city governance and financial planning, protecting our parks and forestlands, facilitating new childcare facilities, and supporting our downtown.

Ryan modernized our criminal code with new provisions to strengthen our tools against illegal drugs, designed the public safety ballot measure that fully funds our police and fire departments, and updated the City's discount program for city utility bills to better help low-income families and seniors.

Vote to re-elect Ryan Walters for leadership and vision to keep Anacortes moving forward while preserving our community, values, and strengths.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted and are not edited for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office.



Christine Cleland-McGrath

(Nonpartisan Office)

360-708-0267

Christinecitycouncil@gmail.com

ChristineForCouncil.org

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Elected Experience

Anacortes City Council Ward 2, (2019)

Other Professional Experience

I was raised in my family's business, Similk Golf Course (est. 1930), where I learned hard work, financial management, leadership, and problem solving. Since 2014, I have worked as a Realtor at Windermere, in both commercial and residential properties.

Education

Anacortes High School, 2003; B.A. Art History, Whitman College, 2007

Community Service

Anacortes Family Center Board (2020-present), Anacortes Planning Commissioner (2015-2019), Anacortes Rotary, Anacortes Arts Festival Board, Former President (2013-2022), Port of Anacortes Event Center Advisory Committee, Fidalgo Dance Works Gala Celebrity Dance Winner (2017 & 2020), Fidalgo Elementary Volunteer (2007-2013). Supporter Island Health & Senior Center.

Statement

Quality of Life - As a fourth-generation Anacortes resident with two small children, I have been fortunate to live in this dynamic and supportive community. Our forests, beaches, schools, library, and community spaces are where we connect with our neighbors. Providing multi-modal opportunities, preserving the integrity of our natural resources, and community engagement are among my highest priorities.

Thoughtful Growth - Serving on the Council Planning Committee has reinforced the importance of citizen involvement and longterm planning. The Development Regulations have proven to spur infill, but it continues to need refinement to preserve our small-town charm. Budgeting for infrastructure, public safety, and environmental changes are crucial for the health of Anacortes. We must use best available science to minimize our environmental impact.

Partnerships - Our city, port, and county must collaborate to foster sustainable industry, livable communities, and our unique character. Having worked in real estate, I am acutely aware of our housing challenges. We must increase the available options to accommodate our workforce, families, neighbors needing government assistance, and citizens experiencing homelessness. Through continued partnering with government agencies, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals, we will develop and implement a plan.

I look forward to the privilege of continuing to serve.



TJ Fantini

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Elected Experience
 None

Other Professional Experience
 Currently a Relationship Manager at Peoples Bank, Anacortes. Previously, a Property Inspector at Safeguard Properties and a Cost Engineer at Aware Products.

Education
 Anacortes High School (Class President, 1998), Anacortes Middle School, and Fidalgo Elementary School.

Community Service
 Current roles - President of Anacortes Community Theatre, Board Member of Anacortes Senior Center Foundation, Class ACT Teacher, and AKtion Theater Volunteer.

Statement
 An Anacortes local, TJ is a community builder running for City Council. Rooted in the belief in neighborhood planning and collaborative solutions, his commitment is exhibited through his extensive community service. Under his presidency, Anacortes Community Theatre successfully weathered the COVID-19 storm, highlighting his leadership, resilience, and adaptability.

TJ will advocate for revitalizing Anacortes's infrastructure, prioritizing older neighborhoods that have served as the backbone for newer developments. He plans to improve pavements and sidewalks, eliminate patchwork zones, and finish incomplete areas. He is dedicated to preserving our parks and marinas and supports privately funded arts and cultural projects to enrich our community. He will pursue these improvements within the existing budget without burdening residents with new taxes.

TJ's approachability and strong listening skills make him the ideal representative for Ward Three. He values engagement and open dialogue and will bring your voice to the council. His commitment to Anacortes is deeply personal. "I want my children to grow up in a vibrant, safe, and prosperous Anacortes - the town that shaped me. This is more than a political goal. It's a promise to my family and neighbors." Vote for TJ Fantini and contribute to the Anacortes we all love.

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Elected Experience
 I am a first-time candidate for city council, having served as a member and president of the Riverview School District Board of Directors.

Other Professional Experience
 I currently serve as an Anacortes Planning Commissioner. My career in education includes serving as teacher, principal, and superintendent in Monroe, Lopez Island and Thorp. I was chosen as the Washington Robert Handy most effective administrator.

Education
 Doctoral degree; educational leadership, Seattle Pacific University. Educational Leadership Certificate, University of Washington.

Community Service
 HOA treasurer, church children's director and teacher, President South Central Educational Service District superintendents' component, Washington State curriculum advisory committee, Lopez Island Historical Society, Lopez Island Prevention Coalition.

Statement
 Maintaining public safety, ensuring responsible growth that includes more affordable housing, and continuing to support our vibrant arts community are some of my priorities. Anacortes is the jewel of the Pacific Northwest, and it is my forever home. I want to make sure our city maintains its pristine beaches and forest lands, while providing opportunities for small businesses to thrive and grow. This means, among other things, that we finish the Guemes Channel trail, that we implement a plan for developing the south Commercial Street corridor, and that we find ways to support our first responders and law enforcement.

As the daughter of immigrants, I witnessed my parents working tirelessly to succeed and support a large family. Their influence cemented my deeply held belief in giving back to my community wherever I can. I am a hard worker, a strong collaborator, and a person you can trust to make the difficult decisions. I will stand up for you, fight for our American values, and defend the freedoms that we all value. Let's work together for our beautiful city! Thank you for your vote.



Steve Sexton

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Elected Experience

Burlington Mayor 2012-current; Burlington City Council Member 2010-2011; Burlington Planning Commission 2005-2009; Skagit Transit Board member 2012-current; Skagit Council of Governments Board member 2012-current; Skagit Transportation Policy Board member 2012-current; Skagit 911 Board member: 2012-current; Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County Board Member 2023

Other Professional Experience

Owner/Mortgage Banker 1800valoans.com; Mortgage Banker HomeStreet Mortgage; Insurance Agent Country Financial; Managing Broker Century 21 Real Estate; General Manager in the restaurant industry

Education

Associate of Arts...Skagit Valley College; B.A. Political Science...Western Washington University; Master of Business Administration...Western Governors University

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Below are some of my accomplishments over the last 4 years. I took early and aggressive action navigating the COVID pandemic. We ended 2020 with \$1.2 million more in the bank than we started the year with, despite losing roughly \$1 million in revenues. *Over my opponent's objections*, I established the Skagit First Step Center in partnership with Skagit County and the other cities. The SFSC is averaging nearly 15,000 bed nights and 500 law enforcement drop offs annually, without spending Burlington General Fund dollars. I helped establish the North Star Project, partnering with the cities and county to achieve better results with homeless, mental health, and substance abuse problems in our communities. *Over my opponent's objections* we constructed the Jack and Helen Doyle Dog Park. My plans for the next 4 years include expansion of the SFSC to offer much needed services, including transitional housing. I plan to establish a Community paramedic program. We have planned park projects: Inclusive playground at Rotary park, Maiben Park improvements, and planning improvements to Boerner Park.

I could not have accomplished these without my Leadership Team. They deserve our thanks. Thank you Voters for your continued support. Please visit sexton4mayor.com for more details.



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Elected Experience

Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees 2005-2014, Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees Chairman 2011-2014, Burlington City Council 2014-present

Other Professional Experience

Banking – Bookkeeping – Teller – Computer Support, Commercial fishing, Fisheries Observer, Water and Wastewater treatment

Education

Burlington-Edison High School Graduate, Skagit Valley College AA, Western Washington University BS Environmental Studies

Community Service

Bayview Elementary School, Burlington-Edison Youth Soccer Club, Burlington Public Library

Statement

Burlington has been my family's home for four generations. My wife of 25 years, Jana, and I are raising our three kids here.

Over the last two terms on City Council, I have demonstrated consistent leadership in maintaining and enhancing city services while advocating for stewardship over public funds.

We have all been feeling inflation and high taxes. As Mayor I will work to lower taxes by designing budgets that reflect equality to the citizens and businesses of Burlington. I plan to hire all budgeted police officer positions that have gone unfilled over the last four years. This capacity will help to address our growing public safety concerns and reduce ballooning overtime. Thus, saving the taxpayers money. Additionally, I support ongoing efforts to formulate creative solutions that incentivize builders, developers, and businesses to grow our local economy. It is exciting to think about a growing, thriving, and prosperous Burlington!

My leadership, experience, and passion for our diverse community make me the right person at the right time. With your continued support and vote, it would be my honor to work for you, the residents of Burlington, as your new Mayor.

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Scott K. Green

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Elected Experience

Burlington City Council, Ward 1: 2019-Present. Audit and Finance Committee Chair. Public Works Committee. Public Safety Committee Chair.

Other Professional Experience

Master Automotive Mechanic. Senior Research and Development Technician, Team Lead, at Shell Global Solutions US, (Retired.) Manager, Research and Development, JLI, Inc.

Education

Burlington-Edison High School Graduate, Det Norsk Veritas Quality Systems graduate with an ISO 9001:2000 Quality Systems Auditor Certificate, ASE Certified Master Automotive Technician with an L-1 Advanced Diagnostic Certificate. The Woodlands College Lubricant and Fuels Technology Graduate. Technical Laboratory Safety Program Certified.

Community Service

YMCA Youth Basketball Coaching, Little League Coaching, Graffiti Removal.

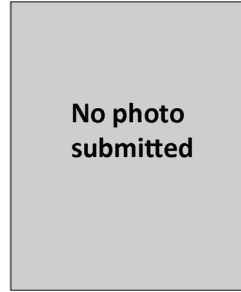
Statement

I have been honored to serve the community as Councilmember these last 4 years. It's exciting to have been part of numerous initiatives and projects that directly benefited the citizens of Burlington. Given the strain put on us all by the Pandemic, we were still able to upgrade our Firehouse, address our Sewer System, add additional Police and EMT Firefighters and Emergency Vehicles, install High-Speed internet Fiber, improve irrigation for our sports fields, acquire better life-saving electronic equipment, and the establishment of the First Step Center for the Homeless.

My philosophy is simple: Take care of the Infrastructure. Our Public Venues, Our Streets, Our Parks, and Our Vital Public Services, all are extremely important to a thriving and safe community.

I believe in putting in the hard work early to stay ahead of the game. To look ahead, and to plan for the future. I support those causes that further all of us, not just a select few. All of the citizens of Burlington should feel comfortable and secure with the knowledge that help is there if they need it. You deserve nothing but the best.

Thank you for trusting me with your vote,
Scott K. Green



Anthony Perales

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

No Information Submitted



Joseph A. Lewis

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Elected Experience

No previous elected position held.

Other Professional Experience

US Navy Veteran 1st Class Petty Officer. Served 8yrs. Honorably Discharged. Currently a Machinist at Holly Frontier Sinclair Puget Sound Refinery.

Education

Anacortes High School Graduating Class 2002. WA State Firefighter 1 Certificate. Naval Engineering School Graduate. Naval Leadership School Graduate.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I believe in strong community. Communities thrive when the family is the center, basic needs are met, and every day we leave it a little better than we found it for future generations. As a member of the council it would be my highest duty to ensure the safety of Burlington's families and their property by making sure our police and fire departments are fully funded, staffed, and trained. I believe in being a steward of your tax dollars with complete transparency and accountability, making sound financial decisions now and for the future. It is imperative that we operate within a budget and continue to create an atmosphere in Burlington that allows small and large business to expand. If we can accomplish these few things Burlington, as a community, can continue to flourish and its citizens prosper.



Elizabeth Turman-Bryant

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Elected Experience

none

Other Professional Experience

Worked for eight years with Tierra Nueva, a local nonprofit, as a community organizer, jail chaplain, and pastoral advocate for women coming out of homelessness and addiction.

Education

Samford University- BA, Regent College - MA, Leadership Skagit- Class of 2023

Community Service

Burlington Parks and Recreation Board since 2020 working towards revitalized Maiben Park. Volunteer with neighbors to plan neighborhood events to build community. Organizing with neighbors for better bike lanes. Volunteer with New Earth Recovery in providing Genesis Counseling for women in recovery. Fundraised and advocated for the mural on Anacortes St which was the catalyst to create the new Burlington Arts Council.

Statement

Burlington is a very special place to live. It is unique in that it has many convenient amenities but still has a small town flavor. The challenge is how to preserve Burlington's rich historical heritage and still adapt to our changing world with all its complexities. I am up for that challenge-honoring the past and working towards the future.

As your city councilor, I would work towards revitalizing our historic downtown, bringing in more small businesses and creating a beautiful public space that attracts tourists and neighbors alike. Let's make Burlington a HUB city for North Cascades tourists!

I very much support the newly created Burlington Arts Council which will provide a fresh vision for public art and beauty.

I will work towards flourishing and beautiful parks for our growing population and making Burlington a safer place for pedestrians and bicyclists.

I value collaboration and making space for all voices in our community. I believe that we can make headway with the complex challenges facing our world when we listen with respect to each other and work together towards shared values towards the flourishing of the Burlington that we love.

Thanks for your consideration, please contact me with any questions!



Timothy Morrison

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Elected Experience

I have 10 years experience over the last three terms as an incumbent Hamilton Council member. I support the voices of citizens of Hamilton, our locals businesses, housing, community food bank and our town volunteer fire department.. I am thankful for your continued support.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

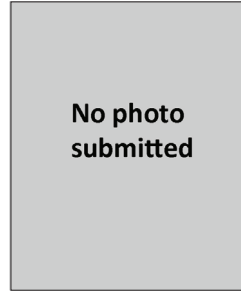
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Statement

I am a God Loving Married family man. I was appointed to the council and Re-elected working with many mayors and council members over the last three terms .. I am the most experienced candidate. Thank you for your continued support.

Re- Elect Timothy Morrison

Hamilton council position #1



Jay Lindstrom

(Nonpartisan Office)

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

No Information Submitted



Marna Hanneman

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

La Conner Planning Commission Member (2014-Present & Chair (2022)

Other Professional Experience

International Yoga Alliance-Certified Senior Yoga Instructor: Local Community (e.g., Bellevue College, Crescent Moon, etc.) Corporate and Private Instruction (2004 – Present); Senior Property Management Executive, Founding Corporate Officer, Institute Official, Advisor & Consultant for multiple Property Management corporations and associations nationwide (1978-2010); Owner & General Manager, Seattle's oldest printing business, Trade Printery (1987- 2004)

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration, minor in Marketing, (University of Maryland)

Community Service

La Conner Communications Committee (2022-Present); La Conner Planning Commission (2014-Present); Classic Car Show Volunteer (2010-Present); La Conner First-on-First Leadership (2020-2021); Yoga Instructor at Harbor Villas (2015-2018)

Statement

My dad was a military man, so I moved around a lot. I never had roots. That changed when I moved to La Conner almost 20 years ago (the longest place I've ever called home). I never knew I could grow to love a town and its people as much as I do! I LOVE La Conner and I suspect all of us who reside here feel the same. While many families have been here multiple generations, and others not as long, we all call this beautiful place our home.

I believe that each of us is as unique as the community we live in. We all use shared infrastructure and common services. These are the basic foundations any community thrives on: How do we continue to provide critical services to our citizens? How do we encourage "attainable" housing for new families? How do we ensure safety for all? The answer is TOGETHER, through communication and collaboration. That alone is not enough - we need a united long-term vision, followed by meaningful actions that result in "Thoughtful Progress". I seek your vote and support so that, together, we continue to bring our town forward towards our collective vision.

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**Annie Taylor**

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to La Conner Council Position 1 in October 2021.

Other Professional Experience

La Conner's Parks Committee from 2017 - 2021. Crescent Moon Yoga in La Conner from 2012, becoming the owner in May 2015. Employed at Nell Thorn Restaurant in La Conner since July 2015.

Education

Associate Arts - Art Institute of Seattle. Diploma - Renton Voc Tech. Diploma - Roosevelt High School in Seattle

Community Service

Volunteer at La Conner Chamber of Commerce 2013-2021. Volunteer at Museum of Northwest Arts special events. Volunteer for LC Rotary club. Volunteer for Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program in Seattle.

Statement

I will continue to work to be sure I am making intelligent decisions regarding the best possible approach to move our town forward in a fiscally responsible and appropriate manner. Communicating with citizens, department heads and other involved governmental agencies will continue to be an important part of my council responsibilities.

My current and previous work experience is varied, but the underlining tie to my work history is customer service, listening to customers and matching their needs to what I can offer. I will continue to listen to the Town of La Conner constituents as we move forward in growth and protect our community in emergency situations while keeping the small-town feeling that everyone who lives here or visits loves.



Mary Wohleb

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

This will be my third term as a Council Member for the Town of La Conner.

Other Professional Experience

I have 23 years with King County Government working in community relations and managing water quality, stormwater and flood control projects.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Audiology from the University of Washington. Certified Project Management Professional

Community Service

Volunteer, Washington Trails Association; Volunteer, Skagit Clean Energy Cooperative board member whose mission is to bring more clean renewable energy to Skagit Valley.

Statement

As a council member, I am a thoughtful but decisive decision maker. I am able to navigate through complex issues and weigh the impacts to the La Conner community. I have been a resident of La Conner since 1995 and have seen many changes, yet the heart and soul of the Town remains the same. It is our community that propagates our Town spirit. Although a vibrant tourist industry feeds our economy, visitors pick up the vibe of La Conner.

In the next several years we will face many complicated issues that will take critical thinking, community involvement and strong leadership. How to address the affordable housing needs for the middle class. This is a challenging issue that will take creative solutions and a commitment by leaders and citizens to develop and implement a strategy that addresses that need.

Another big issue is flooding. Last winter downtown La Conner businesses and homes flooded. During what was defined as a perfect storm of king tides and low barometric pressure. With sea level rise as a result of climate change this will be the new norm. We have to act to implement both short term and permanent solutions to protect our Town.



Peter Donovan

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

First-time candidate

Other Professional Experience

Peter continues to work closely with Mount Vernon Councilmembers, staff, and the Mayor as he has for the past seven years on community projects. Peter ensures that open and honest communication with residents is prioritized while strengthening organizational relationships. Served over a decade in nonprofit management in director-level capacities. Private sector experience as a property owner, property manager, landlord, and financial director.

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA); Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Public Relations

Community Service

Mount Vernon Chamber Board, Leadership Skagit, MVPD Citizens Academy, Friendship House, Love INC of Skagit County, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Sports Coach, Booster Club President

Statement

A resident of Skagit County for 45 years, Peter and his wife Janna feel fortunate to be raising their family in Mount Vernon for the past two decades.

Peter has earned the trust and confidence of the public in his capacity within the Mayor's Office. He actively engages with local leaders, business owners, and residents to resolve issues. He believes that strong communication with the community is paramount to maintaining the integrity of local government; and he commits to ongoing accountability with residents that will foster trust through transparency.

Peter's strong alliance with Mount Vernon council members will be crucial in making pivotal decisions for the future growth of the city, and Peter is grateful for the endorsement of several city council members and county commissioners.

A strong leader, known for his collaborative style and for building coalitions to address critical projects, Peter looks forward to contributing to solutions around homelessness, housing affordability, parks enhancement, and public safety in Mount Vernon.

"As a community, we will not move forward unless we move *together*. I am dedicated to reflecting your voice in every decision that is made, as we move collectively toward a hopeful and inspired vision for Mount Vernon."

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Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Navor has owned his own upholstery repair business since 2018, and before that owned an insurance agency for three years.

Education

University of Virginia

Community Service

Navor is looked to as a community leader having served on the Boards of Rotary, Skagit Hospice, his church's trustees board, and Mount Vernon Football Boosters. With EDASC he served on the Board for the Latino Business Development and Retention Program, as well as the Washington State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Washington Latino Business Association.

Statement

Navor and his wife have lived in Mount Vernon for over 25 years and have raised their four children here. This is our home and as I look to the opportunity to serve the city of Mount Vernon on the city council these are my top priorities: We need leadership on the Council that continues to provide crucial support for law enforcement. We need to create networks of behavioral health resources by partnering with other jurisdictions and local non profits to offer assistance that balances compassion with accountability. Disregard of private property cannot be tolerated. We need to have a forward thinking plan for growth in housing that increases inventory. This is the only way to make housing in Mount Vernon more affordable, both to rent and own. We need creative approaches that include multi family dwellings, planned communities, as well as low income housing. We need to continue developing a plan for attracting business to our city that will bring increased employment opportunities and revenue for city provided services.



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Elected Experience

Precinct Committee Officer - 304

Other Professional Experience

Community Health Worker (C2C) Promotora; Jury Duty, Skagit County

Education

Mount Vernon High School Diploma

Community Service

Washington Immigrant Relief Fund (WIRF); Agricultural Labor Survey, University of Washington; Rental Assistance Program Outreach - Community Action

Statement

I'm a Latina born and raised in the City of Mt Vernon in a hardworking family that believes in serving the community. I have held minimum wage jobs and know what it is like to live on a low income. I have worked and collaborated with community organizations and local City and County agencies to provide needed services to low-income families. This has shaped me into the person I am, hardworking, passionate and driven to provide equitable access to services and opportunities to families. I am running for city council as I believe my experiences as a born and raised Washingtonian, daughter of farmworkers, and a woman of color have prepared me to bring equitable representation within the City Council. My key policy areas: Safe & Affordable housing, healthy and safe neighborhoods, gang prevention for youth, and increase the k-12 education funding for culturally appropriate activities. I'm committed to move these issues forward through better management of city budgeting and creating a vision of incorporating community voices from all underrepresented communities and the highest demographic population in the City, Latinxs. As a council member, I will continue to advocate with integrity and transparency to build collaborations and protect our community.



Andrew Vander Stoep

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Elected Experience

First time candidate.

Other Professional Experience

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 191
Political Director. Union journeyman electrician.

Education

I have my AA from Skagit Valley College, Leadership Skagit fellow of 2023, graduate of a 5 year registered apprenticeship program, and am currently enrolled as a student at the University of Washington Bothell studying Law, Economics and Public Policy.

Community Service

I currently volunteer with Skagit Habitat for Humanity, Friendship House, Welcome Home Skagit, and am a current Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner.

Statement

My family owes a lot to our community. Skagit Valley has been our home since my great-grandparents moved here in the 1920s. It gave my parents careers as teachers, and gave me the opportunity to become a journeyman electrician. It has given me the opportunity to learn from volunteers at Friendship House and Habitat for Humanity, who give selflessly to make Mount Vernon a great place to call home. I'm running for office to give back to this community that gives so much. Our community's diversity is our strength. Our neighbors are farmers and tradespeople, tech workers and health care providers. We need policies that work for all of us. If elected, I will advocate for increased education pathways and housing options, so everyone in our community has a chance to have a fulfilling career and an affordable place to live. As a member of the Mt. Vernon Planning Commission and as a labor advocate for my union, I have experience working with leaders in our community and across the state to deliver meaningful results. I believe in our community, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next few months, and I humbly ask for your vote.



Mark Hulst

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Elected Experience

Elected and serving on Mount Vernon City Council since 2012, Mark was appointed by his peers to lead as Mayor Pro Tem, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Council Representative to Skagit Transit, the Traffic Safety Committee, and the Law Enforcement Officers' & Firefighters' Retirement Board. Mark served as Chair of the Finance Committee and Parks & Recreation/Library Committee.

Other Professional Experience

Mark has operated a local family business since 2009.

Education

Washington State University; Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Community Service

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Executive Board, Mount Vernon Planning Commission, Rotary International, school & community volunteer.

Statement

It has been an honor to serve for the past 12 years on City Council. From the beginning, I have made Public Safety a top priority and worked collaboratively to ensure that there is adequate funding for our Police and Fire Departments. I remain a strong proponent for better roads and safe routes to school for our children.

I have worked with a variety of organizations to ensure access to services and adequate funding for the most vulnerable in our community. I have worked to find efficient and innovative ways to fund essential services, while striving to minimize tax burdens for our residents, and maintain City reserves.

I will continue to work towards creating a prosperous business environment that protects our working families from excessive taxation.

I will listen to your concerns and address the issues that affect all of the residents who make up our diverse community. My greatest reward comes when a concerned resident contacts me, providing me with an opportunity to work collaboratively to bring resolutions to issues.

I want to continue to put this problem-solving skillset to work for you; and I am asking for your vote so that we can collectively make our city stronger.

City of Sedro-Woolley

Proposition No. 1

Fire and Emergency Services Levy Lid Lift

The City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley adopted Resolution No. 1121-23 concerning a levy lid lift to fund fire and emergency services. This proposition would fund fire and emergency services, including additional firefighter/EMTs to improve response times. This proposition would increase the City's regular property tax by \$0.8165/\$1,000 assessed valuation; not exceeding a total rate of \$2.6173/\$1,000 for collection in 2024. The 2024 levy amount, less expiring levies, will be the permanent basis to calculate subsequent levies, per RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by City of Sedro-Woolley

RCW 84.55.050(1) allows cities to increase property taxes above the 1% limit, if the increase is voted on and approved by a majority of voters in an election. This ballot proposition asks the voters in Sedro-Woolley to approve a one-time permanent levy increase in order to support the continued provision of fire and emergency medical services, including the hiring of 8 additional firefighter/EMTs or paramedics. Call volume has increased 44% since 2018, resulting in approximately 1100 additional calls for service per year. The additional 1100 calls per year result in overlapping calls for service. During January through June 30th of 2023, 37% of Sedro-Woolley's incidents have had a second 911 emergency happen prior to crews being able to complete their first assigned incident. Additional positions will help reduce call times and improve level of service. The City's general fund does not provide adequate funding for additional personnel. If approved by a majority of voters, a new maximum regular tax levy amount of \$2.6173 per \$1000 assessed value would be established. The average impact to a taxpayer that owns a \$400,000 home is calculated to be approximately \$326.58 per year, or \$27.22 per month.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

The Sedro-Woolley Fire Department is facing a critical challenge with an increasing population and decreasing membership to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens.

Relying on a fire department that is primarily staffed with volunteer firefighters is no longer sustainable to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community. While volunteer firefighters play a crucial role in providing emergency services, volunteerism as a whole is declining. This has left the fire department at times with no scheduled staff at fire station 2. With year-over-year call volume increasing to 3,635 emergency calls in 2022 and daily staffing being minimal, it puts higher demand on our already limited staff. The investment in this levy would allow our fire department to provide cost-effective fire and EMS services by employing 8 full-time professional firefighter/EMTs to work alongside our very own local volunteers.

Career firefighters will provide consistent daily coverage at both station 1 and station 2, which is vital for responding to emergencies. This comprehensive approach aims to improve emergency response capabilities, reduce response times, and enhance the overall level of services provided by the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department, all while building longevity within our city. Additionally, these funds would go towards providing essential medical training and supplying necessary lifesaving equipment for these 8 full-time firefighters.

Supporting this levy would ensure Sedro-Woolley's citizens' safety and well-being for years to come. Keep our citizens and first responders safe. Vote Yes!

Rebuttal of Argument Against

The police department passed a similar levy in 2020, this 2024 levy is separate to address the needs of the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department both now and for years to come. A vote 'yes' for this proposition will add 8 full-time firefighter/EMT's, that will ensure consistent staffing alongside volunteers, preventing unmanned stations and units. This unanimous Council-approved measure, endorsed by city legislators, administration, and membership, is aligned with the mission to protect both lives and property.

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Committee Members:
Jacob Braaten, Jacob Kelly

Argument Against

Voters ...this new tax request of 2023 follows a similar tax approved in 2020 for police operations that raised from taxpayers \$3.5 million by December 2023 (projection from Skagit County Assessor). Our city operating budget for the entire 2023 year did include continuous fire and operational funding. The city administration request for another New tax is both poorly supported nor does common sense support this tax as being needed. A taxpayer vote of No is strongly suggested.

How is your trust factor voters and taxpayers ??

Again, continuous fire department coverage is assured for 2023 as per this year's budget included that expense.

Thank you.

Rebuttal of Argument For

There is a mutual assistance with neighboring towns to respond to fires should it be needed. All benefit in lessening need for additional tax. City revenue is also increasing due to rising property values/taxes helping keep fire department needs met. We have excellent volunteer and professional firefighters. Fire and police departments funding is included under the annual city operating budget insuring adequate coverage, without a levy increase.

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Elected Experience

Three years Sedro-Woolley City Council; 2-term Mayor Pro Tem.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

I am a proud Sedro-Woolley High School graduate and graduate of Bellingham Beauty School as a Clinical Aesthetician. I give the same dedication and care to my constituents as I did to my patients.

Community Service

President and Executive Director of the Sedro-Woolley Museum, Vice President of The Sedro-Woolley Chamber, and a Sedro-Woolley Rotarian. Organized necessities for homeless Veterans, volunteered with the Open Door Community Kitchen, served as president of my children's school Booster Club and youth cheer coach.

Statement

We are at a fork in the road, and I truly believe that this election will define our path forward. As 2-term Mayor Pro Tem, I have seen our Council's roles minimized, high turnover amongst city employees, and needless government spending.

When the Salary Commission looked into raises for the Mayor and City Council, I opposed the move because I believed it was unnecessary and an extra burden for taxpayers. As a member of the Finance Committee, I know that 2024 will be a tough fiscal year for Sedro-Woolley and I believe in lending a hand up, not just handouts. We need a leader who will make necessary budget cuts, be fact-driven, control wasteful spending, foster our Council's good ideas, and bring back our hometown hospitality.

Join me on the path of common-sense government and I will continue to put the great people of Sedro-Woolley first! I have done what I can on the City Council and now will lead us forward as your Mayor. I ask for your support in electing me to do this critical work for our city. Visit my website to learn about my vision and what I plan to do as Mayor. www.KestiForWoolley.com



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Elected Experience

Elected to the Sedro-Woolley City Council, 2016; Appointed Mayor, 2018; Elected Mayor of Sedro-Woolley, 2020

Other Professional Experience

Skagit Transit, North Star Leadership and Skagit Council of Governments Boards, AWC Legislative Priorities Committee, Professionally trained counselor specializing in bereavement; worked at Hospice of the NW, Owned business geared toward design and fabrication.

Education

Masters Counseling Psychology (MA), Bachelor Social Science, Graduate of Leadership Skagit, 2017.

Community Service

Board member of United General Auxiliary and Skagit Community Action, Member of Sedro-Woolley Rotary, Soroptimist, Volunteering at Walnut Tree and International Missions: Rosa Azul and Corner of Love, member of developing committee: The Landing: A Healing Place for Kids.

Statement

Julia has deep roots in Sedro-Woolley and with her husband, Eric, raised their children here. She believes economic development and innovative opportunities are critical for future generations, yet feels strongly about preserving our historic character, stating, "Downtown holds our history and tells our story".

Julia demonstrates conscientious leadership, integrating administrative and technological operations which increased efficiency and saved taxpayers' dollars. She promotes responsible growth and supports new infrastructure such as the new Library, expansion of public safety programs in both Police and Fire/EMS departments, while adding much needed staff and services. In addition, State-of-the-art Public Works and Sewer Treatment Plant buildings were designed, funded and completed along with Memorial Park, and soon, Olmsted Park (2024).

Julia shared it is a privilege to work with the city directors, city staff, state legislators, and community partners, who foster business, recreation, and education. She's described as 'intelligent, dependable, respectful & inclusive', earning the trust and confidence of the community, colleagues, and state legislatures. Julia actively listens to every side of the issues, promotes communication, and makes informed decisions based on facts. She is honored to serve the citizens of Sedro-Woolley and continues to represent them on a local, county, and state level.



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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



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Elected Experience
Sedro-Woolley City Council 2011-2015 finished someone else's term in 2000. Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission 2003 -2011 Skagit County Parks Board 2002 – present. Current Chair

Other Professional Experience
Family business, small business owner Honolulu, Hawaii. Construction management, self-employed Insurance Broker

Education
Mount Vernon Schools, Wenatchee Valley College, Skagit Valley College Numerous professional training opportunities

Community Service
Little League, Skagit Umpires Association, Volunteered for several High School programs, started non-profit for teen activities

Statement
I have lived in the same house on Garden of Eden Road for the past thirty-four years. Looking at the experience I have listed, it is easy to see that I have taken my obligation as a citizen of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County seriously. I'm retired and acutely aware of the position many of our senior citizens are in that live on limited incomes. When a person has worked their whole life and find themselves being taxed out of their home and find it difficult at the grocery store its time our representatives start taking into account how todays decisions effect not only senior's but everyone. Long range transportation needs to be addressed now, not later. The traffic on Hwy. 20 and Cook Rd. is congested on our daily trips in and out of Sedro-Woolley. The way State, Federal and Local government works, it takes decades from inception to completion of important projects. The longer we wait to the longer it takes to accomplish needed transportation improvements. I'm a fiscal conservative who believes supporting police and fire are the number one priorities of the City. I'm asking you to vote for me in November as your council person.
Kevin Loy



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Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley Aerie #2069 Chairman, Board of Trustees (2019-Present)

Other Professional Experience

United States Marine Corps 2003-2014; Denali Plumbing Apprentice 2007-2012; Janicki Industries Operations Management 2012-2018; City of Burlington Public Works 2018-Present

Education

Mount Vernon High School 2002; Advanced Infantry Training Company, Infantry Squad Leader's Course 2006; Skagit Valley College 2008-2010

Community Service

I serve on the Board at the Local Sedro-Woolley Aerie 2069 where I help run the organization as well as cook meals. I use my building and construction experience to help elderly in our community with much needed home repairs. I volunteer alongside the newly chartered Rotaract of Skagit County with service projects.

Statement

My service history and continuing to serve as a public employee, prompted me to run for Council where I will serve and be a voice for the voters on issues that impact us all in our local community. I am no stranger to hard work, and have the courage to fight for YOU the voters when I am elected. Our Small town values are important to me, and I will fight to keep the integrity of Sedro-Woolley. We have many issues that need to be addressed in Ward 4, from traffic, ill-repaired roads, homelessness and crime. Each of these issues are of great concern to us all, and I have a plan to address each of these issues and more. I will speak to the members of Ward 4 to further learn the impacts of these issues. I will work with the Council and Mayor on how to ease the burden on the hard working families of our community. I encourage each of you to contact me directly, or speak to me in person about your concerns. I will always remember who I work for, the Citizens of Sedro-Woolley who elected me, and will always put the community first.



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Elected Experience

First Campaign

Other Professional Experience

I have led two homeless shelters in Concrete, helped bring medically assisted treatment and an embedded crisis responder to that community. serve on the advisory committee for the Northstar project, working with 30 different service providers, 4 mayors, 1 county commissioner. Serve the executive board for NorthWest Coast Presbytery overseeing 60+ faith communities and the board of Tall Timber Ranch in Leavenworth Wa, Regional Investments support committee with Northsound ACH

Education

GED; Whitworth Ministry Summit; NWCP Work study internship; Recovery Coach Academy; Genesis Counseling; The Peoples Seminary

Community Service

Northwest Coast Presbytery; Tall Timber Ranch; United Way; Concrete Resource Coalition

Statement

I hope to help usher in a season of collaboration. One where the city of Sedro Woolley works to partner with its citizens, the surrounding communities, and their governments to bring deep and meaningful change to all of our communities. Both of the Elementary schools in the ward 4 boundary have high poverty rates, which means there is a great number of families in our community that are never more than 1 or 2 paychecks away from being homeless.

There was a 70% increase in homelessness in Skagit county from 2022 - 2023 Those numbers are staggering and there is no simple fix. We all need to work together to bring resources and providers to our community to help those who are struggling and provide an avenue to be able to stay in the community they call home. As a service provider in Eastern Skagit county, I have experience working with other service providers and multiple different government agencies that serve communities with integrity and honesty and I look forward to bringing this experience to the Sedro Woolley city council. My campaign is endorsed by - Commissioner Lisa Janacki, Chief deputy criminal prosecutor Rosemary Kaholokula, Defense Attorney Jason Powers

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Elected Experience

Seeking first elective office.

Other Professional Experience

Recently retired after serving for nearly 18 years as director of University Communications at Western Washington University. For many years, I was a daily and weekly award-winning newspaper reporter and editor, including as news editor at the Anacortes American newspaper.

Education

Bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. For two years studied graduate-level journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While at WWU, completed FEMA trainings in crisis management and communications.

Community Service

Currently serve as a Sedro-Woolley Planning Commissioner.

Statement

For over 20 years, Sedro-Woolley has been my home. My wife Diane and I have raised five children in Sedro-Woolley and are proud grandparents of three great kids! Now that I am retired, I have more time to serve my community as a member of City Council, Ward 5. We are involved in the community. For 10 years I was a volunteer basketball coach with the Skagit County YMCA and SWISH basketball league. My wife worked for many years part-time with the Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club, teaching children arts and crafts. I have enjoyed serving on the Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission and have learned a lot about community planning. If elected, I will work hard for the residents of Ward 5 and all residents of our great city. I support: efficient government and the lowest possible taxes and fees; protection of green spaces; programs that enhance opportunities for children and youth; well-maintained streets and roads; fostering downtown and other small businesses, and local industry; and ensuring a safe, prosperous community. I pledge to support transparent, common-sense solutions that benefit our wonderful community. I'll listen to concerns and will be a strong advocate for the citizens of Ward 5.

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Elected Experience

President Junior Chamber of Commerce; Sedro Woolley Aerie #2069

Other Professional Experience

ASE certified Mechanic; Boggs Coast Welding; Industrial Resources Inc.; UA Local 26 Pipefitters

Education

Hudson High School; JCI training; NRA,NROI training; Continuous OSHA and Building trades training

Community Service

Volunteer and past President Junior Chamber of Commerce. Very successfully operated a fundraiser for over a decade with proceeds going to local and national charitable organizations. Food banks,schools, local police and EMS, American Cancer Society, Children's Hospitals etc. I serve on the board at Sedro-Woolley Aerie #2069 and Volunteer on other local office campaigns.

Statement

Voter representation is a vital part of Sedro Woolley. I look forward to the opportunity to be your voice on the issues and decisions needed to keep Sedro Woolley a safe and prosperous community. Crime, homelessness, schools and taxes are just a few of the issues that can negatively effect our community. I would like to be your voice on addressing these,and all the issues facing our small town. I plan on working with the people and families of ward 5,as well as the other members of Sedro Woolley city council to do what is best for you and Sedro Woolley.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to school board in February 2023

Other Professional Experience

Retired Naval officer, currently employed as a defense consultant.

Education

BA Political Science, University of Florida, May 2000; MA National Security and Strategic Studies, US Naval War College, March 2014.

Community Service

City of Anacortes Planning Commission, ASD Superintendent's Advisory Committee, ASD Highly Capable/Challenge Program Committee, ASD Budget Advisory Committee, AHS volunteer baseball coach, Anacortes Schools Foundation, Anacortes Arts Festival, Island View Elementary School PTA, Anacortes Rotary, Anacortes Salvation Army, Food To Go.

Statement

I am running to remain a member of the Anacortes School board to continue serving the community I call home, where my wife and I chose to set roots, and where we expect our child will receive an outstanding public education. The district recently weathered several challenges, but now stands in a place where it can confidently look up and forward, focused on the objectives set forth in the district's Strategic Plan. That will not happen without steady leadership and oversight. There will, undoubtedly, be challenges ahead, and to make the difficult decisions will require equal parts compassion and accountability. I am confident both my professional career as well as my experience serving throughout the community has prepared me to listen, evaluate, and help guide the way forward. My proven record of non-partisan, collaborative, and goal-oriented teamwork will effectively serve the ASD board, staff, faculty, and, most importantly, our students.



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Elected Experience

Snohomish County Charter Review Commission (2015);
 Mill Creek Planning Commission (2001- 2006)

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor - Saint Martin's University, CFO &
 General Counsel - Saint Martin's University (2016-2018),
 CEO, CFO, COO - Multiple Companies. Certified Public
 Accountant. Attorney.

Education

Doctor of Education - Marshall University, Masters in
 Education - WGU - Washington, LL.M. - University of
 London, JD - Northwestern California, MBA - Syracuse
 University, BBA - Notre Dame

Community Service

Past: Skyview PTSA Treasurer, Saint Martins Business
 School Advisory Board, University of South Florida Digital
 Marketing Advisory Board, Northshore YMCA Board.
 Current: Selective Service Local Board Member

Statement

"Great teachers have always understood that their real
 role is not to teach subjects, but to teach students" - Ken
 Robinson, Ph.D.

Our student body, educators, and parents shape the
 future of our community with their diversity and education.
 The role of a school board is to balance the individual
 needs of these three groups within the budget set by
 the state and local levies and to ensure that we have a
 strategic plan and resources to educate our students with
 that end in mind.

My background in higher education allowed me to see
 the challenges of students ill-prepared with basic skills at
 the next level. The impacts of COVID-19 on our students
 will be felt for a generation and require an individualized
 approach to education beyond what we were used to.
 Budget and demographic headwinds will require difficult
 decisions and balancing priorities that my educational
 and CPA background will help address.

As a product of public schools K-12, and with two
 daughters who are also public school students, I
 recognize the value of a safe, inclusive, rigorous public
 education system. I will collaborate with parents,
 educators, students, and the public to ensure Anacortes
 School District delivers on that promise.



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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Retired, Park Maintenance, City of Anacortes (2005-
 2020); Para Educator, Anacortes School District; Through
 the Garden Gate Preschool; Fidalgo Pool & Fitness
 Center; Letter Carrier, USPS.

Education

AA Degree from Skagit Valley College

Community Service

Swim Team Referee/Volunteer, Thunderbird Aquatic Club/
 High School Swim & Dive Team (2000 – Present); Board
 President, Seahawk Athletic Booster Association (SABA)
 (2015-2019); Volunteer, SABA (2006 – 2015); Classroom
 and Library Volunteer, Golden Acorn Award Recipient,
 Fidalgo Elementary PTA; Mayor Award of Merit Recipient
 2016; Leadership Skagit Class of 2017; Commendation
 Award Recipient, Washington State Secondary Athletic
 Administrators Association, 2019; Volunteer, Skagit Valley
 Humane Society, 2021-present

Statement

I am Skagit Valley born and raised and have had the
 privilege of living in Anacortes for the last 35 years. All
 three of my children attended Anacortes schools, from
 kindergarten through high school, and it has been a
 pleasure raising my family here. I believe in the strength
 of our schools, and I have been impressed with what the
 Board has dealt with and accomplished over the years. If
 elected I look forward to helping the Board continue to
 address numerous, important issues facing the District:
 making sure the District maintains financial solvency
 and fiscal responsibility; addressing input from, and
 transparency for, the public; and, the need to maintain
 and encourage equitable opportunities for all students
 regardless of their unique situation so that they reach
 their fullest potential. It would be an honor to contribute
 to this ongoing work. Involvement in our schools and
 community has been my priority for over three decades
 and my unique experience and skill set will help me be a
 champion for our students and schools.



Rich Wesen

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Elected Experience

Director for the Burlington-Edison School District for twelve years

Other Professional Experience

Partner in our family dairy farm.

Education

Graduate Burlington-Edison High School, 1973, Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics University of Washington, 1979

Community Service

Burlington-Edison Kiwanis for forty years (Club Secretary 20 years), B-E Citizens' Advisory Committee for three years, President of the Burlington-Edison Education Coalition for Kids (Back to School Fair Committee) for eighteen years, Edison Booster Club for ten years, Dual Language Committee, Burlington Healthy Community Coalition

Statement

I am a lifelong Burlington-Edison School District resident whose four children attended B-E Schools and went on to higher education. My grandmother taught in the B-E District as does my daughter. I am dedicated to serving on the school board and have rarely missed a meeting in the twelve years that I have served. I have been Board President for three years. I attend conferences, district events and special meetings beyond what is required to build on my knowledge of our district. This helps maintain an overall view of what is best for our students and make difficult decisions.

There have been significant budget challenges over the past years and I have watched our budget closely. I am proud that we have been able to maintain student programming including our Arts and Vocational programs. I have recently served on the West View Grade Level Structure Committee, and the B-E School District Equity Advisory Committee, and I look forward to continuing this work. We have also hired a new superintendent and I feel my experience will be important in the transition and I would be honored to continue my service for four more years



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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



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

8 years community banking. Currently employed with Skagit County Public Works as an Administrative professional.

Education

Western Washington University (2009) B.A. English Literature with an emphasis in Secondary Education

Community Service

Burlington Edison Little League Volunteer Team Manager, Skagit Gleaners - Member. Past-Skagit County All-Comers Track Meet volunteer

Statement

I am seeking election for the role of Burlington Edison School Board Director for District 5. I am excited to run for school board to bring a new voice to the board and the community and to advocate for the students of Burlington-Edison School District. I have a personal stake in B-ESD and its future as my two young children are enrolled in elementary school in the district. I homeschooled my children through the Covid-19 pandemic and know firsthand how important a fair and appropriate education is to our students and the continued support that is needed to provide them with tools for future success.

In my free time I enjoy watching my son play youth football and baseball, and cheering on our children racing mini sprints. My husband and I both grew up in Skagit Valley and it would be my pleasure to serve the Burlington community by being elected as Director for Burlington Edison School District.



Jessie Mattingly

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

I have been serving on the Concrete School Board since September of 2022 (through a vacancy application and appointment).

Education

Master of Arts in Teaching, English Education (expected graduation December, 2023); Bachelor of Science – Business and Financial Planning (2019); Juris Doctorate (2010); Bachelor of Arts – Law and Diversity (2007)

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Concrete School Board since being appointed in September, 2022. As someone who grew up in and currently lives in Birdsvew, I understand the complexities of small, rural school districts. I want to be an advocate for students, parents, teachers, and community members, to ensure our school district is striving to serve students to the best of its ability.

No photo
submitted

Michael Brondi

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

12 years as Skagit Fire Protection District 19 Commissioner, 8 years as School Board Director for Concrete School District.

Other Professional Experience

28 years' experience at North Cascades National Park as a Maintenance Worker including 9 years as Youth and Volunteer Program Coordinator. Substitute Teacher for 7 years.

Education

BS in Forestry, Rutgers University, Graduated in 1975

Community Service

35 years as volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with Skagit Fire Protection District 19. 7 years volunteering 2 days/week in the Concrete Farm to School program, frequent volunteer on field trips etc. for Concrete School District.

Statement

I arrived in Skagit County in 1975 and am fortunate enough to have lived in Rockport since 1979. It has been an honor to serve on the Concrete School Board for the past 8 years, despite some very turbulent and challenging times. As we move forward, I hope we can re-build more community involvement in our schools. Today's students will be adult community leaders surprisingly soon and we can all work together to support them, which is the very best long-term investment we can make for our community. Please learn more about the great kids and staff in the Concrete schools, and the exciting learning that happens there every day. Then think about how else you can join in to help our kids. It's fun! Thank you.

**Michelle Cowan**

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Conway School Board 2020 to present

Other Professional Experience

Clinical director, Skagit Family Health Clinic 2001 to present

Education

University of Washington Bachelors biochemistry. Bastyr University, doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine and certificate of Midwifery.

Community Service

Volunteer coach for middle school cross country and track and field (7 years), volunteer children's choir director (2 years), various service and volunteer positions with my local church

Statement

The importance of a quality public education is so important for our children and society. We are fortunate at Conway to have a strong school with excellent teachers, staff, and administrators. I serve on the school board to support and promote high quality education for all and to ensure a safe learning environment with common sense governance.

I live in Conway with my husband and children, and enjoy running, hiking, traveling, gardening and cooking.



Dave Cherrick

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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



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Elected Experience

Mount Vernon School Board Member - 2006-2011; 2019-Present

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner, Nonprofit Manager, Leadership Curriculum Manager including Leadership Skagit, College Instructor (Business, Community Leadership, Sociology and Ethnic Studies) and Skagit Valley College Administrator including Director of Business & Community Development and Dean of Workforce Programs.

Education

BA, Lewis & Clark College. Master's degree in business administration, Portland State University. Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Washington

Community Service

Currently serve on Friendship House and Skagit Family Y boards; Formerly served on Skagit Community Foundation, United Way, Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County Foundation boards.

Statement

If we want a thriving community, we must invest in our children's future with high quality education. I have dedicated 25 years to building educational opportunities locally, both in my work at Skagit Valley College and as a Mount Vernon School District Board member. As the current board legislative representative, I have been a tireless advocate for fully funded schools, increased pathways to high school completion, and more college credit opportunities by working with our elected representatives in Olympia. As a former business owner, I know we need to carefully oversee taxpayer dollars. As an administrator responsible for a \$7,000,000 budget, I have experience leveraging funding to achieve educational results. I first got involved in Mount Vernon schools when my daughter was enrolled in second grade. I understand firsthand the enormous opportunities and challenges for our students. Post-pandemic, it's imperative that we find effective ways to support the significant percentage of our students suffering from anxiety and depression, accelerate students' re-engagement with school, and foster a sense of belonging. As a professional educator, I have developed programs that significantly increase degree completion. The expertise I've gained in this work will be advantageous as we pursue MVSD's 100% graduation rate initiative.



Marissa Guerrero

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Appointed to the Mount Vernon School Board - August 2022

Other Professional Experience

Accountant at Skagit County Treasurer’s Office

Education

Mount Vernon High School Graduate; Skagit Valley College; Western Washington University - Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance

Community Service

Girl Scout - Troop Leader/Cookie Mom/Treasurer; Cheer Team Booster Club Treasurer; Numerous roles within the Church - Awana Leader, Children’s Ministry, Church Leadership team and Church Launch team. Camp Orkila Chaperone; School Dance Chaperon

Statement

As an alum and parent of two students in Mount Vernon School District I am proud to represent the community, teachers, and students as a School Board Director. I’m actively listening to our teachers, students, and parents to hear their needs and concerns, and support where possible. I believe transparency between the district office and the staff/parents is essential and helps to avoid rumors and frustrations. Keeping communication open and offering those opportunities for answers to concerns will be a priority. I also strive to see the growth of the Dual Language program within our schools. This program gives kids additional opportunities for a successful future. Expanding the Dual Language program to allow all kids the opportunity to become Bi-lingual or even Multi-lingual should be our goal. Thank you for your support.



Griffin Uchida
(Nonpartisan Office)

Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Director on the MVSD no. 320 School Board (appointed in October 2022)

Other Professional Experience

Director of Residence Life - Skagit Valley College - Foundation; Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations Compton Union Building at Washington State University; Resident Director at Washington State University, Western Washington University, and Montana State University

Education

M.A. - Higher Education Administration, University of Louisville; B.A. - English Literature and Secondary Ed. Teaching Certification, Western Washington University

Community Service

Member of Skagit Valley College Equity and Social Justice Committee; Graduate of Leadership Skagit - c/o 2022; Certified instructor of Mental Health First Aid; Former certified CliftonStrengths Coach

Statement

I hope to continue serving in this position. With a child just starting in the Mount Vernon School District, I am directly invested in doing what I can to assure that we are providing all children a quality education in an enjoyable, caring, safe environment.



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Elected Experience

First time candidate for public office, following years of participation in school board meetings.

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct college professor; published scientist; regional and international scientific presentations; Master Project Manager and Leadership training; Lead Continuous Specialist with experience leading teams for positive organizational change.

Education

Sedro-Woolley High School valedictorian; Central Washington University, (B.S), University of Montana, (M.S.), having paid my way through college with financial aid, including academic and collegiate running scholarships, teaching and research assistantships

Community Service

Skagit Academy classroom volunteer & Parent Group founding member; Sedro-Woolley Youth Sports volunteer; volunteer CrossFit competitors coach; Lyman volunteer for Heart to Heart Charity, Community Egg Hunt.

Statement

I attended Sedro-Woolley Schools, K-12, and I am proud to raise my children in Lyman, where I grew up, and where my family settled in 1902. I am running for school board to help our schools meet the needs of students, parents and the community. The district budget has doubled in the last 10 years to over \$84 million in 2023, yet student success has declined.

According to long-term state report-cards, half or fewer Sedro-Woolley students have acceptable grade-level understanding of English, math, and science. The district is spending nearly \$20,000 / student / year, which is more than twice as much as local private schools. This is unacceptable. My first priority will be funding classrooms, in support of all students learning basic subjects. Ultimately, the goal is student success in all graduation pathways, including Career & Technical Education and college-bound.

Current district policy prevents parents and community members from participating in decisions about school curriculum. I am the only candidate that will partner with teachers, parents and community members in curriculum and policy decisions that support families and student success. I ask for your vote so we can work together to make positive changes in our schools.

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Elected Experience

Sedro-Woolley District 2 Representative (10 years) and past Lyman elementary school PTA President (6 years). Sedro Woolley School District Board President current.

Other Professional Experience

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner working in Family Practice. Registered Nurse since 1998.

Education

University of Washington 1994-98, Seattle Pacific University 1998-2000, and Gonzaga University Master of Science in Nursing Graduate 2014

Community Service

Highly Capable committee member. 4H volunteer mom. Parent Volunteer in Lyman Elementary. CMS Band, Orchestra and WA D.C. History Trip Parent chaperone. Volunteer medical provider: sports physicals for youth, Haiti and 2016 Olympics.

Statement

Married to my husband Ryan for 23 years. We have two children, Jacob Sedro-Woolley Class of 2022 and Samantha will be class of 2025.

A community that prioritizes students makes us stronger. Here is how I have directly prioritized students.

I have voted to fund and extend Career and Technical Education programs. I have worked within the community to increase partnerships and specifically those that offer internships and apprenticeships. These partnerships elevate hands-on student learning and offer a direct job pipeline as highly skilled employees to our local industries. Funding our Good Beginnings Preschool and our transitional Kindergarten classes, ensuring community children have access to early interventions and education. I have invested tax dollars into our buildings: new heating systems, window replacement, roofing, siding, and sewer repairs. These projects keep our students safe and focused on learning. I encourage community involvement with over 505 volunteers in our schools and over 3600 hours donated. I have prioritized High School Dual Credit and AP class expansion. Our Sedro-Woolley students are competitive in college and beyond. I am so proud of Sedro-Woolley School district. I am excited to continue to foster strong relationships with you, and above all, to place our students first.



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Elected Experience

Currently serving as school director of District 3, Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

Other Professional Experience

WA State Real Estate Broker since 2004. Co-owner of John L. Scott Skagit & Sedro-Woolley. Member of the North Puget Sound Association of Realtors.

Education

Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School, 2002. Graduate of University of Oregon, B.S., Political Science, 2006

Community Service

Sedro-Woolley Rotarian, Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Board Member, Sedro-Woolley Little League Coach, SW Youth Soccer Coach, Leadership Skagit 2014 Graduate, Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club Community Council, Sedro-Woolley HS Fastpitch Volunteer, Big Lake Parent Group Participant, University of Oregon Student-Athlete Development Mentor Program Volunteer.

Statement

As a former K-12 student, a graduate of the Sedro-Woolley School District, and now the mother of two students at Big Lake Elementary, I am deeply committed to the success of every student who walks through our halls and the continued growth of our District. Whether through volunteering, coaching, or stepping in as an emergency substitute, my active participation in our schools has granted me invaluable insights from the perspectives of both students and educators. Having the opportunity to interact with our students regularly is my favorite part of serving in this position. I firmly believe in the power of partnerships and the continued engagement with stakeholders, including students, families, local businesses, school staff, and our community members. Each of these entities plays a crucial and integral role in strengthening our schools and advancing student achievement. The task of educating our students is an ongoing journey. As a District, we must continue to challenge ourselves, seek improvement in student outcomes and proficiencies, provide new learning opportunities, and make strategic investments to address the missed learning in recent years. I would love your support as we work together towards a brighter future for our students and community.



Hannah Oliver

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Elected Experience

Big Lake PCO

Other Professional Experience

Statewide Coordinator, Washington Student Engagement Networks; Volunteer Coordinator, Skagit Habitat for Humanity; Paraprofessional, Mount Vernon School District (MVSD); Student Teacher/Substitute Teacher, Sedro-Woolley School District (SWSD)

Education

Masters in Teaching from Western Washington University (WWU). Bachelors in Political Science from Central Washington University (CWU). Certificate in the Fundamentals of Veterinary Assisting from Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA).

Community Service

Skagit Gleaners volunteer, Cascade Middle School Club Volunteer, Skagit Women's Alliance and Network (SWAN) selection committee member

Statement

We are fortunate to reside in a tight-knit community that values family and its significant impact on our education system. When communities engage with their schools, learning outcomes improve, graduates are encouraged to remain in the area, and the entire community prospers. As an educator, I possess a strong foundation to tackle the challenges of our education system. I will leverage my years of experience in community engagement and K-12 Schools to champion initiatives that strengthen the bonds between our schools, families, and community, including regular communication channels, community-driven decision-making, and opportunities for meaningful engagement. Together, we can foster a collaborative environment where everyone feels valued and genuinely invested in our student's education. When educators, families, and communities come together, we create an environment where all students thrive. With my experience, I will strengthen these connections and make the Sedro-Woolley School District an even stronger education institution for our children. Together, we can improve our schools. Thank you for your support.



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Unopposed

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

2014 - Present. RejuvenationMD, Physician and Medical Education and Training Director; 2019-2021 Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Pro-tem board member; 2012-2017 The Everett Clinic, Urgent Care Physician; 2010-2014 University of Washington Medical Center, Emergency Medicine Physician; 2009-2011 Skagit Valley Hospital, Emergency Medicine Physician; 2006-2009 University of Mississippi Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Medical Director of Tele-Emergency Program; 2006 Laird Hospital, Emergency Medicine Physician, critical access hospital

Education

1994 BA, Smith College, Northampton, MA; 2000 DO, Western University of Health Sciences, COMP Pomona, CA

Community Service

Elementary school auction committee and classroom volunteer

Statement

I grew up in Washington. As an adult, I was drawn to medicine. I earned my Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine in California. I chose emergency medicine as my specialty and completed my training in NY. I moved to Mount Vernon, Washington, with my family in 2009. My husband and I are proud members of the community and are raising two Skagitonians.

On arrival, I worked at Skagit Valley Hospital. Ultimately, I left for a position at the University of Washington Medical Center. I have since left clinical medicine. The majority of my career was in academic medicine. For me, improving health care delivery by training future physicians was fulfilling and a way to create a positive impact. My clinical and administrative experience has led me to a greater understanding of the complexities in the delivery of healthcare from a financial, compliance and quality standpoint.

Serving on the Skagit Regional Health Board of Commissioners would be an honor. I would bring diversity and a wealth of experience in healthcare to our hospital board. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve the community with my unique set of skills and passion for quality healthcare.

**Gary Shand**

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Unopposed**Elected Experience**

Current Commissioner Public Health District 1

Other Professional Experience

Secretary/Chief Examiner Skagit County Civil Service Commission. Skagit County Sheriff's Office, served as Undersheriff and Chief of Corrections. Washington State Patrol, served as Trooper, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. US Air Force veteran.

Education

AA, Green River Community College

Community Service

I have served the community in my occupations and as a volunteer fireman, youth soccer coach and referee. I am an active member of the Skagit/Mount Vernon Rotary and as a Commissioner, and current Board President, of Skagit Public Hospital District #1. I have proudly served my community for over 50 years (country, state and local).

Statement

My family and I have been residents of Skagit County for 47 years, and lived (and owned) residences in the Hospital District for 42 years. Skagit County is a special place to live and I want it to continue to be. The Hospital District has grown, and changed greatly, over the years. The last three years have been very challenging due to COVID. However, the dedicated people at Skagit Regional Health have continued to improve services and grow. Providing high quality, accessible and affordable health care to our community. I would be honored to continue to serve our community as a Public Hospital Commissioner and support the outstanding people that treat our community at Skagit Regional Health.



Jan Iversen

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

I am an incumbent candidate honored to seek my fourth term as a member of the Island Health Board of Commissioners.

Other Professional Experience

Retired corporate executive in aerospace and technology fields for Fortune 500 companies.

Education

WWSU.....Bellingham, WA.

Community Service

Member S.G. Brooks/Seattle Children's Hospital Guild, Veteran's Airlift Command transporting wounded soldiers for humanitarian care, Guemes Isl. C.E.R.T, volunteer Anacortes Family Center, volunteer Summit Assistance Dogs, sponsor Richard Iversen Tuition Assistance Award through Island Health Foundation, Skagit County Senior Advocate, member Anacortes Chamber of Commerce. Received Volunteer of the Year Award and the Chamber's first Community Service Award.

Statement

I am a 4th generation Washingtonian and have lived on Guemes Island 35 years. As a retired business executive, I bring a strategic perspective to the Board. Commissioners have ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the hospital district. We legislate and set overall policy for District 2 operations, including budgets. A Commissioner's role includes a strong personal commitment to serve the healthcare needs of our community providing health services appropriate to your needs and insuring that you have access to quality health services. I am deeply committed to our community's healthcare future. With increased pressure on healthcare providers, I will explore every option with smart planning, long-term vision for the future and, above all, practice fiscal responsibility essential to maintain a healthcare provider based on the needs of our community that will continue to thrive.



Ashley Gregorius

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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

I am the Business Operations Manager of an optometry practice and medical spa, where I developed extensive protocols for day-to-day operations and marketing management. Before my healthcare career, I worked in education with children and adults with disabilities and trained as a Behavior Specialist. I taught in various education settings, including School Districts, nonprofits, and childcare centers.

Education

Whatcom Community College AA; Cornell University Executive Healthcare Management Certification and Healthcare Change Certification; Studied Criminal Justice and Communication at WSU

Community Service

President of the Board at Burlington Little School; Previous Board Member at Friendship House; Previous Board Vice Chair at Fildalgo Nature School

Statement

In this position, I will utilize all my experience to ensure we continue providing outstanding programs for Skagit County citizens and implement positive change. Growing up on a five-acre farm, I recognize our community's needs and healthcare access challenges in rural communities. As a parent in our community, combined with my business expertise, I will ensure people of all ages have a healthy future while maintaining a fiscally responsible board. On this board, I will advocate for more programs and healthcare expansion and continue to fight for our rural communities to have the same level of care as those in the city. I am active in the community and have had the honor of working alongside many of our nonprofit leaders and local elected officials. I became an advocate for healthcare after eight years of working with people who struggled with mental health issues and disabilities. In addition to building and expanding a successful optometry practice, I volunteered for the people of this community, supported business organizations, and improved early childhood education throughout Skagit County. I am committed to improving the health and vitality of all those in Skagit County.

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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

No photo
submitted

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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



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Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Commercial Fisherman; NW Services Excavation Owner 2005 - present; Built and Operate Dillon B Fishing Vessel Owner 2014 - present; San Juan Adventures Owner 2019-present ; San Juan Marine Freight Owner 2020-present *doubled the fleet in 2023

Education

Anacortes High School 1990 Graduate

Community Service

Marine Advisory Board 2014- Present; Chairman 2018-2021

Statement

As an elected Port Commissioner my intent is to continue to advocate for the core mission of the port: to create and retain family-wage jobs all while encouraging economic development. It is important to me that Anacortes have a strong economy that allows the younger generations to have an opportunity for employment and a future where they were raised.

I stand for accountability and transparency in government. Responsible for my interactions, conversations and effort to obtain results. My promises made, hold value. I expect myself and the Port to stay true to their word.

Unity of choosing to work together with an open mind to reach success collectively with the other commissioners, each unique individual brings valuable perspective to the Ports effectiveness to you the taxpayers.

The port consists of a world class marina, a general aviation airport and a deep water port, along with property leasing to private businesses. The port should promote fishing, marine services, tourism, and opportunity to these sectors.

From a fisherman to business man, I am confident in my ability to be your port commissioner. I would be honored by your support and vote for commissioner of our Port of Anacortes.



Steven Omdal

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Current Port of Skagit Commissioner District 2; Prior Skagit County Fire District 6 Commissioner

Other Professional Experience

Leadership Skagit Class of 2016 Graduate; Current WPPA (WA Public Ports Assoc) Finance Committee Board Member; Prior Home Trust of Skagit Board Member; Prior Junior Achievement of WA Board Member

Education

Skagit Valley College Associate of Arts; Western Washington University Bachelor of Arts; Western Washington University Elementary Teaching Certificate

Community Service

Burlington-Edison Kiwanis Member; Past Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Lt Governor Division 20M; Past Burlington - Edison Kiwanis Club President; AVID Volunteer Burlington-Edison School District; Edison Lutheran Church Member

Statement

It has been my honor to serve as your Port of Skagit Commissioner. During that time, I have strived to be a good steward of your tax dollars by working collaboratively with others to bring economic value and job creation to all Skagit County residents. Utilizing my sales and marketing background has provided an understanding of various business models and the challenges faced by small and large companies. The Port of Skagit has 80+ individual businesses focused on employment in the Value Added Ag, Marina and Aviation sectors. During my tenure as a commissioner, port tenant employment has increased from 750+ to over 1,800+ full time jobs. Your Port Commission initiated and fulfilled some of the following goals:

The Bayview Business Park continues growth in the Value Added Ag sector with increased milling, malting, and brewing capabilities and offerings of beef and pork from local producers. Worked with area farmers to secure a patented "Genuine Skagit Valley" label.

No photo
submitted

Roger Heim
(Nonpartisan Office)

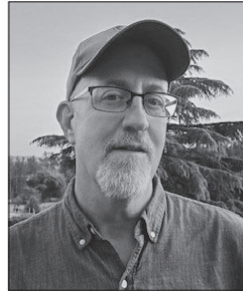
Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education
No Information Submitted

Community Service
No Information Submitted

Statement
No Information Submitted



Steve Skrinde
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Elected Experience
No experience

Other Professional Experience
30 year volunteer Fireman; Fire chief Conway 92-2000;
State Fire instructor

Education
No formal education

Community Service
Volunteer Helping Hands food bank; 4-H; FFA; Volunteer
Fireman; Agriculture advisory board

Statement
Steve Skrinde a long time Skagit resident with a long history of volunteer work in the Fire departments. As Fire Chief of Conway in the 90s Steve possessed the ability to lead during multiple floods and emergencies. Steve grew up on a dairy farm and has been a tractor mechanic for over 30 years. Steve was appointed to the Agriculture Advisory Board in 2023 and believes in service to his community. As District 3 Fire Commissioner Steve will make educated decisions to support the Fire district residents. Steve Skrinde asks you to vote for him to be your District 3 commissioner.

Fire Protection District No. 6

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 6 adopted Resolution No. 2023-02 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. This proposition would finance fire protection and emergency medical services by restoring the District's regular property tax levy in 2023 to an amount not to exceed \$ 1.05 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation and authorize setting the limit factor at 103% for the following five years. The maximum allowable levy in the final year shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Written by Fire Protection District No. 6

Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 6 provides emergency fire protection and medical services to its citizens. If approved by the voters, this proposition will authorize the District to restore its regular real property tax levy rate to \$1.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 for collection in 2024 (the current levy is approximately \$.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and the District's tax levy rate was previously at \$1.05 in 2018). The proposition also establishes an annual growth rate of up to three percent for following five years. The dollar amount levied in the final year will be subject to the statutory one percent limit.

The District's Board of Commissioners has determined that this proposition is necessary to maintain an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs. Approval of this measure will allow the District to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services provided to its citizens.

Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →

Argument For

Please vote Yes for your District 6 Fire and Medical Service Levy.

Skagit Fire District 6 needs your support to pass a fire levy to keep up with the community demands on fire and emergency medical services. Call volumes have increased 102% since 2016. There were over 1,250 calls in 2022 of which 67% were medical related incidents.

Skagit FD6 is asking voters to approve a \$0.35 lid lift to return the levy rate to a \$1.05 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value which will bring the rate up to the same rate approved by voters in 2018.

The approved levy will provide two additional resident firefighters, replace an aging ambulance, replace, and add much needed breathing/oxygen tanks and protective gear for firefighters, additional sleeping quarters for the resident firefighters that will enhance and increase 24-hour firefighting and emergency service response time for residents living within Fire District 6.

With the growing population, increasing ages of existing residents, increasing costs associated with the current day economy and the growing demand on FD6 services, it is important to pass this levy request to maintain the quality of service that Fire District 6 provides. In addition, these improvements will maintain or improve the Fire District's risk rating that will positively affect homeowner's insurance premiums.

For more information please go to www.skagitfire6.com or contact Fire Chief Ed Tjeerdsma at etjeerdsma@skagitfire6.com or 360-757-2891.

Argument Prepared by
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 Ken Christianson, Dave Walde

Argument Against

No arguments Against were submitted.



Richard D. Whalen

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Skagit County Fire Commissioner District 6, representing Skagit County Fire 6 since 2006.

Other Professional Experience

Former Firefighter, 35 years (retired). Safety Supervisor / Manager, since 2000.

Education

Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University, Associate Degree in Fire Science from Cabrillo College, Certified OSHA Safety and Health Specialist from University of Washington

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

As an incumbent for Fire Commissioner of Skagit Fire District #6, I dedicate myself to serving the citizens of Skagit Fire District #6, nearby city of Burlington, and the surrounding areas. I strive to provide a safe and comfortable area to live and work. I work with the Fire District to continuously protect and preserve life and property through quality education, prevention, disaster preparedness, and rapid emergency response.

My involvement in the fire service for over 35 years includes working with small and large combination fire departments and employing both volunteer and career firefighters. These experiences have provided me an education and working knowledge sufficient to devote my skills to my local neighborhood fire district in the capacity of Fire Commissioner.

My ongoing commitment to Safety, Leadership and Service will ensure that public safety and security are not compromised and that our first responders are all properly equipped to perform their life-saving work. I plan to meet the challenges of adapting to our changing community with a simple goal: provide the best possible service to the citizens of our Fire District quickly. Please vote for me and support my vision to provide for the safety and welfare of the public.



Mark L. Henry

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Elected Experience

No prior elected experience.

Other Professional Experience

A lifelong Puget Sound resident, I have enjoyed our Lake Cavanaugh home since birth. I was born in Seattle and was raised in Edmonds. My wife and I raised our children in Snohomish. In 2021 I retired from the Boeing company. After raising our family, we relocated to Lake Cavanaugh. My wife is a retired RN and we are volunteer firefighters with the Skagit County District 7 Department.

Education

Master's of Science in Engineering Management, Washington State University; Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Seattle University

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter, Skagit County District 7 (Lake Cavanaugh) Fire Department

Statement

I am proud to be an active volunteer firefighter with the Lake Cavanaugh department. Recently retired from Boeing, I felt strongly that my people skills and management background in engineering and operations would be beneficial to our fire department and community. I would be honored if you would consider me as your candidate for the Fire Commissioner position I am seeking for Skagit County Fire District 7.

I am excited for this opportunity to serve, ask questions, and learn. As a permanent resident at Lake Cavanaugh, this would be my first time in an elected position. I have begun to appreciate the resources (people, financial) needed to operate a department such as ours. I have been exposed to basic firefighting and lifesaving skills as well as the hands-on training provided by our department leadership and fellow volunteer and full time (outside department) firefighters.

Thank you for your consideration and vote.

No photo
submitted

Dwight Small

(Nonpartisan Office)

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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Elected Experience

Skagit County FPD#9 (Big Lake Fire) Commissioner since 2004 - Chair; Snohomish County F.P.D. #1 Vice Chair 1986 - 1987; Commissioner 1990 - 1991

Other Professional Experience

Business Owner since 2011 specializing in regulatory compliance. 40+ years experience in business management/operations; Extensive experience working with regulators such as DOE and L & I; AWB – Member

Education

Edmonds Community College – Small Business Development; Skagit Valley College – Course work

Community Service

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce - Past Chair; Arlington/Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce - Past Member; Alderwood Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council - Past Member; Rotary Club of Lynnwood – Past President, 30-year member

Statement

I have been honored to serve the citizens of Big Lake for the past 19 years. We have had many accomplishments over that time, including the completion of our fire station in 2013. We have some of the best trained volunteer firefighters anywhere. But we do still have needs, and challenges to fill those needs. Our equipment is aging out. And even though, through the diligent efforts of our personnel, it all looks exceptionally good, the reliability is dwindling fast. We pride ourselves on being able to respond anytime, day or night but old equipment threatens our ability to do that. I am committed to continuing our efforts to fund the needs of this department and thus ensure our high level of service. I will do all that I can to maintain the excellence that has always been expected by our taxpayers. Please help us keep the Big Lake community what it is. I would appreciate your vote in November. I am always willing to answer your questions.



Christopher "Kiffer" Anderson

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Elected Experience

Big Lake Sewer Commissioner 2021-present

Other Professional Experience

Masters, Mates & Pilots 2012-present / Washington State Ferries 2015-2021

Education

Big Lake Elementary / Sedro-Woolley High School 2008 / University of Washington / California Maritime Academy - Bachelor of Science Degree - Marine Transportation - 2012

Community Service

Tree House: A Place For Families / Tierra Nuava Church

Statement

I have been a lifetime resident of Big Lake and care about the betterment of our community. I enjoy water skiing, hiking Little Mountain, exploring Walker Valley, and spending time with family and friends. I'm an Eagle Scout and currently active in the United States Merchant Marine. I've completed training at three different fire academies. I was elected Big Lake Sewer commissioner in 2021.

Since 2017, 3 ballot measures proposed by the BLFD commissioners have been rejected, an unprecedented occurrence within the fire service. Unfortunately, it has created divisiveness in our community and strained the morale of our dedicated volunteer firefighters. Recognizing the need for change, I've decided to run for BLFD commissioner. I'm committed to fiscal responsibility and community transparency and will uphold these values throughout my tenure. I'll make sure our volunteers have the tools and equipment needed to protect themselves and our community. A vote for me is a vote for the essential needs of the fire department being met without excessive tax burden on our residents. I'm excited for the opportunity to bring our community together, support our volunteers, and continue the rich traditions of the Big Lake Fire Department. Please vote for Christopher "Kiffer" Anderson.



David M. Wertheimer

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Guemes Island Fire Commissioner, (2021-Present)

Other Professional Experience

Director of Community & Civic Engagement, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2016-2019); Deputy Director, Pacific Northwest Initiative, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2006-2016); Adjunct Professor of Theology, Seattle University (2019-2022); Program Manager, King County Department of Community & Human Services (1990-2000)

Education

M.S.W., University of Connecticut School of Social Work, (1984); M.Div., Yale University Divinity School, (1984); B.A., Haverford College, (1977)

Community Service

Commissioner, Guemes Island Fire Department (2021 - present); Member, Board of Managers, Haverford College; Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Building Changes; Secretary, Board of Directors, All Rise, (National Association of Drug Court Professionals)

Statement

Guemes Island has been a central part of my life since my husband and I purchased our home here in 1998. I enjoy the beauty of our natural surroundings and the community of remarkable residents that makes Guemes Island such a vibrant community.

Guemes Island relies on volunteerism to support the many organizations that ensure our quality of life. I have served with Friends of Guemes Island, occasionally deliver the Sunday talk at the Guemes Island Community Church, and have been active with land conservation efforts with both the Skagit Land Trust and the San Juan Preservation Trust.

The GIFD is among the most essential organizations on Guemes. It has been an honor to serve the island community as a Commissioner, and as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the past year.

While I have no experience as a firefighter or EMT, my experiences in Crisis Response, local government, and the philanthropic sector have, I believe, equipped me to be a useful addition to the GIFD team. I recognize the importance of listening and responding to those with differing opinions and the importance of conflict resolution to building community.



Vanessa Throssel

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

None to date

Other Professional Experience

23 years' experience at North Cascade National Park as a Maintenance worker and Wildland Firefighter. One year working part time as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Aero-Skagit Emergency Service Ambulance, Concrete WA

Education

GED Skagit Valley College

Community Service

15 years volunteering with Skagit Fire Protection District 19, as a firefighter and more recently as an EMT. Served as a board member on the Marblemount Community Center for 5 years where I assisted in many benefit and celebratory community events. Active member of the Concrete Lions Booster Club.

Statement

My dedication, love, and service to this community make me uniquely qualified to serve as fire commissioner. Having served as a volunteer firefighter and now as an EMS provider. I have a proven track record of showing up for my neighbors when in times of need, and the integrity to continue to serve the upriver community as your fire commissioner.



Joseph McConnaughy

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Unopposed

Elected Experience

Board of Directors, local nonprofit organizations

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

Skagit Valley College; BAS - Conservation

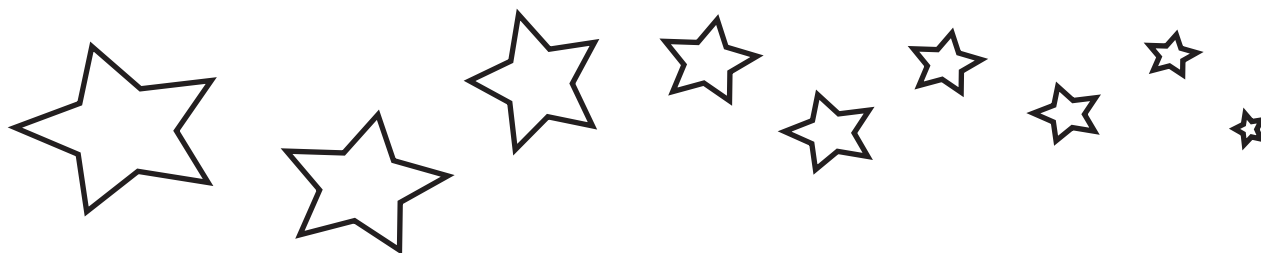
Community Service

Various Youth Activities and Local Restoration Projects

Statement

As a committed member of our community, I am honored to announce my candidacy for the Darrington Fire District #24 Commissioner Position #3. I believe in maintaining strong relationships between the fire district and our community. As Fire Commissioner, I will actively engage with residents, listening to your concerns and ideas, to ensure our fire district's services align with the needs of our community. Also, I recognize the importance of responsible financial management. I will work diligently as a team member allocating resources efficiently, ensuring that taxpayer funds are utilized wisely without compromising the quality of our fire district's operations. This is important in a small town like ours. By electing me as a Fire Commissioner, we will collaborate to create a safer, stronger, and more resilient community.

Have you moved?



Have you changed your name?

Make sure you receive your ballot!

If any of the following has changed, you need to update your voter registration information:

- Moved within Skagit County
- Moved out of Skagit County
- New mailing address
- Name change

You can update your information by calling our office at 360-416-1702, visiting votewa.gov, or by filling out the form on the following page and mailing it to our office or bringing to:

Skagit County Elections (Auditor's Office)
PO Box 1306
700 S. 2nd St., Room 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Your vote is your voice!



Skagit County Voter update form

I have

- moved
 changed my name
 a different mailing address

Note: If you have moved out of Skagit County, please fill out your new address and sign the declaration. We will forward the information on to your new county.

Printed Name _____ date of birth _____

New physical address _____ city/state/zip _____

New mailing address (if different) _____ city/state/zip _____

- I am currently serving in the military -
 Includes National Guard and Reserves, and spouses or dependents away from home due to service.

Name change - If you have changed your name please:

- fill in your new name
- fill in your old name
- read and sign the declaration

New name (please print) _____

Old name (please print) _____

I declare that the facts on this voter registration update form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I will have lived at this address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote, I am at least sixteen years old. I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction, and I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

X _____ Date _____
 Signature of voter

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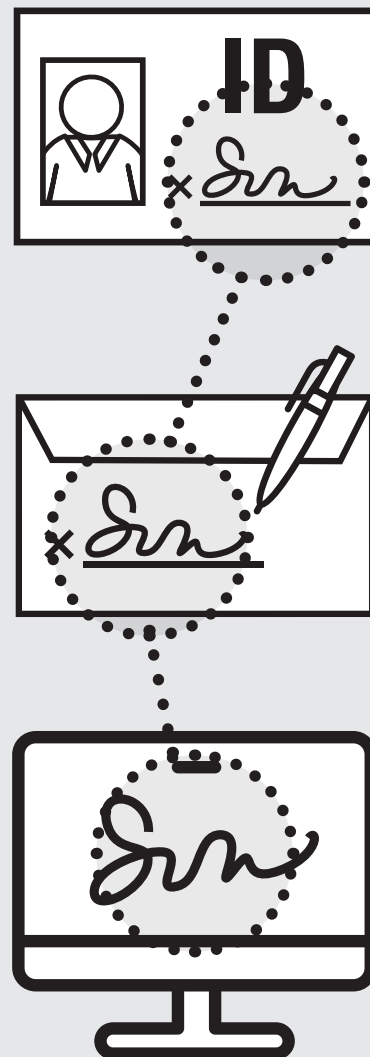
Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

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.

Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.

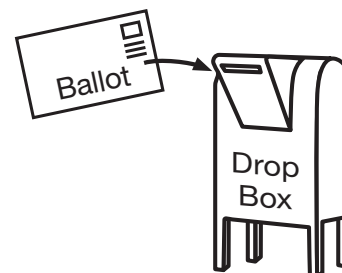


How is my ballot counted?

1

Your county receives your ballot

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



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

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

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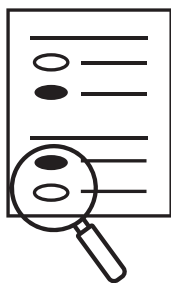
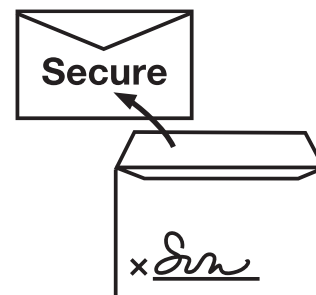
Your signature is verified

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.

3

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.



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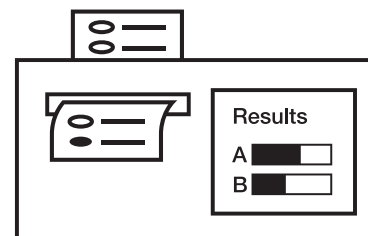
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

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

5

Your ballot is counted

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



New Washington resident

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



Military or overseas voter

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



College student

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



Non-traditional address voter

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



Seasonal resident

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



Person convicted of a felony

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



VoteWA

Use VoteWA to:



Register to vote



Check or update your voter registration information

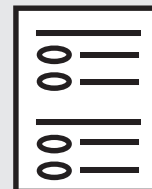
View a list of your elected officials



Contact your county elections office

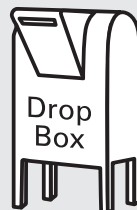


View your personalized Voters' Guide



Fill out or print a replacement ballot

Find an official ballot drop box



Check the status of your ballot



Sign in to **VoteWA.gov** to access your customized voting information.

VoteWA is a collaboration between the Office of the Secretary of State and all 39 Washington counties to create an advanced, centralized system for both voter registration and election management.

Oct. 2, 2023 — Start of Student Mock Election

Oct. 30, 2023 — Deadline for online or mailed voter registrations or updates to be received.

Oct. 31, 2023 — USPS recommends mailing voted ballot back at least one week before Election Day.

Nov. 6, 2023 — Election Hero Day

Nov. 7, 2023 — **Election Day**

- Register or update information and vote in person at a voting center by 8 p.m.
- Mailed ballot must be postmarked by today, check mail collection times.
- Official ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m.



Jan. 16, 2024 —
Temperance and Good Citizenship Day

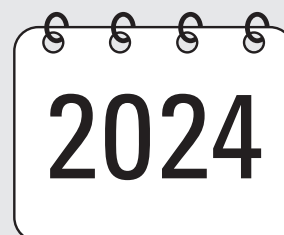
Feb. 13, 2024 —
Special Election, only in some counties.

March 12, 2024 — Presidential Primary Election*

April 23, 2024 — Special Election, only in some counties.

Aug. 6, 2024 — Primary Election*

Nov. 5, 2024 — General Election



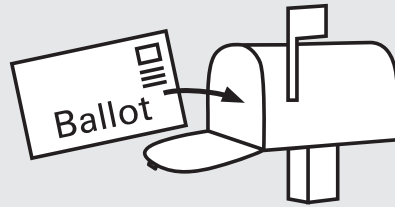
*A 17-year-old who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in the Primary.

1

Vote by mail

Washington votes by mail every election.

We were the second state in the nation to adopt vote by mail and the first to provide all postage paid. A ballot is mailed at least 18 days before each election, ensuring you have time to cast an informed ballot without waiting in line.



2

Online voter registration

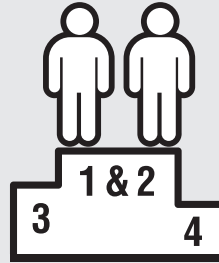
We offer online voter registration. Register to vote or update your address at **VoteWA.gov**.



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Top 2 Primary

Washington uses a Top 2 Primary system where the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the November General Election, regardless of their party preference.



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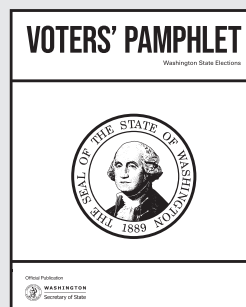
No party affiliation

Washington voters do not register by party affiliation. Vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference.

5

Voters' Pamphlet

Only a few states produce a Voters' Pamphlet like this one. The state pamphlet is mailed to every household before each General Election.



6

Same day registration

Citizens can register and vote a ballot in person during the voting period until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Adams County

210 W Broadway Ave, Ste 200
Ritzville, WA 99169
(509) 659-3249
elections@co.adams.wa.us

Asotin County

135 2nd St
Asotin, WA 99402
(509) 243-2084
dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us

Benton County

2618 N Columbia Center Blvd
Richland, WA 99352
(509) 736-3085
elections@co.benton.wa.us

Chelan County

350 Orondo Ave, Ste 306
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 667-6808
elections@co.chelan.wa.us

Clallam County

223 E 4th St, Ste 1
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(360) 417-2221
elections@clallamcountywa.gov

Clark County

1408 Franklin St
Vancouver, WA 98660
(564) 397-2345
elections@clark.wa.gov

Columbia County

341 E Main St, Ste 3
Dayton, WA 99328
(509) 382-4541
auditor_elections@
co.columbia.wa.us

Cowlitz County

207 4th Ave N, Rm 205
Kelso, WA 98626
(360) 577-3005
elections@cowlitzwa.gov

Douglas County

213 S Rainier St
Waterville, WA 98858
(509) 888-6402
elections@co.douglas.wa.us

Ferry County

350 E Delaware Ave, Ste 2
Republic, WA 99166
(509) 775-5225 ext. 1139
delections@co.ferry.wa.us

Franklin County

1016 N 4th Ave, Ste A206
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 545-3538
elections@franklincountywa.gov

Garfield County

789 Main St
Pomeroy, WA 99347
(509) 843-1411
mlueck@co.garfield.wa.us

Grant County

35 C St NW, Rm 203
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-2011 ext 2704
elections@grantcountywa.gov

Grays Harbor County

100 Broadway Ave W, Ste 2
Montesano, WA 98563
(360) 249-4232
elections@graysharbor.us

Island County

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Coupeville, WA 98239
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elections@islandcountywa.gov

Jefferson County

1820 Jefferson St
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 385-9119
elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

King County

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Renton, WA 98057
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elections@kingcounty.gov

Kitsap County

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Port Orchard, WA 98366
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auditor@kitsap.gov

Kittitas County

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Klickitat County

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Goldendale, WA 98620
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voting@klickitatcounty.org

Lewis County

351 NW North St
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 740-1164
elections@lewiscountywa.gov

Lincoln County

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Davenport, WA 99122
(509) 725-4971
elections@co.lincoln.wa.us

Mason County

411 N 5th St
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-9670 ext 470
elections@masoncountywa.gov

Okanogan County

149 3rd Ave N, Rm 104
Okanogan, WA 98840
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Pacific County

300 Memorial Dr
South Bend, WA 98586
(360) 875-9317
elections@co.pacific.wa.us

Pend Oreille County

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Newport, WA 99156
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elections@pendoreille.com

Pierce County

2501 S 35th St, Ste C
Tacoma, WA 98409
(253) 798-VOTE (8683)
elections@piercecounywa.gov

San Juan County

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Friday Harbor, WA 98250
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elections@sanjuanco.com

Skagit County

700 S 2nd St, Rm 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 416-1702
scelections@co.skagit.wa.us

Skamania County

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Stevenson, WA 98648
(509) 427-3730
elections@co.skamania.wa.us

Snohomish County

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Everett, WA 98201
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1033 W Gardner Ave
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elections@spokanecounty.org

Stevens County

215 S Oak St, Rm 106
Colville, WA 99114
(509) 684-7514
elections@stevenscountywa.gov

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2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW
Olympia, WA 98502
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elections@co.thurston.wa.us

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Cathlamet, WA 98612
(360) 795-3219
elections@co.wahkiakum.wa.us

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315 W Main St, Rm 203
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 524-2530
elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Whatcom County

311 Grand Ave, Ste 103
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 778-5102
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Whitman County

304 N Main St
Colfax, WA 99111
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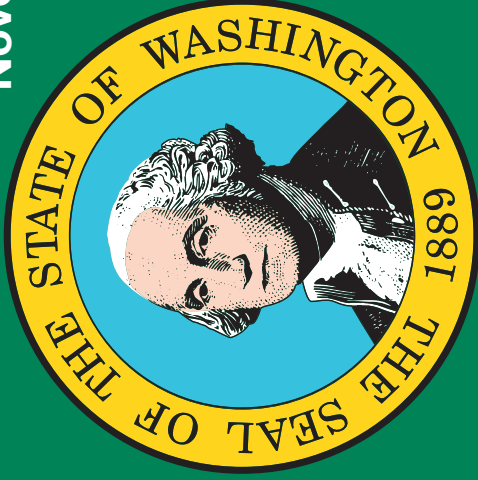
Yakima County

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